



Inside Your Anson County Schools

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Anson County Schools 2013-14 North Carolina School Report Card Results

Parents and Community Stakeholders,

The North Carolina Department of Public Education has officially released the 2013-14 North Carolina School Report Cards and School Performance Grades. The NCDPI website will provide the most comprehensive and important information related to each of the individual schools within our district and our district as a whole, as well as information for comparison with other districts and schools across our state.

As Superintendent of the Anson County Schools, I encourage our parents and community members to review the release of these NC School Report Cards. This serves as an excellent tool for you to become familiar with our current class sizes, teacher demographics, instructional resources, attendance and graduation rates, state test results, including growth and performance, as well as school safety statistics.

I am proud of our staff and students for the gains and improvements demonstrated for the 2013-14 school year as we are fully dedicated to task of self-evaluations, reflections, and adjustments in our effort to provide a quality education to all. This data will be continuously utilized as we implement each School Improvement Plan that has been developed to drive student learning. You may review individual school data at www.ncpublicschools.org.

My staff and I will be always available to analyze and discuss this information, so if you have questions please contact the school principal, a member of my leadership team or me and we will be glad to provide you clarification on the information. Additionally, parents should have individual conferences with your child's teacher(s) to discuss his/her progress at school and to formulate a plan to ensure learning for your child.

In closing, I want to thank you for the tremendous support provided to education in Anson County. We are continuously striving to attain our mission of "ensuring that all students acquire skills and knowledge necessary to become successful and responsible citizens." Teachers are working side-by-side with other staff to provide each student we serve high quality teaching and learning experiences each and every day.

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S., Superintendent

Our Mission "We will ensure that all students acquire skills and knowledge necessary to be successful and responsible citizens."

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

All regular meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting.

Open Session begins at 6:30 p.m. (Any changes in time will be published in The Express Newspaper, posted on the Anson County Schools website and posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office.)

Meetings will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center at the Board of Education Office, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, March 23
Thursday, April 16
Budget Workshop
Monday, April 27
Monday, May 18
Thursday, June 25

Anson County Schools' employment opportunities can be found at www.ansonschools.org on the homepage under the Employment tab.

Theatre Company Bright Star Give Presentation at Anson Academy

On Monday, March 2 students at Anson Academy were privileged to watch a production of *Let It Shine* performed by the national touring theatre company, Bright Star. This powerful, dual actor production brought to stage moments of the American struggle for civil rights.

As a result of the production students were able to better comprehend events surrounding this challenging time in our nation's history. *Let It Shine* presented events not just about Black History, but also American History. Key events that stood out before the audience were the Freedom Riders, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the context of the American Civil Rights Movement, Rosa Parks and the Greensboro Woolworth store counter incident which was a pivotal event in overriding segregation in the south.

Pictured with the actors is student Antwon Hill (center).



Duke Energy Family Science Night at Wadesboro Elementary School

Monday, March 9 was an especially busy night at Wadesboro Elementary School with PTA, Terrific Kids and Awards Night, and Duke Energy Family Science Night. Talk about a night to remember!

Terrific Kids for the traits of Fairness and Caring were recognized. Afterwards all present had an opportunity to explore science hands-on with twelve student-led stations.

WES students were excited about the event. It wasn't an every day occurrence getting to make green slime and a garden in a glove with their family!



March Madness at WES

The month of March has roared in like a lion with a flurry of activities for students and their families at Wadesboro Elementary School.

On Monday, March 2 Anson County School Board of Education members, officers from the Wadesboro Police Department and the Anson County Sheriff's Office, and a magistrate from the Anson County District Court mesmerized students with renditions of their favorite Dr. Seuss books in celebration of Read across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss. When asked to comment on the events of the day, WES Principal Mr. Willie J. Owens quoted Anita Merina, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

Next up was a walking field trip, sponsored by the Anson County Arts Council, to the Ansonia Theatre for a rousing performance by the Soul Street Dancers the afternoon of Friday, March 6. WES students were captivated by the choreography of the dancers and thrilled when several of their classmates were chosen to join the performers onstage to learn a few of the dance moves.

Monday, March 9 rolled around and it was time for the WES Spring Book Fair. All week long students shopped, some with their family members and some with Book Buddies. Media Specialist Tammy Swearingin thanked all the Book Buddies by sharing the words of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." Mrs. Swearingin continued, "Our book fair is successful because of the generosity of many community members and a special partnership with the members of First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro."

All students were treated by the Anson Arts Council on Wednesday, March 11 to a performance in the Wadesboro Elementary School gym of *Freedom Songs: The Music of Black History* performed by Bright Star Touring Theatre. To the delight of all, several WES teachers even joined the performers in singing some of the songs that had been an integral part of our nation's past.



Anson County Schools 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

Approved: 12/15/2014

July 3.....Holiday
August 10-14.....New Teacher Orientation
August 17.....First Day for Teachers
August 17.....Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
August 18.....Employee Opening Day Convocation
August 18-21.....Required for Staff/Non-Student Day
August 24.....First Day for Students
September 7.....Labor Day Holiday
September 25.....Mid-Term Progress Report Release
October 1.....Early Release for Students
October 1.....District-Wide Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 26.....End of Marking Period
October 27.....Required for Staff/Non-Student Day
November 6.....Report Card Release
November 11.....Veteran's Day Holiday
November 24.....Early Release for Students
November 25.....Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
November 26-27.....Holiday
December 3.....Early Release for Students
December 4.....Mid-Term Progress Report Release
December 18.....Early Release for Students
December 21-22.....Student Holiday/AL Day for Staff
December 23-25.....Holiday
December 28-31.....Student Holiday/AL Day for Staff
January 1.....Holiday
January 14.....End of Marking Period
January 18.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 19.....Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
January 20.....Required for Staff/Non-Student Day
January 29.....Report Card Release
February 4.....Secondary Schools Release Early Only
February 4.....Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 19.....Mid-Term Progress Report Release
February 29.....Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
March 3.....Elementary Schools Release Early Only
March 3.....Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 24.....End of Marking Period
March 24.....Early Release for Students
March 25.....Holiday
March 28-April 1.....Student Holiday/AL Day for Staff
April 8.....Report Card Release
April 29.....Mid-Term Progress Report Release
May 30.....Holiday
June 3.....End of Marking Period
June 3.....Report Card Release
June 3.....Early Release Day for Students
June 3.....Last Day for Students
June 4.....District Graduation
June 6-7.....Required for Staff/Non-Student Day
June 8-10.....Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
June 10.....Last Day for Teachers

Early Release Schedule:
Elementary Schools release at 12:30 p.m.
Secondary Schools (Middle/High Schools) release at 1:30 p.m.

- Holiday
- Student Holiday - AL Day for Staff
- Optional Work Day - Non-Student Day
- Required for Staff - Non-Student Day
- End of Marking Period
- New Teacher Orientation
- Early Release
- Secondary Early Release Only
- Elementary Early Release Only

Weather Make-Up Days to be determined. Saturdays will be considered as a weather make-up day.

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