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## **ECSD NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Announcements**

**ECSD Guests on WSRE's inStudio's February – Black History Month Episode:** inStudio is a locally produced round-table television show that airs live and is later available on their web page for future viewing. For their February episode, this month they featured local members of the African American community including Dr. Michael Roberts, Principal at Booker T. Washington High School, as well as Washington's Mrs. Carla Ross and Coach Charlie Ward, as well as two Washington High students from DECA. This episode can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORujoib30Es>

**Elementary School Open Enrollment:** The Open Enrollment window for online applications for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be open Jan 30 through March 10. A link to the application can be found on School Choice website or the school's website beginning Feb 1st.

POC: <http://www.ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/SchoolChoice> or call 850-469-5580.

**Pensacola Museum of Art's 63rd Annual Youth Art Focus:** The art exhibition recognizing National Youth Art Month will continue through Feb. 18 and will feature art created by students and their teachers from every ECSD school. Come and celebrate young artistic achievements and our district art teachers. The exhibition is sponsored by the PMA Guild. For more info. Go to: <http://www.pensacolamuseum.org/upcoming.html>

### **Upcoming Events in Escambia County Schools From Feb. 14 through Feb 24**

#### **REMINDER: West Pensacola Elementary School's Kindergarten Performance Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m.**

The West Pensacola Elementary School's Kindergarten classes will present, "We Love to Love" on Feb. 13 at 6:00 p.m. This evening performance will include a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for PBS before the musical program.

POC: Principal Sabrena Cunningham or Kyle Kaye, Music Teacher, 850-453-7470.

#### **Happy Valentine's Day Feb 14**

This is NOT a school holiday.

### **Scenic Heights Elementary School's 1st Grade Performance**

**Feb. 16, 6:00 p.m.**

Scenic Heights Elementary School's 1st grade program, "Goin' Buggy" will be performed at 6:00 p.m. in their school cafeteria on Feb. 9 and Feb. 16. Come out and enjoy the program!

POC: Michelle Fortune, 850-494-5635, ext. 221.

### **Brown Barge Middle School's Bridges Stream Opening Ceremony**

**Feb. 15, 10:00 a.m.**

Brown-Barge Middle School's Bridges stream will be holding their bridge opening ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Feb. 15. The students have built two 8-foot long arch bridges and two connected suspension bridges, totaling 23 feet in length. Following the opening ceremony, students will hold a showcase with digital and tri-board presentations.

POC: Principal Joe Snyder, 850-494-5640.

### **Special School Board Workshop**

**Feb. 16, 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting to be held in the J.E. Hall Center, Room 160.

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### **Leadership by the Bay**

**Feb 17 - 20**

West Florida High School will host "Leadership by the Bay" sponsored by the Florida Association of Student Councils (FASC). The Florida Association of Student Councils (FASC) consists of over 200 middle and high schools from throughout the State of Florida who are working together to bring about a growth in student leadership development, participation in student activities and student engagement in civic affairs.

### **Regular School Board Workshop**

**Feb. 17, 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting to be held in the J.E. Hall Center, Room 160.

### **Escambia Westgate School's Mardi Gras Parade**

**Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m.**

Escambia Westgate's Mardi Gras Committee will hold this year's Annual Mardi Gras Celebration Parade for the students scheduled Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m at the front bus ramp at Westgate. There is more information for the Krewes and other parade participants on the School District calendar linked to this event.

POC: Joe Denmon at Westgate at 494-5700 ext. 259, or Amy Bates at ext. 243. We would love to have you and your krewe, and/or unit, at our parade this year!

### **ECCPTA Founders Day 2017 Luncheon**

**Feb. 17, 11:00 a.m.**

The ECCPTA is holding this year's Founders Day at the Wright Place at 80 East Wright Street, Pensacola, FL 32501. The guest speaker this year will be Sue Straughn and Cindy Gerhardt, State PTA President, will deliver greetings from the State. Tickets are \$20 and attendees are asked to RSVP and pay for their tickets no later than Feb. 10. RSVP to ECCPTA 1st Vice President Anessa Flannigan or by mailing a completed flyer to ECCPTA 30 E. Texar Dr. Pensacola FL 32503.

POC: Anessa [Flannigan.1stvp@escambiapta.org](mailto:Flannigan.1stvp@escambiapta.org)

### **Annual Escambia Westgate 5K Run/Walk or Roll**

**Feb. 18, 8 a.m.**

The 2017 Annual Escambia Westgate 5K Run/Walk or Roll will be held on Feb. 18 at 8:00 a.m. at the school at 10050 Ashton Brosnaham Rd. This year's 5K is Mardi Gras-themed and will include prizes for the best adult costume, best child costume, and best group costume. They will also have the traditional medals for 1st Place Adult Male, Adult Female, Youth Male, Youth Female, and Adaptive Athlete. This is a fantastic event for families and children 12 and under are only \$10 to participate. All runners, walkers and rollers are encouraged to participate and support their students. The proceeds go to the Snoezelen Center funds to help build a new gym. Here is the link to register: [https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=125774](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=125774)

The entry fees for adults (over 12) are \$25 for early registration, \$30 for late and \$35 on the day of the race. Escambia Westgate is located at 10050 Ashton Brosnaham Rd, Pensacola, FL 32534.

POC: Call Escambia Westgate at 850-494-5700.

### **Presidents' Day**

**Feb. 20, All day**

The students have a day off from classes while teachers and staff members have a day for professional development.

### **Regular School Board Meeting**

**Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m.**

The meeting will be held in the J.E. Hall Center, Room 160.

### ***Purchasing Card Rebate Celebration --- Special Milestone Event -- Ten Years of Hardwork and Collaboration between ECSD Purchasing Staff and Regions Bank has added up to \$1M Total Rebates!***

***Media Invited to Come and Celebrate with Us!!!!***

***Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.***

*The ECSD Purchasing Department and Regions Bank are arranging a special milestone event to celebrate earning One Million Dollar Purchasing Card Rebate Celebration for Feb. 22 for the School District Purchasing Card Managers. The celebration will be held in the J.E. Hall Center in Room 160.*

*POC: Cindy Davison, 850-469-6202*

**Dr. Ellen Prager Visits B.T. Washington High School's Marine Science Academy  
Feb 23, 11:30 a.m.**

WSRE is hosting Dr. Ellen Prager, a marine biologist, as a speaker the evening of Feb. 23rd. She will visit Booker T. Washington High School that day to meet students in the Marine Science Academy and hear about their research projects. Prager is a marine scientist and author, widely recognized for her expertise and ability to make science entertaining and understandable for people of all ages. She has built a national reputation as a spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues.

POC: Ed Bauer at BTWHS and Mary Riker, WSRE (850) 484-1200 or 850-484-1211

**Lincoln Park Primary School's Family STEM Night  
Feb. 23, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Lincoln Park will be celebrating its 3rd 9-weeks Family STEM Night. All activities will be centered around a Mardi Gras theme. There will be fun activities for the entire family. The evening will culminate with a light meal and performance by Lincoln Park students.

POC: Principal Cassandra Smith, 850-494-5620.

**Oakcrest Elementary School performance of "A Blast to the Past," A Journey  
Through Black History Month**

**Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m.**

Students in Oakcrest Elementary School's ENCORE Drama and Art Troupe will be performing "A Blast to the Past," A Journey Through Black History Month. The show has been written by Jennifer Kay Godwin and Cathy S. Melton and it takes place at Oakcrest Elementary School in the year 3017! Admission is free and seating will begin at 5:30 p.m. The ENCORE program is new at Oakcrest and funded by a Grant for Excellence from the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation and involves 46 students this year.

POC: Cathy Melton, Music Specialist, 850-595-6980.

**Brentwood Elementary School's PBS Mardi Gras Parade**

**Feb. 24, 1:00 p.m.**

Brentwood Elementary School will hold their annual PBS Mardi Gras Parade to honor their bucket fillers! They are calling all Krewe members willing to dress up and join the parade by tossing beads, candy and moon pies to their awesome kiddos! Please contact Scotti Mason, behavior coach, if interested in attending or donating items for the cause.

POC: Scotti Mason, 850-595-6800.

**Montclair Elementary School's Mardi Gras Parade**

**Feb. 24, 1:00 p.m.**

Montclair Elementary School will hold their Mardi Gras Parade on Feb. 24 at 1:00 p.m. They would also appreciate the donation of beads and small toys to be used as throws during the parade.

POC: Rhonda Robinson, 850-595-6969, ext. 221

### **Skills USA/Worlds of Possibilities Expo**

**Feb. 28 and 29, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Students attend one day or the other. Check with career academy instructors for the schedule.

### **O.J. Semmes Elementary School's Dr. Seuss Celebration**

**Mar. 2, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

O.J. Semmes Elementary School is hosting a Celebration of all things Seuss! This year Read Across America marks what would have been his 113th Birthday! O.J. Semmes is the recent winner of the \$1000 NEA Read Across America Award for 2017! The school is working with the Pensacola Chapter of The Links, Inc. to organize visitors who will read books by Seuss starting at 8:00 a.m. A brochure is attached (below). The Links are also encouraging donations of Kindle Fires (\$99) to help them with a goal of having as many eReaders as students. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer join them on March 2nd, call the school to sign up.

POC: Natasha Burton, Media Specialist, 850-595-6975.

### **WSRE Shining Star Awards**

**Mar. 2, 5:30 p.m.**

The Escambia Elementary Principal's Association and WSRE have joined together to present the Shining Star Awards Program to Escambia county students this year. The 2017 program will be held on Mar. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in WSRE's Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio.

POC: Each school's principal.

### **Booker T. Washington High School's Spring Musical**

**Mar. 2 – 4, 7:00 p.m.**

**Mar. 5, 2:00 p.m.**

Booker T. Washington High School Theatre program presents DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID on Mar. 2-5, 2017. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and children and \$10.00 for adults. Evening performances are at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday Matinee is at 2:00pm. Tickets are available for sale at the door.

POC: Barbie Spears at 475-5257 ext. 251.

### **Escambia Physical Education Association (EPEA) 2017 Kickball Tournament**

**Mar. 3, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Mar. 4, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

7th Annual Kickball Tournament for ECSD employees will be held at Exchange Park, Pensacola, on Friday, Mar. 3 and Saturday Mar. 4. Does your school/department have what it takes to bring home the crown of "District Champs"? Come out to play, or come out to cheer!

POC: Casandra Waller, 850-595-0185, Physical Education, Health, Wellness, and Driver Education Specialist, (850) 595-0185 ext.223.

Photos and Videos from ECSD Events are often found on Facebook on the page – Escambia Schools Public Relations as well as on many department and school pages! Please explore, find the variety of pages, then show your support by clicking *LIKE* on the ones you like and *SHARE* posts that interest you, so your friends will discover all of the great news that is available every day in ECSD Schools!

***Your Event Could Be Featured HERE!!!***

*Send the basic information to [kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us) – which school, name of the event, date, time, a description, any other important details like ticket prices, and a POC (Point of Contact).*

*Information is added to the District's calendar and then goes out by email to our internal audience as well as local media. Help ECSD PRC help you tell your story or promote your event! Also, after the event, please remember to send a couple of your favorite photos (with captions) and a short write up so it can be featured on Facebook on the Escambia Schools Public Relations page. Your wonderful event could inspire others, so please share!!!*

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