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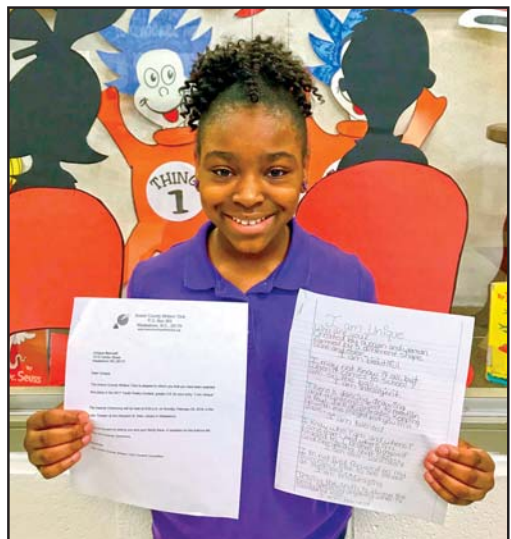
Unique Bennett, Skilled Writer and Artist at WES

Fourth grader Unique Bennett of Wadesboro Elementary School crafted a beautiful and creative poem entitled "I Am Unique." She earned 1st place in the Anson County Writers' Club 2017 Youth Poetry Contest, grades 3-6 category.

Unique is a sweet and talented student. Her teachers say she tries her best every day and is a joy to have in class. She sets goals for herself and works hard to achieve them. Unique is very well mannered and has many friends.

Not only is Unique a talented writer, but she is also a gifted artist as her design called 'I Learn a Thing or Two at Wadesboro Elementary' was selected for the WES PTO Read Across America t-shirt.

Everyone at WES is proud of Unique and cannot wait to read what she writes next!



McDonald's Overrun with Bear Cubs

On Tuesday night, February 13 customers were greeted by a strange band of new employees at McDonald's. These trainees were on their toes as they were given many new tasks. The new employees practiced their skills of following directions, serving the customers, table clean up duty, and floor-waste management.

The trainees were the staff from Wadesboro Primary School. This was a wonderful joint effort between the two community agencies that serve citizens of Anson County.

Many parents were surprised to see the relationship that was being fostered between big business and local service employees. It was an evening full of fun for WPS students and their parents. The students and parents enjoyed seeing the staff in a new environment. The staff had ear to ear smiles while they waited on students and their parents.

It was a fun evening for everyone involved. This program was called McTeacher's Night. A big thank you to McDonald's for helping us raise money to better serve our students.



100 Years Old on the 100th Day of School at WPS

Wadesboro Primary students are officially 100 days smarter! Friday, February 16 was the 100th day of school for WPS.

During the week Kindergarten through third grade students were able to enjoy activities based on the approaching 100th day. These activities spanned the subjects of art, music, media, math and ELA, and all revolved around the number 100. In physical education students participated in a "100 Rep" fitness competition that allowed all grade levels to work together and declare a "100" winner. On Friday senior citizens roamed the halls at Wadesboro Primary as students and staff dressed up as though they were 100 years old.



Lots of Things Going On At Lilesville Elementary School!

This has been a fantastic year at Lilesville Elementary School. Students are working hard in class and earning incentives through the PBIS program.

- Students who meet expectations in the hallways, on the bus, in the cafeteria and in the classroom earn Panther Paw tickets that can be redeemed for merchandise at the PBIS store or used for PBIS events. PBIS is a new incentive program at Lilesville Elementary School that focuses on positive behavior and character education. The school and Hornwood have partnered to re-establish the tutoring program. Hornwood sponsors the program and allows employees to tutor or help support the school each week, including paying employees for their time in service to the school.
- The Lilesville Fire Department spent a day at the school teaching all students and staff fire prevention and safety, which included allowing all students to get aboard one of three fire trucks they brought to the school.
- The Fall Festival on September 29 was a major success this year at LES. Students and parents came out to a night of fun and activities including four bouncy houses, a dunking booth, pie in the face contest, over 20 different games, music, and plenty of food.
- For Veteran's day, the school held an assembly to honor two staff members Sherman Cash and Larry Spencer who are veterans. The veterans shared their experiences with the students.
- The school hosted Storybook Character Day on Halloween, including a Character Day parade and candy bags for all children sponsored by the PTO.
- The school placed a "Spirit Rock" in the front of the school for students and parents to be able to share birthdays, announcements and positive messages. Any parent interested in painting the rocks please contact Mrs. Tina Currie or Mrs. Jacki Howell.
- During the fall semester the school was awarded a Pee Dee Electric Bright Ideas Grant to implement a Programmable Robotics STEM lab.
- The school hosted a Math Night for students and parents on November 7, including a PTO meeting and awards night for first quarter awards.
- The school hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches with parents and grandparents. Over 150 parents came to eat lunch on Thanksgiving and 240 parents came to eat lunch for Christmas. • Christmas was a special time at LES. The school was extensively decorated, students were able to participate in the Polar Express and Pajamas Day PBIS incentive, and the PTO sponsored Christmas for Every Child at LES. Students were all given a bell and ticket from the movie Polar Express to ring as they went home if they believe, and each child received a bookbag with books, pens, pencils, candy, gloves and a toboggan as a gift from the PTO/school to make sure every child got a gift at Christmas.
- The PTO at Lilesville Elementary School started a Facebook page this school year to help create two-way communication in an effective and efficient manner for all stakeholders in the school. The page includes all announcements, events and pictures and is located at: www.facebook.com/Lilesville-Elementary-School-PTO-267251110450053.
- Lilesville Elementary has a strong Accelerated Reader program that challenges and rewards students for reading, including quarterly incentives for meeting reading goals. The PTO treated all students who met their Accelerated Reader goals for the second 9 weeks to pizza at Cici's Pizza and a movie at the theater in Monroe.
- The school recently held a PBIS Valentine's Day Social for students who earned PBIS Panther Paw tickets, including music and dancing, food and bouncy houses.
- Students at Lilesville Elementary have taken field trips to the planetarium, the Ansonia Theatre, Lazy 5 Ranch, the Pumpkin Patch and NCG Movies of Monroe, although there are several more fieldtrips that are upcoming.
- Students are working hard in the classroom to prepare for EOGs at the end of the school year.

The next PTO meeting is March 27 and the next PBIS event will be in conjunction with the Easter holiday. Check out our PTO Facebook page for all upcoming events and announcements.

