



# Inside Your Anson County Schools

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## Letter from the Superintendent

Anson County Students, Parents, and Community Members:

In this edition of Inside Anson I want to thank each and every person who continues to provide support as we rapidly move through another school term. It seems especially appropriate to thank our stakeholders as we celebrate holidays in our community. Many children have unique needs beyond the regular services public schools provide. As businesses, individuals, non-profit organizations, clubs, and members of the faith community continuously provide instructional support by tutoring, donating school supplies, meals, clothes, and yes, toys for Santa to leave on December 25, my heart is touched by the tremendous acts of kindness provided to our students. Children who live in Anson County are truly blessed to have so many adults who are willing to provide resources for them. The entire Anson County Community deserves a pat on the back for so generously caring for our children.

Sadly, some children may still have needs that we are unable to meet through public school services, so help from the community continues to be vital; especially during the holidays. As a community, please make announcements at all gatherings such as church services, family reunions, the workplace, etc. The announcements should request that we all keep a special watch over the children in our community during the upcoming holidays to ensure safety. Children need to be monitored at all times.

Adults could plan to spend some special quality time with a child or several children during the holidays. This quality time could involve a visit to the Hampton B. Allen library in Wadesboro or another place that would be special to a child. Try to read with a child every day.

On behalf of the entire Anson County Schools family, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Your dedication to children and your contributions impact the success of Anson County Schools.

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S., Superintendent

## Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

All regular meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting.

Open Session begins at 6:30 p.m. (Any changes in time will be published in The Express Newspaper, posted on the Anson County Schools website and posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office.)

Meetings will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center at the Board of Education Office, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, unless otherwise noted.

### December 15, 2014

Closed Session begins at 3:30 p.m.  
Open Session begins at 4:30 p.m.

### January 26, 2015

### February 23, 2015

### March 23, 2015

### April 27, 2015

### May 18, 2015

### June 25, 2015

## Anson Schools Mobile App Launched

Anson County Schools launches free mobile app for parents and community

Powered by Blackboard, Anson Schools new mobile app brings vital district information to smartphones. It is available free on Android and Apple iOS devices. It's everything you could want to know about Anson County Schools in one easy-to-use, mobile location! The Anson Schools custom mobile district app gives parents and students a one-stop spot for access to all important district and school information any time of day or night.

Now parents and community members have a central hub with all the tools they need to stay in touch with the latest news and alerts including:

- Digest feed provides personalized, on-demand access to school news
- Important notifications like emergency alerts, school closures or early releases
- Instant access to vital attendance and emergency hotlines
- Easy access to PowerSchool and Lunch Pre-Pay information

To download the current Anson County Schools mobile app search for Anson Schools in the App Store or Google Play Store. Look for the Bearcat paw.

For more information about Blackboard's K-12 solutions please visit [www.blackboard.com/k-12](http://www.blackboard.com/k-12).



## Senior Showcase at Anson County Early College

On Monday, Dec. 1 Anson County Early College High School had its Senior Showcase. During Senior Showcase the seniors present their senior projects to the underclassmen. Underclassmen are responsible for offering the seniors feedback about their work before the seniors present their projects to community members for a final grade.

The Showcase is set up as a gallery walkway where students walk through and view each project and offer feedback. This activity is very helpful for the seniors and serves as a practice round for them before they present their final projects. This is also helpful for the underclassmen because it gives them an opportunity to see what is required when it is their time to complete a senior project.

The senior project is a requirement of every senior at Anson County Early College High School and consists of a research paper, portfolio and a product. Students are able to choose their own topic.

Our seniors have worked very hard this semester on their senior projects since August and are eager to present them to community members for their final review!



## Parents Are Involved at Morven Elementary School

Morven Elementary School held an I CARE Program recently. Parents were able to watch a movie with their child and express their ideas using context clues.

The parents' guidance time was centered around the story, *Who Moved My Cheese*.



## JROTC Supports USMC Reserve Toys for Tots

The Anson County School Army JROTC Bearcat Battalion actively supported the USMC Reserve Toys for Tots Holiday Drive this year with overwhelming results. As part of this year's community service project Cadets planned public service announcements in support of the drive, managed collection boxes and reached into their own pockets to purchase some really great toys in support of the kids.



## Wadesboro Elementary School Students Host Veterans Day Program



Wadesboro Elementary School students hosted a Veterans Day Program at their monthly PTA meeting on November 10th. Local veterans were invited and there was standing room only for the program!

Fifth grade students started off the program by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and explaining key words in this solemn oath. This was followed by recognition of Character Education winners and those who achieved honor roll for the first report period.

The sixth graders then performed a play, *What is a Veteran?* It explained in a humorous manner how someone becomes a veteran. The play was followed by short video clips illustrating different aspects of military service. Of particular interest was the segment on military working dogs.

The culmination of the program consisted of local veterans and auxiliary members introducing themselves, their branch of service and where they served. WES is home to two Army veterans, Mr. Owens and Ms. Frost.

The PTA officers provided refreshments.