#### **Animal Ambassadors Visit PPES!**

Peachland-Polkton Elementary recently hosted the South Carolina group, Animal Ambassadors. The interactive program included different "Animal Ambassadors" from around the world. Students learned about each animal's habitats, life cycles, characteristics and more.

After the presentation a question and answer session took place with the presenters. Students then had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on presentation where the students were able to physically interact with the animals if they chose to do so.

Dr. Travis Steagall commented, "Our students thoroughly enjoyed the program. The presenters and animals were extremely friendly and experienced with children. The program was appropriate for all ages and a great way to use science curriculum in a fun and exciting manner."

### PPES's Lunch Buddy Program

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School is excited about a new program called "lunch buddies" that has been organized by Kelly Christy of Peachland United Methodist

Church. Members from the local Peachland and Polkton community are assigned a student buddy to spend time with each week.

The goal of this program is to build loving, encouraging and reliable relationships with children in the community. The volunteers spend time investing in the children's success by conversing with them during lunch and continuously showing them they truly care.

The new program is in the very beginning stages but has been very beneficial to many PPES students thus far! Having a "lunch buddy" visit is the highlight of our students week! They look forward to having a special visitor come specifically to see them every week. Thanks to all who have participated and supported the program.





#### Wadesboro Primary School hosts Showdown at Resource Ranch

Showdown at Resource ranch (*pictured below left*) was a fun filled performance at Wadesboro Primary School provided by Duke Energy and produced by the National Theatre for Children. Students were engaged and inspired to save energy through green living. The students were encouraged to participate in the My Energy Kit Challenge. which saves 20,000 kwh of energy by reaching 100 kit requests. This was a fantastic and fun educational experience for our students.

#### WPS Goes Red for Heart Health

On Friday February 1 in observance of Heart Health Day Wadesboro Primary school staff wore red to support healthy hearts. This was a way to bring attention to the problem of heart disease in women.

Coronary Heart Disease is the number one killer of women in the United States. Heart Health Day was first observed in 2002. It aims to bring national attention to this fact, and to raise awareness of women's heart health.





## WES Students Promote Peace, Donate Food

Fifth graders at Wadesboro Elementary School created personal action plans for promoting peace at home, in the classroom, on the playground, and in the community in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students learned how Dr. King was active in his community and how he stood up for equal rights in a peaceful manner.

Each student pledged to be peacemakers. Their pledges and handprints were displayed at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration held at Harvest Ministries. The display was entitled "We Give A Hand For Peace."

Students also held a MLK Canned Food Drive and donated canned goods to Wadesboro Elementary School's Backpack Buddies program.





## Breakfast Kiosks at Anson High School and Anson Middle School

We are happy to announce that beginning Friday, March 1, breakfast will be served from a kiosks at both Anson High School and Anson Middle School. No more breakfast lines in the cafeterias! Here are the details:

• Anson High School

Breakfast will be served from a kiosk located in the Commons Area. Breakfast will also be served from kiosks located on the walkway between the Commons Area and B Building, as well as on the walkway between B building and H building between first and second period.

• Anson Middle School Breakfast will be served from kiosks located in the area between the dining room and gym, and also in the gym. Breakfast will also be served from kiosks located in the main lobby area and at the corner of E & F hall between first and second period.

Please join us as we kick off "National School Breakfast Week," March 4 through 8.

Remember, healthy bodies, healthy minds. Always start your day with BREAKFAST!!

# Anson County Schools Thanks Robin and Chris Sanford for Many Years of Support

The Anson County School District would like to thank Chris and Robin Sanford, owners of the Wadesboro IGA, for their generosity over the years in supporting our schools. Their bigheartedness through numerous food and meal donations along with monetary donations has been a tremendous support for our schools, students and staff. We are humbled by the kindness they have shown our district as well as our community throughout the years.

Recently, a major donation was made to support the Christmas Shop Angels and the Anson Women's League as they prepare for the 2019 Christmas Shop at several schools.

We also want to thank Chris for his contributions as a volunteer coach with ACS over the years. Pictured below are, from left, Libby Moore, Robin Sanford, Bonnie Morgan, Linda McCormick, Beth Rogers, Debbie Wright and Chris Sanford (kneeling).

