

AIG Citizenship Camp

The AIG Department hosted their first Citizenship Camp July 21 to 23 for rising third and fourth grade students. The camp was supervised by Mairy Trexler and Nancy Williams, Anson County School county AIG teachers. Eighteen students attended the three-day camp, along with five middle school and high school volunteers. These volunteers included, Katelyn Stovall, Brooke Stovall, Hunter Williams, Ethan Emrich and Morgan Emrich.

Campers created PowerPoints and displays on citizenship, participated in citizenship centered math activities, played the local board game Ansonian Adventures (available from the Chamber of Commerce), and learned about local government during the camp.

Students enjoyed playing Ansonian Adventures, learning about local businesses and economics during the game. Students also enjoyed creating citizenship art projects using math word problems that dictated the finale. All students created PowerPoints on the word 'citizenship' that included pictures, transitions, sounds and animations. Campers shared their PowerPoints with each other on the last day, sharing information learned throughout the camp.

Guest speakers for the camp included: Steve Adams (Board of Elections), Lisa Davis (Board of Education), Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Lynn Edwards (Chamber of Commerce), Lawrence Gatewood (County Manager), and Barbara and Weaver Thomas (Court House).

Lisa Davis and Michael Freeman shared information about the Board of Education and how it works for the betterment of students. Students were able to share concerns and asked many questions about academics in Anson County. The students even shared positive feedback regarding our school system.

Steve Adams informed the students on the process of voting for local government and the current elections. He answered many questions regarding politics and how local officials are working for the citizens of Anson County.



Lynn Edwards joined the campers on Tuesday, sharing information on how the board game Ansonian Adventures was created by the Chamber of Commerce. She helped students set the games up and participated as students played during camp.

Barbara and Weaver Thomas escorted students to the courtroom where they held a mock trial. Students were able to be jurors, judge, defense attorneys, prosecutors, bailiffs, clerk of court, defendant and witnesses throughout the trial. Students enjoyed voting as a jury, deciding their classmate's fate in the proceedings.

Lawrence Gatewood showed students the County Commissioners Board Room, sharing information on how commissioners run the local government. He also shared census information with the students including Anson County population, North Carolina population, local geography, and commissioner meeting rules and regulations.

Overall, the AIG department feels that this camp was a success. We hope to continue to host this event in the future. We will continue to strive to help students to become more aware of what Anson County has to offer, in order to help them to become better citizens.

PPES Summer Day Camp

Mrs. Ruth Robinson is shown in the here with students at Peachland-Polkton Elementary Summer Day Camp. Mrs. Robinson is shown working with students on their writing skills.



Students have worked on their reading, writing and math to be able to work and practice the skills they learned for the next grade level. The students have also had enrichment opportunities with art, music, and pool safety and swimming.

Classroom "Wish List"

Items listed below are often used in classrooms. Churches, businesses, clubs, organizations, parents and friends of education may donate any of these items to a school in Anson County. Schools receiving large amounts of supplies will share with schools that may need additional supplies.

Thanks for helping children!

- Beach towel or small blanket
- Book bag (without rollers)
- Zip Lock Bags (all sizes)
- # 2 wooden pencils
- Pencil top erasers
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Spiral bound composition books, wide ruled (approximately 70 pages)
- College ruled notebook paper
- Reusable water bottles
- Tennis balls
- Glue sticks or Bottled Elmer's Glue
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Glitter
- White or brown lunch paper bags
- Paper plates & napkins
- Tissue paper (any color)
- Pipe cleaners
- Colored pencils
- Wooden clip boards
- Ballpoint pens (any color)
- Folders with 2, 3, or 4 pockets
- Mechanical pencils
- Subject composition books
- Pencil pouch
- Graph paper
- 1-inch 3 ring binder (with clear plastic sleeve on front cover)
- Crayons
- Kindergarten lined paper
- Protractor, Compass, Ruler
- Non spiral composition books
- Yarn
- Shoebox size plastic storage containers
- Tab dividers (5 sections)
- Highlighters (any color)
- Index cards and card box
- Rolls of paper towels

Financial donations may be made and designated to assist with school supplies, field trips, lunch and/or breakfast money, uniform clothing, etc. Financial donations should be submitted to the school Principal. Receipts will be provided upon request.

Kindergarten Orientation

Staggered Entry 2014-2015

Kindergarten is such an exciting year. Children have the opportunity to learn many important things, but it can be a little overwhelming at first. To ensure a successful transition into kindergarten, special small group orientation days will be scheduled the first five days of school (August 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29).

Kindergarten students will attend school on only one of the five orientation days, according to their last name. Students may ride the bus to and from school on their orientation day. Regular school hours will be observed.

During orientation Kindergarten students will become familiar with their school and start learning daily routines. Teachers will assess children's developmental readiness on a one-on-one basis. The results of this assessment will be used to help teachers better meet the instructional needs of the students during the 2014-2015 school year.

Kindergarten Orientation Schedule for Ansonville, Lilesville, Morven, Peachland-Polkton and Wadesboro Primary Schools

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| Monday, August 25
Last names that begin with A-E | Thursday, August 28
Last names that begin with P-Z |
| Tuesday, August 26
Last names that begin with F-J | Friday, August 29
Late Enrollees |
| Wednesday, August 27
Last names that begin with K-O | Monday, September 1
Holiday, no school |
| | Tuesday, September 2
Kindergarten begins |

Innovative Summer Science Camps Encourage Science Education

This summer the Rotary Planetarium and Science Center has been teaming with excited science campers at many different camps. They have hosted Science Enrichment Camps for Grades three through six. During these camps students dissected owl pellets (top photo right), frogs, sharks and cats as well as participating in hands-on activities using Lego Machines and dry ice.

The Enrichment Camps were provided for eligible students at no charge, sponsored by the Anson County School System.

The weekly Summer Science Camps have also been in full swing. Students at these camps either pay a weekly tuition or are eligible for a scholarship to attend.

The first camp was Mini-Miners Week where campers built rock collections and went to Hiddenite to the Emerald Mine to hunt for their own gems (photo lower right). Many of the rocks that students were given during the week were provided by former Ansonians, T. D. and Jean Burns of Charlotte.

The second week of camp was Believe It or Not. This week was full of surprises. It began with a cow eyeball dissection, dry ice ice cream and explosions (photo at right), a mink dissection, and concluded with a turtle dissection.

The weekly field trip was to Wonderworks at Broadway at the Beach (bottom photo). After an exciting trip of spinning on the 360 bike and an adventurous ropes course, students went to lunch at Johnny Rockets. Students clapped and sang and ate in their little soda hats that were provided by the restaurant.

The third week of camp, Cruisin' The Cosmos, will utilize the new Starlab Digital Projection system that was purchased through grants, Duke Energy and private donations. Traveling through time, real time night skies and close encounters with planets are all part of the awesome features of the new system.

This week, students will build large and small rockets and compare thrust versus size. An in-depth investigation on aliens will also be done. Two field trips, one to the exhibit at Discovery Place called Aliens and Androids, and a second one to the omnisphere at the Greensboro Science Center, will highlight the week. The last day will be rocket blastoff day.

It has been a fun summer and will continue on into the new school year with multiple visits by all of the Anson County Schools fifth graders for hands-on science activities.



LES Summer Camp

The Lilesville Elementary School Summer Day Camp has been busy with a capital "B"! Under the direction and supervision of Ms. Katie Gaddy and Mrs. Debbie Griffin, the students have participated in an assortment of liveliness.

Some of the fun, learning activities and events have included remediation and enrichment work using laptops, science lessons incorporating the making of Borax crystals, the planting of grass seed to create a "man with hair," a nature walk, the dyeing of Queen Anne's Lace, the studying of the life cycle of a butterfly and making of butterfly magnets, the making of homemade ice cream, the studying of sea animals while making "shark" cookies and creating a fish bowl, the building of cardboard snakes while learning about reptiles, and the creating of campers and camp fires using graham crackers, cookies, pretzels, and fruit roll-ups.

A dental health lesson was presented by a North Carolina Dental Hygienist, Tillie Clark. Social Studies lessons included the crafting of gifts for Father's Day, a walking field trip to the Town of Lilesville, and making an art project with pennies while learning about money and budgeting. The students were able to make a purchase at Whit's Convenience Store as part of their lesson before going to Hatcher Park for a little healthy active kid time. 3Students also enjoyed making their own hula hoop, water balloon toss and relay games, and the decorating of t-shirts using sandpaper.

