



Inside Your Anson County Schools

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Letter from the Superintendent

Anson County Students, Parents, and Community Members:

In this edition of Inside Anson I want to thank each and every person who continues to provide support as we rapidly move through another school term. It seems especially appropriate to thank our stakeholders as we celebrate holidays in our community. Many children have needs beyond the regular services public schools provide. As businesses, individuals, non-profit organizations, clubs, and members of the faith community continuously provide instructional support by tutoring, donating school supplies, meals, clothes and yes, toys for Santa to leave on December 25, my heart is touched by the tremendous acts of kindness provided to our students. Children who live in Anson County are truly blessed to have so many adults who are willing to provide resources for them. The entire Anson County Community deserves a pat on the back for so generously caring for our children.

Sadly, some children may still have needs that we are unable to meet through public school services so help from the community continues to be vital; especially during the holidays. As a community, please make announcements at all gatherings such as church services, family reunions, the workplace, etc. The announcements should encourage everyone to keep a special watch over the children in our community during the upcoming holidays to ensure safety. Children need to be monitored at all times. Also, please remind adult community members of the moral commitment to provide items to meet each child's basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing and protection from harmful situations.

Adults could plan to spend some special quality time with a child or several children during the holidays. This quality time could involve a visit to the Hampton B. Allen library in Wadesboro or another place that would be special to a child. You may even want to plan a "Historical Ride" by driving a child to see various historical and beautiful landscapes in Anson County. We live in a beautiful area that provides flat lands, hills, rivers, ponds, wildlife, etc. Following the trip, sit with the child and help them write a story about the adventure and read with a child every day.

On behalf of the entire Anson County Schools family, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Your dedication to children and your contributions impact the success of Anson County Schools.

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S.

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are 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.

- January 30, 2017
- February 20, 2017
- March 27, 2017
- April 18, 2017
- Budget Development Workshop**
3:30-5:30 p.m.
(Additional dates to be determined if needed.)
- May 22, 2017

Students Win Christmas Card Design Contest

The Anson County Board of Education and Superintendent Michael Freeman have continued the tradition of having the Anson County Schools Christmas Card designed by one or more students. Students from all different grade levels and schools competed in the Christmas Card Design Contest, and the board recently congratulated the winners at the November board of education meeting. Congratulations to all participants and winners!



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Thank you for your dedication to children and for your contribution to the success of Anson County Schools.

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Maci Sellers did the background above
 My Vue, a YCC student at AHS, did a 'Color Me' page



Londyn Lockett



Kazoua Thao



Abigail Underwood



Patience Marshall

School Board Member Dr. Bobbie Little Appointed to All-State School Board

The North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) has named Anson County Board of Education member Dr. Bobbie Little to the honorary All-State School Board.

Little was recognized during the Awards Ceremony of the Association's 47th Annual Conference for Board Member Development in Greensboro on Thursday, November 17. During her introduction conference attendees learned of Little's 37 years of service to the education community. She was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Beverly Perdue in March of 2012. Although she retired from the State in 2011, Little continues to provide leadership and direction in educational matters.

The All-State School Board is comprised of board members selected throughout the state. These individuals have made significant contributions to their school systems during their tenure on the local board of education. The members of the All-State School Board were peer-nominated for NCSBA's Raleigh Dingman Award or the School Board Member Leadership Award. Ananda Bell of Rockingham County was named the Raleigh Dingman award winner, and Buddy Armour of Burke County was named the School Board Member Leadership award winner. Other members of the honorary All-State Board are Leslie Byrum of Gates County; Linda Thomas of Craven County; Terry Williams of Beaufort County; Henry Mercer of Wilson County; and Junior Dew of Columbus County.

The NCSBA was established in 1937 as an advocate for public school education. It is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership association that represents all 115 local boards of education in the state and the Board of Education of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. NCSBA's mission is to provide leadership and services that enable local boards of education to govern effectively.



WES Mock Election Mirrors Actual Results

Wadesboro Elementary School held a mock election on Tuesday, November 8. Students voted their choice for America's President and North Carolina State Governor. This opportunity provided them the experience of being a model citizen by exercising their voting rights.

The ballots were secretly counted by volunteers and kept confidential. The results were announced the next morning by Principal Linda McCormick.

The popular vote was for Hillary Clinton to be President and Roy Cooper as North Carolina's Governor.



College Application Week at Anson Academy

Dr. Fannie Ratliff, Counselor Administrator at Anson Academy, is assisting students with completing college applications during College Application Week.

Pictured are Tabitha Tillman, Darrell Morman, NaQuan Dunlap-Harris and Mya Brooks.

