

## Amazing Bearcats at Anson Middle School

Students, staff and teachers at Anson Middle School have been highly engaged in differentiated learning, project based learning and community service during the first semester. From sharing knowledge to dissecting sheep's brains, from volunteering service time to feed the homeless to explaining projects to parents, from being recognized for displaying that our Paws have PRIDE to being chosen as a member of the Clarinet Quartet...our Bearcats are AMAZING!



On the night of Friday, December 6 students displayed their learning during the Night of Excellence. Projects, PowerPoints and presentations from all three grade levels, as well as all discipline areas were prepared for parents and visitors. Included with the science and social studies class projects, Healthy Living, Project Lead the Way, and Band were well represented.

Guests were able to hear holiday music, learn about topics such as weather, fractions, reading, cells, and tumors among many others. Independent projects were an addition for this night, with students preparing a self-directed project ranging from Greek gods to science experimentation. Guests and students alike enjoyed speaking and learning together during the well-attended event. We are looking forward to our next Night of Excellence on March 19.

## AMS Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest

Anson Middle School held its Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest on Tuesday, February 19 in the gymnasium. Parents, guests and students were welcomed by Mr. Jacky King, and music was provided by Mr. Eric Howell and the AMS Band.

The top ten contestants who were chosen to present were required to celebrate Dr. King's legacy through poetry. The poems addressed one or all of the following topics:

- "In today's climate, what does it mean to be free?"
- "How is your freedom being threatened or denied?"
- "How do I take back my rights?"
- "How do I push Freedom Forward for others?"



All of the contenders did an electrifying and phenomenal job. They shared their poems from memory while maintaining poise, engaging the audience and impressing the judges. After much deliberation winners were chosen. Tied for Third Place were Sheeneka Allen and Mariana Greene. The Second Place winner was Sydnee Davis. Zoha Ali captured First Place.

The winners were awarded gift cards and trophies. All participants received certificates and will be honored with a special luncheon by Secondary Education Department Chair Mrs. Deborah Davis.

Pictured below, from left, front row: Ms. Diggs (8th Grade English Teacher), Sydnee Davis, Zoha Ali, Reagan Thomas, Shelia Chau and Mrs. Danielle Blount (Program Coordinator and Principal). Back row: Sheeneka Allen, Nevaeh Sturdivant, Malloy Cox, Mariana Greene, Wykeria Little and Jacqueline Cherry.

## Future Farmers of America (FFA) Growing Strong at AHS

Anson High School is proud of our Nationally affiliated Future Farmers of America Club. Anson FFA was a 2018 Bright Ideas Grant Winner from Pee Dee Electric, with funds going towards an outdoor agriscience classroom. This will provide cross-curricular opportunities for all students at Anson High School, exposing them to real world skills and career readiness. Our agriculture pathway is a highlight of the school and a point of pride when you walk the campus and marvel at the wonderful work done by FFA.

FFA recently participated in a national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, letting members learn from future farmers across the country about the various careers in agriculture. Anson FFA also participated in the NC Southwest Regional FFA Rally (Career Development Events Contests), NC FFA State Leadership Conference, and the NC FFA State Convention in Raleigh.

Anson High School is proud of FFA and how they represent the Anson County across the state and nation, while preparing our students to be future leaders and farmers.



## Science Night at Ansonville Elementary School

Ansonville Elementary held its fourth annual Science Night on Monday, February 11. The night was filled with exciting activities performed by students in every grade level.

Kindergarten students competed in a slime relay race. First and second graders made bottle rockets with recycled 2 liter bottles. The second and third grade students made elephant toothpaste. Fourth grade students made containers for an egg drop competition, and last but not least, the fifth grade students had a robot battle.

Each grade level received points for the various competitions listed above. The night ended with the white team defeating the blue and orange teams in the overall science night competition.

In addition to the student led activities and competition, science teacher Mr. Justin Jones entertained the audience with several demonstrations throughout the night as well.

