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Summer Institute at AHS and ACEC

Select AHS and ACEC students spent six weeks over the summer participating in the Summer Institute on the campus of Anson High School. This innovative summer program combined the content from core courses with hands-on learning experiences in labs, physical education, and a variety of Career and Technical Education offerings.

This cross-curricular approach allowed students to participate in various areas of study such as automotive, agriculture, digital media, business, and engineering. This unique summer extension opportunity allowed students to focus on the core course content while making connections and exploring areas of interest and career/educational opportunities.

Lab Day / Core Day Schedule The lab day/core day schedule rotation allowed lab students to explore a variety of learning opportunities while making connections to core content

areas. Some highlights include: exploring effective business operations, understanding the importance of marketing and advertising, building and competing in an on-site robotics tournament, vehicle maintenance, and automotive shop safety. Additionally, students researched food safety, harvested lettuce, and studied horses on campus while focusing on equine science.

Overall, Summer Institute was a success! It is a great way to highlight all the CTE areas of study on the campus of Anson High School and a fantastic way to jumpstart our 2021-2022 school year!





Exciting Learning Opportunities Abound

Staff have been working hard to generate a lot of learning exciting opportunities for our students this school year including a student-run coffee shop called "Cats Cafe," a professional recording booth, drone technology for aerial photography and videography, a robotics course, an outdoor classroom with a pond, a salad

AHS



bar stocked daily with fresh produce grown in the FFA program and a low-ropes course for community team building and JROTC training.



Writing in the Garden Workshop Morven Elementary School Hosted opportunities this summer for students to

participate in a Writing in the Garden workshop for grades 3-5. The workshop was sponsored through a partnership with HOLLA!, the NC Arts Council, local businesses and individuals in the community. The workshop featured Mr. Phillip Shabazz (Poet) and Ms. Emily Bolick (Agriculturalist). Various Community Stakeholders donated snacks and healthy treats throughout the week of June 14-18.

MES Students performed in a Youth Poetry Slam at the conclusion of the week. Resident author Phillip Shabazz is a poet, teacher and writer who conducts creative writing workshops in the schools of North Carolina through the NC Arts Council. Students made friends and sampled delicious treats provided by the community.

Reading in the Garden Camp Former Anson County Youth Career Connect and current UNC-Wilmington student Emily Bolick spent time with students doing gardening and other projects. The Reading in the Garden Camp was exciting as students planted, grew, and harvested vegetables. As the children exercised their Green Thumbs, they also

learned about aquaponics.

in the MES Garden. Students showed up weekly to work and nurture their garden. The vegetables are a fruitful finale to an amazing summer camp experience







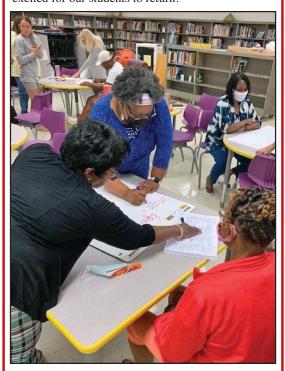




WES Staff are Excited About **Upcoming School Year!**

Wadesboro Elementary started the year strong with our mission of "Equity through Empathy."

Staff collaborated and worked towards an actionable plan with a focus on providing the best educational experience for each individual student. Fully energized from the summer, our teachers are excited for our students to return.



Innovative Learning at Wadesboro Primary School

This year at Wadesboro Primary School, each grade level is being provided a Project-Based Learning Lab for their class to utilize for science experiments and project-based activities. This space is set up to support collaborative learning as well as engaging experiments, so students can experiment with inquiry-based learning and hands-on activities.

Some of the activities planned for the upcoming school year are planting flowers, investigating the different types of soil and how they promote growth, investigating rocks, and weathering journaling. These are just a few activities that some students will collaborate on in their project-based classrooms.

Students will be provided with goggles, gloves, and other science materials to provide a more hands-on approach to the curriculum.

Pictured below, Ms. Gaddy and Mr. Sapp are investigating the properties of rocks and minerals. This is just one of the many exciting experiments that students will get the opportunity to complete this year





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Parent/Teacher Conferences

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

DISMISSAL AT 12:30 PM PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM 1:00 - 6:00 PM

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MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOLS EARLY RELEASE Parent/Teacher Conferences

> **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** DISMISSAL AT 1:30 PM

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