

Anson Academy Service Project Spreads Cheer at Anson Health and Rehab

Anson Academy students spread Christmas cheer for Anson Health and Rehabilitation residents recently.

Christmas is a special time of the year that we share love, joy, peace and happiness with others. When this is done it exemplifies the real meaning of Christmas. The Service Project Class at Anson Academy was moved by the spirit of Christmas to share with Anson Health and Rehabilitation residents some of their talents and gifts. The class made Christmas cards and prepared gifts to give to each of the residents. As the class motto states: "Be the Change," students are working toward meeting some of the needs of the community. The students wanted to be among the first citizens involved in lifting the spirit of those around us.

"Thanks" to the Service Project students taught by Mrs. Brenda Bennett and to the Principal Preston Waddell at the Anson Academy. Again, thanks for an excellent job in making such a positive impact in our community. This is just one of the projects that the students have taken on "Be the Change"



Local School Board Member Appointed to All-State School Board

The North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) has named Anson County Board of Education member Lisa Davis (*on left in photo*) to the honorary All-State School Board. Davis was recognized during the Awards Ceremony of the Association's 46th Annual Conference for Board Member Development in Greensboro on November 17. During her introduction conference attendees learned that Davis credits the joys of motherhood for inspiring her passion to serve all the children in her county. She has served as board member for 13 years and has also been a school advisory council member, school improvement team member, and parent teacher organization officer. She also supports local schools by volunteering as a tutor, reading with children, and participating in campus beautification projects.



The All-State School Board is comprised of seven board members selected throughout the state. These individuals have made significant contributions to their school systems during their tenure on the local board of education. The members of the All-State School Board were peer-nominated for NCSBA's Raleigh Dingman Award or the School Board Member Leadership Award. Dr. Christine Fitch of Wilson County was named the Raleigh Dingman award winner, and Worley T. Edwards of Columbus County was named the School Board Member Leadership award winner. Other members of the honorary All-State Board are Amanda Bell, Rockingham County; Randy Burns, Burke County; June B. Dailey, Caswell County; Gary Farmer, Wilson County; David E. Hale, Craven County; and Barbara Yates, Columbus County.

NCSBA was established in 1937 as an advocate for public school education. It is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership association that represents all 115 local boards of education in the state and the Board of Education of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. NCSBA's mission is to provide leadership and services that enable local boards of education to govern effectively.

Anson Middle School Fall Athletics

Anson Middle School's athletics had a successful fall season. The AMS Orange Volleyball, Football and Golf teams were all recognized at the November 23 Board of Education meeting for having successful seasons. The volleyball team advanced to the first round of the playoffs, and the football team played in the championship game on November 4. The Golf team also had a great season.



The football team, headed by Mr. JF Harward (*right side of photo above left*) and other veteran staff members, went undefeated throughout its season. The team averaged 281 yards and 35 points per game offensively, while only giving up 11 points per game defensively, with two games being shut outs. The season ended with the team going to the championship game, losing to East Hoke Middle School.



During the fall season several seventh and eighth grade female students tried out for the Lady Bearcat Volleyball teams. Fifteen girls were selected to represent the school on the blue team, while another fifteen were chosen for the orange team. Although both teams had a successful regular season, only the orange team advanced to the first round of playoffs. They are shown in the bottom photo.



New to Anson Middle School this year was the formation of a coed Bearcat Cross Country team, which was comprised of both seventh and eighth graders and coached by Mr. Paul Emmerling. Team members were Justin Ledbetter, Talisa Rogers, Mya Sturdivant, Heaven Brown, J.J. Stanback, Taylor Golden, Emily Delp, Miraqule Stanberry and Esperanza Veronica-Martinez. Talisa Rogers and Mya Sturdivant were selected to be team leaders. The team and Coach Emmerling are shown in the top right picture.

The Cross Country runners competed in four meets. Justin Ledbetter, the lone boy, finished third twice out of 40 runners. When asked about how he felt about the inaugural middle school cross country season Coach Emmerling stated that he was most impressed with the runners' drive and fortitude.

The Anson Golf Team completed another successful season. Caleb Henry had a hole-in-one this season and was recognized for having the best round of golf out of all golfers in the conference. Caleb is pictured second row left. The team is pictured second row right receiving instructions before a game.

PowerSchool Mobile App

PowerSchool Mobile, the highest rated Student Information System (SIS) app, is available for free to PowerSchool parents and students. Through its mobile application, PowerSchool provides access for parents and students to real-time student information on grades, attendance, assignments, scores, and comments. Parents can register to receive immediate alerts specific to their child. PowerSchool is the most widely used SIS in K12 education, supporting millions of students and parents around the globe.

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Elementary AIG Students and Anson High EC Students Decorate Tree

AIG elementary students and EC students from Anson High School did an excellent job in creating curriculum-related decorations for the tree in the Staff Development Center. A special thanks goes out to their teachers, Nancy Williams, Mairy Trexler, Latricia Ratliff and Nelson Rushing.

