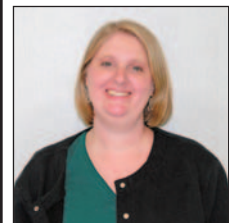


ACEC Welcomes New Staff



Burr

Anson County Early College would like to welcome new staff members Mrs. Lynn Burr and Jennifer Buckingham.

Mrs. Burr teaches World History and Civics. She is excited to be working at ACEC, especially for Mrs. Deborah Davis. Mrs. Burr grew up in Anson County and fondly remembers her fifth and sixth grade Health and PE teacher, Mrs. Davis. She attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for three years before transferring to Wingate University. She completed her student teaching at Forest Hills High School in Union County.

Teaching has always been Mrs. Burr's passion, but she had to put it on hold while she raised her family (husband and two children now aged 4 and 6). In recent years she has worked for the State Employees Credit Union where she became more involved with Anson County Schools by teaching classes. It was through these experiences in the schools that she realized her calling was for teaching. ACEC is lucky to have Mrs. Burr as part of its staff!

Mrs. Jennifer Buckingham is also a new addition to the ACEC family. She is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University where she earned a bachelor of science in business administration. Her first job was in social services, where she found herself teaching job skills to clients. It was in that capacity that she discovered a hidden love for teaching. As a result she decided to pursue that field. Mrs. Buckingham has now been teaching math for ten years, beginning her career at Anson High School and now at Anson Early College. In her spare time she enjoys reading mystery and historical fiction novels. She is married and the mother to two children. Mrs. Buckingham also remembers her favorite Health and PE teacher, Mrs. Deborah Davis. Welcome Mrs. Buckingham to the ACEC family!



Buckingham

ACEC College Visits

Anson County Early College juniors, seniors and super senior students had the opportunity to visit two colleges this grading period. Mrs. Robbie James and Mrs. Jill Edwards took approximately 25 students to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on September 28th, and took approximately 30 students to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on October 11th. Students were given a packet of information and had a question and answer session with one of the student mentors at each school. The student mentors also gave walking



tours of both campuses, pointing out the significant buildings and other areas of interests. The students also got the opportunity to visit the bookstores, media centers, and other areas of their own interests.

After visiting these schools we have students who are definitely interested in pursuing their post secondary plans at each of these schools.

Colton Snodgrass Speaks to NC General Assembly



Anson County Early College student Colton Snodgrass joined Dr. Firn and Mrs. Maner in presenting to the Digital Learning Conference in Mooresville on November 8th. The conference, sponsored by the North Carolina General Assembly, involved many senators and representatives from throughout the state of North Carolina. The presentation lasted about one hour.

Colton expressed how he enjoyed speaking to the General Assembly about how technology impacts and improves student learning achievement.

ACEC Important Dates

- December 3 Senior Showcase
- December 10 Senior Boards
- December 14 Variety Show
- December 19 ACEC Social

LES Students Work Toward "Spectacular" School Days for All Students



Lilesville Elementary School Students in grades K to 3 recently enjoyed a Bright Star Touring Theatre Production called *Sadie's Spectacular Saturday*, sponsored by the Anson County Arts Council. The production was a bug-filled, anti-bullying adventure designed to empower young audiences with the tools they need to prevent bullying.

The production tells the story of Sadie the caterpillar who has just started classes at a brand new school. She encounters a bullying cockroach determined to make her life miserable. Luckily, with help from a sunflower, a ladybug and several audience volunteers, she learns the tools to confront the roach and put an end to his bullying ways. In becoming a beautiful butterfly Sadie soon realizes she has transformed much more than just herself.

Whatever the reason, bullying is something we all need to think about. And, even though the curtain closed on the production of *Sadie's Spectacular Saturday*, students and staff at LES will continue efforts to prevent bullying in their school!

Ms. L. Diane Bennett



Anson County Schools is working with Ms. L. Diane Bennett to provide posters, banners and other publicity information highlighting our Mission Statement, Quality Statement, and Strategic Commitments.

These will be distributed throughout the district to better communicate the goals and direction of Anson County Schools to staff, students, parents and other stakeholders.

Anson JROTC Welcomes One of their Own



The Anson JROTC Department was pleased to host a visit by former Cadet Company Commander Austin Herms. Austin spent four years in the JROTC program, graduating last year from Anson New Tech High School. He recently graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island, SC.

Austin took time out of his busy schedule to stop by and speak with cadets and give them "the real deal" on what it takes to be a Marine. All of us in the JROTC Department are very proud of his accomplishments. Austin leaves soon for Marine Combat Training in NC and for his tech school in California. After completing his schooling, he plans to attend East Carolina University and continue his service in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

AHS Parent/Community Outreach

The Anson High School Parent/Community Outreach Program is off to a great start! Parents and community leaders are very excited and the participation has been super. School staff has met personally with 70% of freshman parents, and contacted 100% of sophomore parents, and contacted 100% of freshman parents with the hope of a face-to-face meeting in the near future. Parents of sophomores, juniors, and seniors have been very receptive and interested in greater participation in the school. Additionally, 66% of AHS parents participated in Parent Conference Day and 56 parents have attended positive parent meetings, with 10 parents becoming volunteers.



The faith-based community has responded resoundingly to the call to serve and be a presence on the school campus to provide encouragement and inspiration to both students and staff. The on-campus community prayer is off to a strong start as Pastor Benny Clodfelter and the First United Methodist Church hosted the first prayer meeting Sunday, November 10, joined by members of Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church and the Church of God of Prophecy in Morven.

The Parent/Community Outreach program invites all of its parents and community leaders to visit classrooms, participate in on-campus activities, volunteer, and create social activities to increase students' learning and social skills throughout the community. By working together we can help ensure that all AHS students have the skills and knowledge necessary to become successful and responsible citizens.

Parent's Pitsco Lab Night at AHS



Melody Harris and Stephen Greene would like to thank all the parents who attended the Pitsco Algebra 1 Night held on Tuesday, October 23. Parents were able to experience the same Algebra lessons in the lab that their children experience every day in class. Mrs. Harris and Mr. Greene hope the parents now understand what is expected each day of their children in the Algebra 1 classes. They would also like to thank the members of the Anson

High School Honor Society for helping to make this event successful.

Christmas Parade is Thursday

The 2012 Christmas Parade is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 6th. The uptown parade route will remain the same as in previous years - starting on Morven Road for the line-up and concluding at the Ray Shelton Ball Field for breakdown. The parade will move down Washington, Martin, and Greene Streets.

For more information, contact the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or ansonchamber@windstream.net.



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School celebrated Fire Prevention Week during the month of October. The Polkton Fire Department came out with a fire truck and Sparky visited classrooms.



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School began its annual Media Night by hosting a Spooktacular Media Night theme on October 24th. Media Nights at PPES are held once a month, from 3 until 7 p.m. Students, accompanied by an adult, have access to all media materials during that time.



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 29th to November 2nd. Students in grades four to six participated in a Basketball Shoot-Out. Pictured are Savannah Houser and Daniel Gomez, the winners of the Shoot-Out.



Peachland-Polkton Kindergarten students made Fall Projects out of brown paper bags.