



### AMS Blue vs Orange Football Game

The Anson Middle School Bearcat Football Program officially kicked off their season last week with the second annual Blue vs. Orange Game. This intra-squad event gives the fans a chance to see all that the 2016 AMS Bearcats have to offer. The event was highlighted by the recognition of the members of the 2015-16 Honor Society and Beta Club, which featured several members of the Bearcat Football team. Anson continues play this week, traveling to West Hoke Middle School on Wednesday.

### AMS Golf Team Finished Third in Laurinburg

Anson Middle School finished in third place on Tuesday, September 20 at Scotch Meadows Country Club in Laurinburg, NC. The match was hosted by Carver Middle School. Jack Forbes led the Bearcats with a career best 53. Gavin Smith shot 56, Drew Thomas shot 56, Jesse Usrey shot 59, Cameron Parker shot 64 and Ruthie Snodgrass shot 72.



### Texts to PreK Parents Build Reading Skills in Children

Parents of 3, 4 and 5-year-old children are invited to sign up for free text messages from "Ready4K," provided by ParentPowered Public Benefit Corporation in partnership with the State Library of North Carolina. It's part of a program developed by Stanford University which

shows that fun facts received by texts can greatly increase children's learning. Cell data and message rates may apply.

Each week parents will receive bite-sized bits of informative tips and easy actions to help develop literacy skills while having fun with family routines. The messages are also available in Spanish. For example:

- Monday - Fact: Build literacy skills at the grocery store by asking your child to name all the fruits and vegetables s/he can think of.
- Wednesday - Tip: Go on a letter hunt in the grocery store. Ask your child to find an "A" on a sign, box or food label. What about "B"? Can they go to "Z"?
- Friday - Growth: Keep building skills at the store. Ask: What rhymes with egg (leg, peg) or jelly (belly, deli) or cheese (knees, please)?

The easy-to-implement program is available to help with literacy, math, social and emotional learning and health. While the program targets 3, 4 and 5-year-olds, parents of younger children may participate although the tips are targeted to the specified group. Information is online at [statelibrary.ncdcr.gov](http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov).

If your child is age 3, text R4K NC3 to 70138. If your child is age 4, text R4K NC4 to 70138. For age 5, text R4K NC5 to 70138. Parents may text STOP at any time to discontinue the program.

With additional questions, text HELP to 70138 or email [support@parentpowered.com](mailto:support@parentpowered.com). To contact the State Library of North Carolina, please call Lori Special at 919 907-7425 or [lori.special@ncdcr.gov](mailto:lori.special@ncdcr.gov).

The State Library of North Carolina is a division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources that builds the capacity of all libraries across the state, develops and supports access to North Carolina history and genealogy information resources and administers the Summer Reading Program. The State Library provides library services and reading materials for North Carolinians who are blind or have visual or physical disabilities.

### Board of Elections Sets One Stop-Early Voting Plan for November Election

The Anson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, August 16, and established the One Stop-Early Voting plan for the upcoming November General Election. There are a total of 17 voting days, and a total of 187 voting hours in the plan. Here are the voting times:

- **October 20 to November 5**
- **Monday through Friday** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 22** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 23** 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 29** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 30** 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 5** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Storytime Every Wednesday at Partnership for Children

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Wednesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.

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