

## Project Lead the Way Program at AMS

The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program was initiated this year with many thanks to the Golden Leaf Foundation and a grant that we were able to obtain. Students have been immersed into this problem-solving, project-based learning opportunity and have eagerly jumped in with all hands on deck.

Depending on grade level, students have been enrolled into a “gateway” PLTW class that is tailored specifically to everyday real world problems that they must work through collaboratively to solve. Courses range from Design and Modeling, Science of Technology, and Energy and the Environment.

In Design and Modeling, students have been learning how to think and draw three dimensionally. By the end of the course they will develop a solution for people who are diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and will design and build foot orthotics out of recyclable materials.

In Science of Technology, students have built and created their own ocean ecosystem, simulated an oil spill, and brainstormed different methods of the best way to clean the oil spill using limited supplies and a budget.

In the upcoming weeks, students who are in Energy and the Environment will focus on being good stewards with the energy that we obtain. By the end of the course students will build and create their own solar cell as well as formulate and build a working wind turbine while understanding the pros and cons of using different energy sources.

Due to its popularity and hands-on activities, Anson Middle School hopes to add more PLTW classes soon!



## Night of Excellence at AMS

Anson Middle School has been extremely busy this school year. Most recently students were able to ‘show off’ what they’ve done so far this year at our first ever Night of Excellence.

On February 15 our student scholars exhibited their projects and learning for parents and other community stakeholders. Students who have excelled in various subject areas presented PowerPoints, various Google Slides, Predict-O-Grams, graphic organizers, projects, short stories, learning games and other work in an open house / gallery-walk type setting for visitors to



peruse. Many of the stations were interactive and encouraged visitor participation.

Science topics included volcanoes, space, cells, the water cycle, cleaning up oil spills, models of the ocean floor and ecosystem dioramas. Math topics ranged from writing written expressions, playing trivia games and the Pythagorean Theorem. Students also presented artifacts from reading, writing and social studies.

Visitors were very interested in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) STEM program that has been implemented at the middle school. As a faculty we are looking forward to more opportunities to spotlight excellence in learning by encouraging our students to share their experiences and expertise.

Anson County Schools' employment opportunities can be found at [www.ansonschools.org](http://www.ansonschools.org) on the homepage under the Employment tab.



Visit our website at [www.ansonschools.org](http://www.ansonschools.org) for a supply list for your child's school!

## Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019

Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be held this year at the Elementary School in the attendance area where the child lives. Please check the dates and times below for the school your child will be attending. You must register in your residing district.

### Registration Dates/Times

Ansonville Elementary School	Friday March 23, 2018	(9:00 – 11:00)
Wadesboro Primary School	Thursday March 22, 2018	(9:00 – 11:00)
Lilesville Elementary School	Thursday March 29, 2018	(9:00 – 11:00)
Morven Elementary School	Thursday March 29, 2018	(9:00 – 11:00)
Peachland-Polkton Elementary School	Friday, April 20, 2018	(9:00 – 11:00)

To attend **Kindergarten**, your child has to be **5 on or before August 31, 2018**. North Carolina Law requires a **CERTIFIED** birth certificate (**hospital/mother's copy birth certificates will not be accepted**). Prior to the Pre-kindergarten registration clinics, forms can be picked up at the elementary school or on the Anson County Schools website under the Parent and Student Resources link.

Anson County also requires at least **2 proofs of residence** (911 address on Driver's License, address on a bill, etc.) to place the child in the proper attendance area.

### DO NOT FORGET TO BRING:

1. Certified Birth Certificate for your child
2. Shot Record
3. Social Security Card for the student
4. Health Assessment (if already completed)
5. At least two (2) proofs of residence showing your 911 address

We look forward to seeing you as you register your child for Pre-kindergarten.

If you have questions, please call the school in your attendance area and speak to the school nurse.

## Ava Hill Wins Anson School District Spelling Bee

The annual Anson County School District Spelling Bee was held on January 11 at the Anson County Board of Education Office Staff Development Center. The Spelling Bee competition helps students increase their vocabularies, learn correct English usage, and improve their spelling. Students study the correct spelling of words from a prepared study list and compete at their schools prior to advancing to the district competition. All of the spelling bee contestants competing for the district championship were winners at their respective schools.

The following students participated in the competition: Kennedy Ramseur (Ansonville Elementary); Dillion Black (Lilesville Elementary); Ma'Khia Burch (Morven Elementary); Shelby Hasty (Peachland-Polkton Elementary); Michael Strickland (Wadesboro Elementary); Kyleah Chambers (Wadesboro Primary); Emma Love (Anson Middle); Joshua Lomax (Anson Middle); and Ava Hill (Anson Middle).

Eighth-grader Ava Hill from Anson Middle School came out on top as the winner. The second place trophy went to Emma Love, seventh grader, from Anson Middle School.

Ava advanced to the Regional Charlotte Observer Spelling Bee held in Charlotte on February 19.



## AMS ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

### AMS SOCCER SCHEDULE 2018

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	DISMISSAL	TIME
*March 6	Spring Hill	Away	2:30	4:15
<i>Girls Jamboree</i>				
*March 7	Spring Hill	Away	2:30	4:15
<i>Boys Jamboree</i>				
March 13	Spring Hill	Home	3:00	4:15
March 15	West Hoke	Away	1:50	4:15
March 20	Carver	Home	3:00	4:15
March 22	Rockingham	Away	2:30	4:00
March 27	BYE			
March 28	Ellerbe	Away	2:00	4:00
April 11	Cordova	Away	2:15	4:00
April 17	Hamlet	Home	3:00	4:15
April 19	East Hoke	Home	3:00	4:15
April 24	Sandy Grove	Home	3:00	4:15
TBA	Playoffs			
TBA	Championship			

### AMS ORANGE BASEBALL / SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2018

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	DISMISSAL	TIME
February 28	Chesterfield	Away	2:15	4:30
March 8	West Hoke	Home	3:00	4:15
March 9-10	Long Middle	Away	TBA	TBA
March 13	Cordova	Home	3:00	4:15
March 19	Anson Blue	Home	3:00	4:15
March 22	Ellerbe	Home	3:00	4:00
March 26	BYE			
March 28	Hamlet	Away	2:15	4:00
April 2-5	Spring Break			
April 9	BYE			
April 12	East Hoke	Away	1:50	4:15
April 16	Carver	Away	2:00	4:15
April 19	Spring Hill	Away	2:00	4:15
April 23	Sandy Grove	Away	1:45	4:15
April 26	Rockingham	Home	3:00	4:15
April 30	Playoffs	TBA		

### AMS BLUE BASEBALL / SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2018

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	DISMISSAL	TIME
March 7	Chesterfield	Home	3:30	4:30
March 9-10	Long Middle	Away	TBA	TBA
March 12	Hamlet	Home	3:00	4:15
March 15	Carver	Away	2:00	4:15
March 19	Anson Orange	Home	3:00	4:15
March 21	Spring Hill	Home	3:00	4:15
March 26	Ellerbe	Home	3:00	4:15
March 28	BYE			
April 2-5	Spring Break			
April 10	Sandy Grove	Home	3:00	April 15
April 16	Rockingham	Away	2:30	4:00
April 19	West Hoke	Away	2:00	4:15
April 23	Cordova	Home	3:00	4:15
April 26	East Hoke	Away	1:50	4:15
April 30	Playoffs	TBA		

## Dr. George Truman Selected for the All-State School Board

Earlier this year Dr. George Truman was recognized for his exemplary leadership and outstanding service as a board of education member and was selected for the honorary All-State School Board. Individuals selected have made significant contributions to their school systems during their tenure and were peer-nominated for the School Board Leadership Award or the Raleigh Dingman Award.

Lisa Davis (current Anson County Board of Education Member and member of the NC School Board Association Board of Directors and former All-State Board Member) presented Dr. Truman with the award and recognition for being selected to the All-State School Board.

