

**CALENDAR**

- Thursday, February 23**  
• AES Group Pictures
- Friday, February 24**  
• ACEC Play *Beverly Hillbillies* - 6pm at the Ansonia Theatre  
• PPES Jump Rope for Heart
- Saturday, February 25**  
• ANTHS Wellness Fair, 9am to 2pm
- Tuesday, February 28**  
• PPES - PTO Talent Show
- Thursday, March 1**  
• WES - Spring Book Fair
- Friday, March 2**  
• WES - Spring Book Fair
- Monday, March 5**  
• WES - Spring Book Fair  
• WES P.T.A. at 6pm
- Tuesday, March 6**  
• WES - Spring Book Fair
- Wednesday, March 7**  
• AHS Freestyle Pictures  
• WES - Spring Book Fair
- Thursday, March 8**  
• PPES Media Night and Book Fair
- Friday, March 9**  
• PPES Spring Pictures  
• PPES Book Fair
- Monday, March 12**  
• PPES Book Fair
- Tuesday, March 13**  
• PPES Book Fair
- Wednesday, March 14**  
• MES Donuts & Math Night  
• MES P.T.A. at 6pm  
• PPES Book Fair
- Thursday, March 15**  
• Elementary Schools Conferences / 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  
*Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences begin at 1:30pm and end at 6:30pm*  
• ACEC Senior Showcase  
• MES Spring Individual Pictures, Pictures are Pre-Paid  
• PPES Book Fair
- Friday, March 16**  
• PPES Book Fair Ends
- Tuesday, March 20**  
• Community Forum #3 at Lockhart-Taylor Center - Ingram Room at 6:30pm. Topic is "Budget, Resources, and Results"
- Thursday, March 22**  
• ACEC Senior Boards  
• PPES Media Night
- Friday, March 23**  
• LES Spring Individual Pictures  
• LES Kindergarten Registration 9 to 11am  
• PPES Kindergarten Registration 9 to 11am
- Monday, March 26**  
• No School - Teacher Work Day
- Monday, April 2**  
• Report Cards Go Home  
• WES P.T.A.  
• Terrific Kids & Awards Night at 6pm
- Tuesday, April 3**  
• WPS Spring Pictures  
• WPS P.T.A. Meeting at 6:30pm
- Thursday, April 5**  
• WPS Kindergarten Registration 8:30 to 10:30am  
• 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



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Greetings,

Thank you for taking time to read Inside Anson, our opportunity to share exciting news, activities, and accomplishments, as well as upcoming events in the Anson County Schools.

Our staff continues to work hard in preparing each learner for success. As you know, state testing will begin in May. We are focused on preparing students, each student, through intentional and specific learning activities to master state standards at each grade level and in each subject. We are excited for each of our students to demonstrate just how smart they are when it comes to state standards. We are confident that our students will do well.

Just around the corner is our opportunity to celebrate the Class of 2012 and their successes, culminating with graduation. Though several months away, seniors are busy finishing up their senior projects in preparation of demonstrating their learning, as well as submitting applications for college and scholarship opportunities.

In a like manner, the Class of 2016 (current 8th graders) will begin making preparations for selecting high school programs or schools. The applications, visitations, presentations and selections will take place in late May and early June. Students and parents alike need to know that academic performance, including both testing and classroom grades, predicted performance, attendance, and behavior, all matter in the selection of high school. As will be communicated to parents and students, each program, school has specific purposes, requirements, and expectations that must be met for selection. All of this will be communicated and explained in a timely manner to ensure that all understand the application and selection process.

Lastly, there continues to be several opportunities for parents, staff and community to learn more about the Anson County Schools. I invite each of you to attend the next Community Forum on the 20th of March at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend to learn more about our schools.

Until then, thank you for your continuing support of the Anson County Schools.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Gregory Firm

**Dr. Joslyn Allen Named Principal of the Year**

Congratulations to Dr. Joslyn Allen, Anson County Principal of the Year.

Dr. Allen has demonstrated all of the attributes, attitudes and skills of an accomplished building principal.



Her attention to detail, thoroughness, and timeliness are impeccable.

She thinks well, writes well, speaks well, and perhaps most importantly, she listens well.

Dr. Allen knows firsthand the importance of working with students, staff, parents and community members. She appreciates fully and deals effectively with the different points of view, the conflicts, and the controversies, which naturally exist in a diverse society. Her ability to recognize talent, observe, supervise, and evaluate personnel are powerful indicators of her success as an educational leader.

Dr. Allen is an integral member of our district's leadership team.

**Janice Gaddy Bennett Named Teacher of Excellence**

Janice Gaddy Bennett began teaching in Anson County Schools in 1998 at Wadesboro Elementary School.



Her experience working in both children and adult group home settings prepared her for the lateral entry into the public education field. She is currently licensed in the areas of Birth-Kindergarten, Severe/Profound, and Mentally Handicapped.

Mrs. Bennett does an outstanding job working with our students with the most significant and challenging needs. She is dedicated and committed to her students, parents and co-workers. Mrs. Bennett exudes patience, compassion, a willingness to grow professionally, and her love for her students.

Mrs. Bennett is truly an asset to our district.

**Anson County Early College Dates of Note**

- ACEC Play Beverly Hillbillies**  
Friday, February 24, Ansonia Theatre at 6pm
- Valentine's Day Taco Luncheon**  
Tuesday, February 14, Student Center  
11am to 2pm
- Senior Showcase**  
Tuesday, May 15, Learning Resource Center
- Senior Boards**  
Tuesday, May 22, 5:30pm
- ACEC Prom**  
Friday April 20, Lockhart-Taylor  
8pm to 12 midnight
- ACEC Awards Day**  
Tuesday, June 5, Lockhart-Taylor Center
- District Commencement Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9



**Test Dates for this Spring**

- ACT** - March 6
- ACT Make-up**  
March 20
- NCEXTEND1**  
April 16 to June 15
- GATES - MCGINITE**  
May 2 - 4
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS**  
May 7 to May 17
- NCEXTEND2 Test**  
May 1 to May 4
- NC End-of-Grade (EOG) Test**  
*Elementary/Middle School*  
May 8 to May 11
- Battelle for Kindergarten**  
May 16 to 18
- NCEXTEND2 Retest**  
May 22 to May 25
- NC End-of-Grade (EOG) Re-test**  
May 29 to June 1
- Elements** - May 29, 30, 31

**Wadesboro Elementary School Dates of Note**

- February 16** Early Release 12:30pm
- February 20** No School - Teacher Work Day
- March 1 to 7** Spring Book Fair
- March 5** PTA Meeting 6pm
- March 15** Early Release 12:30pm
- March 15** Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 PM - 6:30pm
- March 23** End of Third Marking Period
- March 26** No School - Teacher Work Day
- April 2** Report Cards Go Home
- April 2** PTA Terrific Kids & Awards Night 6pm
- April 5** Early Release 12:30pm
- April 6 to 13** No School - Spring Break
- April 19** Spring Picture Day
- May 1** NCEXTEND2 TEST - READING
- May 2** NCEXTEND2 TEST - MATH ACTIVE
- May 3** NCEXTEND2 TEST - MATH INACTIVE
- May 4** NCEXTEND2 TEST - SCIENCE (GRADE 5)
- May 7** PTA Meeting 6pm
- May 8** EOG READING
- May 9** EOG MATH ACTIVE
- May 10** EOG MATH INACTIVE
- May 11** EOG SCIENCE (GRADE 5)
- May 14** Muffins for Moms 7:30am
- May 28** No School - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 4** Passing the Torch with AMS & WPS 9am
- June 4** End of Year Awards Night 6pm
- June 5** Donuts for Dads 7:30am
- June 5** Field Day 8am
- June 6** 6th Grade Graduation 6pm
- June 7** End of Fourth Marking Period
- June 7** Last Day for Students
- June 7** Report Cards Go Home

