

CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 25

- MES Girl Scout Rally, 1pm
- MES Girl Scout recruitment night, 6pm
- PPES Girl Scouts Rally (parents/child), 6:30pm

Monday, October 1

- WES Book Fair

Tuesday, October 2

- WES Book Fair
- WPS Fall Pictures
- ANSON ACADEMY - Fall Pictures, 8:45am
- WPS S.I.T. meeting. All parents are invited, 5:45pm

Wednesday, October 3

- WES Book Fair

Thursday, October 4

- WES Book Fair
- MES Fall Picture Day
- WES Fall Picture Day

Friday, October 5

- WES Book Fair

Monday, October 8

- WES Book Fair
- WES S.I.T. meeting, 5:15pm
- WES P.T.A. & Title I Parent Involvement Family Reading Night, 6pm

Tuesday, October 9

- WES Book Fair
- MES PTA & Title I Parent Involvement Family Reading Night, 6pm

Wednesday, October 10

- MES Hearing Screening

Tuesday, October 16

- ANSON ACADEMY - PISA Test, Program for International Student Placement

Tuesday, October 23

- AHS Fall Picture Make-up Day
- WPS S.I.T. meeting. All parents are invited, 5:45pm
- WPS PTA meeting. All parents are welcome, 6pm
- COMMUNITY FORUM #1 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 24

- MES S.I.T. meeting, 3pm

Thursday, October 25

- No School for Students
- Work Day

Friday, October 26

- No School for Students
- Work Day

Wednesday, October 31

- End of the Marking Period

Tuesday, November 6

- Election Day

Thursday, November 8

- MES Veterans Day Assembly, 1pm
- WES Veterans Day Assembly, 1pm

Friday, November 9

- Veterans Day (Observed)

Monday, November 12

- Report Cards Go Home
- WES P.T.A. Healthy Lifestyle Night & Terrific Kids & Awards Night, 6pm

Tuesday, November 13

- WES Fall Picture Make-up Day
- ANSON ACADEMY - Fall Picture Make-up Day, 3 - 4pm

Wednesday, November 14

- WPS Fall Picture Make-up Day and Holiday Pictures
- MES S.I.T. meeting, 3pm

Friday, November 16

- WES P.T.A. Walk to School Day

Monday, November 19

- Substitute Training, location: SDC, 8:30am - 2:30pm

Tuesday, November 20

- Substitute Training, location: SDC, 8:30am - 2:30pm
- MES Cabinet meets with S.I.T., 3pm
- TITLE I Parent Advisory Council meeting, location: SDC, 6 - 7pm

Wednesday, November 21

- EARLY RELEASE
- WPS and WES dismiss at 12:30pm
- AES, LES, MES and PPES dismiss at 1pm
- ACEC, AHS, AMS, and ANTHS dismiss at 1:30pm

Thursday, November 22

- Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 23

- Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 27

- WPS S.I.T. meeting. All parents are invited, 5:45pm
- WPS PTA meeting. All parents are welcome, 6pm

Thursday, November 29

- WES S.I.T. meeting with Cabinet, 5:15pm

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MES Start and End Times

Start and End Times

- Start time 7:15am
- Dismissal time 2:45pm



MES Principal's Outlook

By Dr. Joslyn W. Allen, Principal

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? For the 2012-2013

school year, I am most excited about continuing to have the Learning Development Center (LSDC) and the LDC Coaches working with the MES staff and faculty so as to improve instruction, use technology and Science Pitco Lab to extend the learning of our students in continuing to prepare them for the 21st Century.

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? Two of the expectations that I have for my learners are continue to improve literacy skills and continue to use Blooms Revised Taxonomy daily.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and a parents in your position? I will continue to use "All Means All" as I communicate with parents, staff, students and the community by interjecting the phrase to let them know that everyone has the potential to learn and we at MES are teaching our students to be successful in the 21st Century with the mindset that they are capable of achieving academic goals.

Important Dates at PPES

- August 23 - Open House, 2 to 5pm
- September 10 - Boy Scouts Student meeting, 10:30am
- September 18 - PTO Cabinet meeting, 5:30pm & General PTO meeting, 6:30pm
- September 21 - Girl Scouts Student meeting, 1pm
- September 25 - Girl Scouts Rally (parents & children), 6:30pm

PPES Start and End Times, Supply List

Start and End Times

- School start time is 7:30am
- School end time is 2:30pm

Supply List

The supply list is on the Anson County Schools website, www.ansonschools.org.

PPES Principal's Outlook



By Marty Godwin, Principal

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? The thing that excites me the most about the 2012-13 school year is the fact that we are able to bring back an extremely gifted staff and also being able to add some outstanding parts. In addition, having that gifted staff be able to implement a new curriculum with the Common Core Essential Standards will be exciting to see the positive achievement is realized.

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? Do your best and do what is expected.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and a parents in your position? All means All will become a reality when ALL stakeholders are given the opportunity to be involved in the achievement of students. More importantly, when ALL stakeholders accept and embrace the opportunities presented; ALL can really mean ALL. In my position, I will be vigilant in my pursuit to present opportunities for involvement and a consistent encourager to staff, parents, and students to do their part.

WPS Start and End Times, Supply List

Start and End Times

- Start time is 7:20am
- End time is 2:30pm

Supply List (for all grades)

4 composition books without the wire spiral binding, quart size zip lock plastic bags, sandwich size zip lock plastic bags

WPS Principal's Outlook



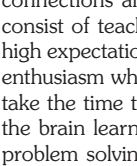
By Betsy Ammons, Principal

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? I am very excited about the new state curriculum that begins this year. Teachers have worked diligently to develop these new standards. The foundation of this curriculum will guide children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 along a path to college-readiness and career-readiness. It will involve a deep understanding of a broader set of competencies. It will include students communicating in a range of media. The new curriculum is a challenge that Wadesboro Primary teachers are prepared to implement with highly effective instruction. We plan for all of our students to be ready for the global competition they will face in the future.

What expectation do you have for each learner? The new curriculum clearly states what students are expected to learn. It is focused and rigorous and relevant. So, our expectations are that these standards are taught well and all students learn well. We will use student performances and assessments to track what needs there are for remediating and or accelerating. We want to monitor what students do with what they learn and make sure they see the skill connections from one curriculum to the other. We also plan to teach students to recognize their own growth and learning styles. We want our children to understand the importance of cooperative group skills and that collaborating with peers can strengthen their learning.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and parents? Wadesboro Primary teachers and staff are constantly planning for bringing experiences and skills to all students that make essential connections and promote retention of learning. Our classrooms not only consist of teachers and materials, but we nurture real learning and we hold high expectations for each child. We know that nothing replaces passion and enthusiasm while using instructional strategies for student achievement. We take the time to find best teaching practices and study the research on how the brain learns. By differentiating instruction in teaching critical thinking, problem solving and creativity, we meet each student's learning style. We look forward to parents being involved in their child's schooling. We are planning parent workshops that will help the parents continue the teaching at home. We want each parent to come and meet their child's teacher.

AMS Principal's Outlook



By Joshua McLaurin, Principal

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? There are so many things to be excited about at Anson Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year. I'm very excited about the staff and students at the middle school and the opportunity we have to make Anson Proud.

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? Do what is expected. Do your best.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and a parents in your position? "All Means All" will be critical to the success of Anson Middle School. We have to foster an atmosphere and climate where all stakeholders are focused on helping students to be successful and are willing to do whatever it takes. All students have different learning needs and we must work together to meet or exceed expectations.

AMS Band Director's Outlook

By Eric Howell, Band Director

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? When I think of the upcoming year, I am most excited about the opportunity to work with new students to instill a love for music and to provide them with a unique skill and opportunities that can never be taken away from them.

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? I expect each learner that comes into my classroom to have a positive attitude and to give his/her best effort. When each learner brings those two things to the table, we can have a very productive year.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and parents in your position? I will work to ensure that "All Means All" this year by making sure that all involved parties (students, parents, and staff) are on the same page and that we all work together to ensure each student reaches their goals.

AMS Athletic Director's Outlook

By Mike Vetter, Athletic Director

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? I am really excited about the opportunities we have as a community to watch our children grow and develop.

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? I hope that every child will strive to do their best, and take their role as a learner seriously

JROTC: Introduction from Lt. Colonel Jim Green

Let me take a moment to welcome you back to JROTC and introduce myself and the Army Instructors who make the Bearcat Battalion possible. I'm Lieutenant Colonel Jim Green, Senior Army Instructor for Anson County JROTC. Retiring earlier this year with over 31 years of service in the Army, I've served in various command and staff positions on four continents.

My primary focuses will be to develop and then implement the vision of what JROTC should be in partnership with Anson County Schools and the greater community; to mentor the Senior Cadet leadership as they step up to take charge of the battalion; to serve as the primary instructor for the class of Senior Cadets, in their final year of JROTC; and finally, to manage the daily administrative requirements that keep this organization running smoothly.

Sergeant Major Callahan will be starting his sixth year with the battalion and will be the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge and the primary instructor for sophomore and junior Cadets. He will assist me across the full spectrum of my responsibilities and provide counsel from the perspective of a Senior Noncommissioned Officer. The battalion's expanded public affairs office and drill team will be under his charge.

First Sergeant Roberson will again serve as the primary instructor for Freshmen Cadets. His friendly, yet firm approach will help guide first year Cadets and start them on the path of lifelong success. First Sergeant Roberson will also coach both drill and Raider Challenge teams.

Sergeant First Class Potter will once again instruct all AVID classes at Anson High School. He will also coach the Bearcat Battalion's air rifle team.

Sergeants First Class Davenport and Ford will be instructing CILT classes at Anson High, Anson New Tech, and Anson Early College. Like me, Sergeant First Class Tim Ford has recently retired from service with the Army. During 22 years of service, he has deployed multiple times and served in far-flung locations around the world. The battalion's Raider Challenge team will come under his leadership, as the team readies for its first competition.

The Army Instructors and I are looking forward to an exciting and successful year. The Cadets of the Bearcat Battalion have a proud lineage. A lineage marked by nationally recognized excellence. This instructor team enthusiastically embraces the opportunity to educate and mentor Anson County's finest young men and women. We have a busy year planned. Special teams will be on the road competing throughout North Carolina starting with our first drill competition at Scotland HS on the 29th of September. We're planning a rappel trip this fall, Senior ROTC college campus visits, military installation tours and much more! We graciously appreciate the support of the families, leaders of Anson County and the Anson County School District. Working together, this will be our best year ever.

JROTC Senior Instructor's Outlook



By Lt. Colonel Jim Green

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? Coming off the tail end of a year marked by significant academic growth, I am most excited that we can and must use this momentum to make this the best year ever for ACS. AHS and ANT will become schools of excellence!

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? I expect each learner to demonstrate a willingness to learn and I want to take that willingness and turn it into a passion for learning. I expect each student to conduct themselves as a young man or woman who embrace the expectations and policies of ACS and in so doing recognize that education is an opportunity not a burden.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff and parents in your position? By believing every student can learn. By knowing that we are a team that must stay focused on the unique success of each student. Collaborative work yields better results and by continually encouraging parents. Parents need to be told how important they are to their child's success. We have to build relationships with the student's support network outside of the walls of this school.

Communicate...communicate...communicate...

ACEC Start and End Times, Supply List

Start and End Times

- 7:50 to 8am is Arrival Time
- 3:05pm is Dismissal Time

Supply List

The ACEC Supply List is on the ACEC website, acec.ansonschools.org.

ACEC Principal's Outlook



By Deborah Flowers Davis, Principal

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? I am excited about the opportunity to be a part of a school culture which requires everyone to strive for excellence and failure is never an option. This climate of high expectations nestled in a nurturing and caring environment allows students, staff and parents to believe in the value of "education" and how it can change individual and community life. Collectively, as a community we must continue to embrace and support our children academically, socially and emotionally.

Our mere existence is contingent on how "We" prepare tomorrow's leaders." I think that is what excites me most, preparing tomorrow's leaders, touching the future through the minds, souls, and hearts of our young people. Now, that is pretty exciting!

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? Be good. Do good. Combine them and this will guide you throughout your life endeavors.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and a parents in your position? As principal, I am the "Keeper of the Dream." My staff, students and parents look to me for leadership, guidance, support and consistency. I firmly believe that all children can learn and experience academic success. I intentionally and deliberately try to surround myself with adults who share this belief. Each school year, as a staff, we embrace ALL children in our ACEC school-family socially, emotionally and academically. We also realize the relationship piece is the be yard stick by which we measure everything we do because, "If you touch the heart you can reach/teach the mind."

AES Start & End Times, Supply List

Start and End Times:

- 7:45am - School Starts
- 2:45pm - School Ends

Supply List

Given to parents the first day of school.

AES Principal's Outlook



By Toby McLaurin, Principal

When you think of the upcoming instructional year, what are you most excited about? Ansonville Elementary has an extremely dedicated staff and I'm excited to be a part of such a hard working staff. I'm excited to meet the students of AES and to build relationships with each of them. I am looking forward to the build relationships with staff, students, parents, and community members.

What are two (no more than three) expectations you have for each learner? Do what is expected. Do your best.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and a parents in your position? Students have varying needs, and it is our responsibility as educators to meet all needs as well as making our instruction rigorous for each learner. We will use all available data to drive our instruction to meet the needs of all learners.

How will you make "All Means All" a reality for learners, staff, and a parents in your position? I believe setting expectations and doing whatever it takes to achieve them will ensure that all parents, staff, and the learners truly realize what "All Means All" is about.