

Anson Academy Sweetheart King and Queen

Anson Academy hosted their first fundraiser for Relay for Life by hosting a Sweetheart King and Queen competition. All students were eligible to participate, and votes were accrued through donations.

Each penny donated earned a candidate one vote. Students accumulated votes by bringing in spare change and dollars, and more importantly, by just showing up each day. Teachers pledged penny amounts for each day that a student showed up.

Students also earned votes from teachers by showing outstanding citizenship in the form of helping other students, conducting themselves in a positive way, and counseling and correcting other students to prevent disciplinary issues.

Activities culminated with the crowning of the Sweetheart King and Queen at a Valentine's Day celebration with students bringing in refreshments. Once the votes were tallied, there was a surprise tie with Mariah Rogers and Jasmine Crouch earning an equal number of votes for Sweetheart Queen and Deaunte White being crowned Sweetheart King. Anson Academy staff and students had fun while raising \$185.30 for Relay for Life.



National School Bus Driver Appreciation Week

In honor of National School Bus Driver Appreciation Week, the students and staff of Anson Academy expressed their gratitude for the drivers' hard-work and dedication with a bag of treats. Bus drivers are the people who set the tone of the academic day, and we sincerely appreciate them constantly encouraging, supporting and even chastising our scholars in order to help mold them into productive young adults.

Each driver knows what it takes to encourage our students because they are OUR future. We thank you for being the first face the students of Anson County see, and modeling the district mission of ensuring "all students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful and responsible citizens."

Anson County Early College Students of the Month

This year Anson County Early College started a Student of the Month recognition program that celebrates individual achievement by sustaining a culture of learning that not only values academic success but elevates awareness of student contributions to our school and community.

Each month students are nominated by staff for this recognition. Students who are nominated prove that they value their education by exhibiting academic responsibility and curiosity. They also are expected to demonstrate excellent behavior in and out of the classroom, which includes being respectful to both teachers and peers. The students selected each month have their picture displayed on a board in the school and also have a special celebration with Mrs. Decker, Principal of ACEC.

The students pictured were nominated during our first semester this school year. We are truly proud of these students and their accomplishments this semester!

Students pictured are, from left, front row: Kayla Carpenter, Jazlynn Dean, Justin Cooke, Desi Dutton, Kevon Boggan, Julian Suriba, Kazoua Thao and Della Crawford. Second row: Brianna McCollum, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Correia, Atiyana Gaddy, Manav Patel, Ruthie Snodgrass, Callie Thompson, Ashton Lee, Jeremiah Harris and An Tonnu. Third row: David Godwin, Leon Liles, Christy Thompson, Emily Buchanan, McKensie Pace, Emma Streater, Mason Martin, Cameron Bailey and Trenton Smith. Back row: Zachery Echols, Derek Carpenter, Santiago Ponce, Ethan Emrich, Cameron Lucas, Ahman Gatewood, Jesse Usrey, Bianca Garmon, Kinisha Simon and Marcus Maness. Not pictured: Kyah Haynes.



Lots of Things Going on at Lilesville Elementary School!

Lilesville Elementary School is having an excellent school year. The Fall Festival of Reading and Veterans Day Lunch and Learn program were huge successes with extensive parental participation.

- LES has partnered with Hornwood, Inc. to provide an in-school tutoring program where Hornwood allows employees to come to school weekly to help students and/or teachers.
- Lilesville Baptist Church is sponsoring an afterschool tutoring program for students at LES.
- On Halloween the school hosted PBIS Storybook Character Costume Day where students and staff had fun promoting literacy, character, and positive behavior.
- LES students and staff had a very special Christmas with many activities for students and staff, including Christmas Movie and Pajamas Day, a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, daily visits from Santa's reindeer, and the PTO sponsoring Christmas bags for all students that had plenty of goodies. The school hosted their First Annual Christmas Shoppe, which was organized entirely by community volunteers and run completely off donations, with all the proceeds going to the PTO. The Christmas Shoppe and activities helped students learn the value of giving, gratitude, and good "old-fashioned" values of treating people the way you would want to be treated.
- Lilesville Elementary School received a comprehensive needs assessment visit from NCDPI on January 14-15, with many commendations for the school and staff.
- On February 7 students who met their second 9 weeks Accelerated Reader goals were treated to a Frosty Fun Sip and Paint. This included a Wendy's frosty while painting a portrait to take home to their parents. Local artist Dawn McElroy came to school to help students learn to paint portraits.
- Students who met their individual and team iReady goal earned the right to participate in the school's "iReady Day" activities that included a dance and recreational activities.
- LES Kindergarten students were excited about the recent 100 Days Celebration on February 15. Students participated in numerous activities to demonstrate how much they have learned so far this school year.
- Students who earned 25 tickets in the school's PBIS program were able to participate in the Second Annual LES Dodgeball tournament on February 14. The school was named a "Green Ribbon" school of excellence for implementation of PBIS.



The school has strategically and purposefully focused academic instruction and interventions to ensure that all students are successful.

The school has adopted the hashtag #keepgrounding and has an active PTO Facebook page.

