

Anson Academy News

Marine Gregory Cox Visits Anson Academy

On Monday, January 27 former Anson High School student PFC Gregory Cox along with Gunnery Sergeant Craig V. Casipe delivered a message to students at Anson Academy. Gregory, a 2013 Anson High graduate, recently completed basic training at Paris Island and will resume Marine Corp Training at Camp Lejeune before he embarks on a twenty five day excursion to Okinawa, Japan.

Cox told the students, "I joined the Marines because it presented me with the challenge I desired."

Pictured below are PFC Cox (right) and Gunnery Sergeant Casipe along with Anson Academy students. PFC Cox is the son of Melinda Harris and Jeff Cox.



Anson Academy Senior Projects Cover Diverse Topics

On December 10 eleven Anson Academy English IV students completed senior projects and presented research along with portfolios to a panel of four professionals who evaluated the overall content of their physical products and oral presentations. Eleven diverse topics were explored and researched.

Five Anson Academy students completed graduation requirements during the first semester. They were Aaliyah N. Gaddy, Bryant Lemon, Robert Rhone, Ashley Williams and Brittany Willoughby. Pictured here with their physical products are Brittany Willoughby and Jeremy Thompson.



Lilesville Elementary School News

Lilesville Elementary School Rolls Out PowerSchool Portal Training for Parents

Research shows that when parents are engaged students become more active participants in the educational process, which helps mitigate problems, instills better study habits, and addresses issues as they arise – all of which are key factors in academic success. More than ever, parent/guardian involvement is critical to the academic success of their children.

Anson County Schools is taking another important family engagement step by offering parents access to their children's PowerSchool information over a secure Internet connection, commonly referred to as the PowerSchool Parent Portal. By providing parents/legal guardians a way to view student grades and attendance, and more, they are taking yet another step to promote student success.

PowerSchool's Parent Portal provides parents/guardians real time access to information tied to their child(ren), such as attendance, grades, and future assignment descriptions from any location with Internet access. Parents/guardians will only be able to see information for their own child(ren) through the use of their own PowerSchool Parent Portal account. In addition, PowerSchool's Parent Portal allows teachers and parents/guardians to communicate electronically so that information is shared on a regular, timely basis.



To ensure that all parents/legal guardians are able to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal Lilesville Elementary School held its first training session for parents and guardians on Thursday, January 24. The training was conducted by LES Teachers Mrs. Sammi Williams and Mr. Thomas Martin. LES plans to host an additional training opportunity on Tuesday, February 4th, from 11:30 am to 12 noon.



LES - In Helping Others, We Shall Help Ourselves

The Lilesville Elementary School Staff and PTO Council recently hosted their second and highly anticipated "Uniform Swap" to assist students' families with meeting the expectations of the Anson County Schools Student Dress Code Policy. Parents and guardians were given the opportunity to bring in clean, gently used uniform items that their children had outgrown and swap them for other items they could use currently. An assortment of solid colored coats, outerwear coats, belts, pants, shorts, collared shirts, t-shirts and toboggans were available in all sizes.

The idea proved to be successful, as numerous families took part in the event. "In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us."~Flora Edwards

Anson County Early College News

ACEC Graduation Project and Senior Boards

On Monday, December 16 Anson County Early College senior students waited anxiously to present their graduation projects to a panel of judges during ACEC's Senior Board night. As part of the ACEC Graduation Project each student was responsible for fulfilling four main components of the Graduation Project: 1) the research paper, 2) the portfolio, 3) the product that is presented during the showcase, and 4) the presentation before the judges.

Seniors presented their projects during Senior Boards to a panel of judges who were comprised of Anson County community members. Final grades for the graduation project were determined by the judges based on the presentations the night of Senior Boards. After presenting their project, students received feedback from the judges ranging from comments about their public speaking skills to the project itself. English IV teachers Mrs. Jane Elkin and Ms. Sarah White organized and facilitated Senior Boards and guided senior students throughout the ACEC Graduation Project process.

Each student was responsible for researching a topic and building a portfolio during the process. Research topics and products included acrylic painting, childhood psychology, jewelry design, home remedies, sea turtles, pottery, go-kart refurbishing, the evolution of animals, forensic chemistry, automobile sound systems, furniture reconstruction, comedy acting, caring for race horses, the police force, fashion, physical therapy, breeding bovines, engineering submarines, PC gaming construction, blacksmithing, automotive history, child abuse, cosmetology, welding, creative writing, Gullah culture and the history of Nintendo.

Tracey Brewer is pictured above with her graduation project.



Discovering Anson County ACEC Style

Students at Anson County Early College are enrolled in a course titled Interdisciplinary Studies. The course allows students to investigate various themes throughout several curricular areas. The first unit of study for the freshman class was on 'Discovery.' Students read a novel and analyzed the theme of 'Discovering Self,' they investigated the scientific discovery process through electricity, and they dissected The Declaration of Independence to discover what our forefathers intended when establishing our country.

The students' favorite activity, though, was "Discovering Anson." On November 17 the ninth grade class at ACEC enjoyed a full day of visiting the historical sites of downtown Wadesboro. The original idea came from School Superintendent Michael Freeman who had planned the teachers convocation at the beginning of the year to serve as a time to discover and celebrate Anson County.

ACEC students discovered the historical culture and significance of the Boggan-Hammond House and the Alexander-Little Wing, the mementos of earlier times at the Leavitt House, and the practices and impact of medicine at Covington Medical Museum. Students were fascinated by the "way things were back in the day."

Students also discovered many of the resources available to Anson County residents. The Hampton B. Allen Library provided a great tour of their library, historical and genealogical resources, the Partnership for Children did an awesome job inspiring students to help children become stronger readers and the Ansonia provided



a powerful tour of their beautiful facility and colorful history.

Students ended the day enjoying a fabulous lunch at the HOLLA! center in Morven where they discovered the tastes of Anson County and were inspired by several motivational speakers from around the county.

Mrs. Kristin Park, organizer of the event, also incorporated math by creating a scavenger hunt for students to follow as they made their way to each destination. Students were placed in groups and given a GPS unit to identify the exact coordinates of each location. Students were asked to take notes and pictures on their cell phones which they used to create a brochure detailing the sites and history of their tour.

The students truly enjoyed "Discovering Anson!" Skye Clyburn, an ACEC freshman, commented, "I'll be honest. I really wasn't looking forward to today, but I actually had a lot of fun!" Several students were surprised to learn the history behind the historical sites, and many commented on how many times they had driven past but had never been in them. Cory Lowery summed it all up when he said, "You know, Anson County really is a cool place!"