



### AIG Summer Camps Offer a Variety of Experiences for Students

This summer the AIG Department of Anson County Schools held camps for qualifying third through sixth graders. Third graders attended a camp entitled, Math Around The World. Students made suitcases, created passports, and packed their bags for travels around the world. They traveled by boat, train, and airplane to various countries. Several skills were addressed during this camp: multiplication, division, ratios, fractions, and word problems. Fourth grade AIG/Nurture students enjoyed a camp featuring Crime Scene Investigations using mathematics. Students worked on 4th and fifth grade curriculum while solving the crime of the famous iceman, Otzi. A classroom crime scene was created by the teachers and investigated with the aid of our local police department. Sergeant Gullledge and Lieutenant Kelly from the Wadesboro Police Department visited with the students to analyze the crime. They discussed fingerprinting, crime scene protocol, and safety with students during their visit. Fifth grade AIG/Nurture students attended a camp entitled Treasure Island, where they learned math skills relating to pirate adventures. During their adventures they created a pirate name and learned pirating terms. They also had to solve the mystery of the hidden treasure using various math skills along the way. Finally, students also held a competition on designing a pirate costume for their classmates, using math concepts. Sixth grade students attended a camp entitled, Game Extravaganza, where they played a variety of games like Math Feud, Math Bowling, Math Olympics, and Deal or No Deal, which helped them to practice numerous math skills. On the last day, students played Ansonia Adventures, the local board game.

### Five AMS Students Travel to NCDPI Student Leadership Institute

Five students and three teachers from Anson Middle School had the opportunity to travel to Pfeiffer University for four days. This is the sixth year for North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Student Leadership Institute (SLI). The SLI "vision that every student in North Carolina acquires the necessary knowledge, understandings, skills, and dispositions that will empower them to become ethical and engaged leaders in their communities." Over their stay at Pfeiffer University, the students along with the teachers participated in many different seminars and social events.



After being checked in, the students and teachers headed to their first seminar, "Investigating Self and Others". An amazing group known as The Poetry Project led this seminar. This helped the students to describe themselves in just so many words. The Poetry Project asked students from each school to recite what they wrote. Once this seminar was finished, the students got to experience what it is like to live as a college student. First stop was the college dining hall. Ending the night with team building on the lawn in front of the Stokes Student Center. The students and even the teachers enjoyed the energy of what the team building had offered.

Before the students headed to their dorms before another full day, they had to have reflection time. The students reflected on what they experienced, likes and dislikes.

The second day was spent thinking about what community service project would be started once they returned to school. The students created a thinking map to help them to decide how AMS could help the community. With ideas flowing between the students and teachers, along with the help from the instructor, they decided on an idea. Our Pfeiffer Mentor, encourage two of our students to try out for the talent show that would be the next night. They ended the night with another social, The Sock Hop. Day three was field trip day. This day would help the students to see what it takes to start a community service project. That morning, they visited the Spring Lake Family Farm in Albemarle, NC. This farm is known for being an Aquaphonic farm. An Aquaphonic farm is a combination of fish and plant production using aquaculture and hydroponics systems. After lunch, we went to Pfeiffer University's community garden. The students got to help with the irrigation system. Even though it started raining, they stayed outside to make sure that the irrigation system was complete. The students had time after the community garden, to get ready for the talent show. Seeing our students in the talent show was amazing. It took a lot of courage for them to get up in front of their peers to perform. So, proud of them!

Our final day, schools came around to get an "Elevator Speech" about the community service project. Once the speech was given, the schools gave feedback on what we could do to improve our idea. When all of the schools have been through, we headed to Henry Pfeiffer Chapel for the closing ceremonies.

This was truly a learning experience for the students and teachers. Now, that they are back home, it is time to put our plan to action. The students want to make sure that this community service project is started and grows. They want to be the leaders they learned to be at SLI. They are grateful for this opportunity! Look at Anson County for these young leaders. *By Chandra Allen*



## POSTAL COLLECTION DAY

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Drop-off locations are also available at Wadesboro Walmart and the Anson County Board of Education through Sunday, August 20.

### Anson County School District Collects over 1,000 Toys for the Toys for Tots Service Project

A total of 1,033 toys were collected from all Anson County Schools, the District Office and the ROTC students did their own collection. Peachland-Polkton Elementary School (pictured) remains the biggest collector of toys in the Anson County School District. There were a few schools that increased their toy donations and were close to being the top toy collector.

Superintendent Michael Freeman and Toys for Tots Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant implemented a new process in our District to assist with getting applications completed and turned in to the Toys for Tots Office.

Applications were collected from each school by designated staff. Together, the staff processed over 2,000 applications through the schools for our families. Due to the diligent work of all staff for Toys for Tots, all students received their toys ahead of Christmas and most before school dismissed for the holidays.

After children in Anson County were served, the excess toys were sent to the areas hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew, bringing the total number of children served to 7,000 for the 2016 Christmas Season.



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