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ECSD NEWS RELEASE

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Announcements

Teacher Recruitment: Do you know someone interested in applying to teach in Escambia County, FL? If so, please share with them that there is a new page filled with information and links to everything they need to know about to get the application process started. Please refer them to the page at: escambiaschools.net/teachecsd

FLA Mission of Mercy (FLAMOM) will be here! In Escambia County! At Woodham Middle School on March 24 and 25: Please help spread the word!!!! The Mission of Mercy free dental clinic will take place here in Pensacola on Mar. 24 and 25. They have organized dentists, including specialists, dental hygienists (and supervised dental students) to offer free dental care and procedures for 2,500 people of all ages over two days. This is for people with or without insurance. Services will be first-come, first-served, so arrive early and be prepared to wait – the average . Each patient will get a class in dental hygiene and a full xray. They will then be assessed to see what care they need. If it is: cleanings, fillings, extractions, limited root canal therapy, pediatric dentistry – the most urgent need will be addressed. This is a rare occasion and won't happen in our part of the state again anytime soon! Please help get this news to those who need it! They can go to www.flamom.org for more information. (FYI – If someone is in pain, they urge them to go to their dentist or the ER – Don't wait for MoM! Procedures they will not be set up to provide include: Bone grafting, braces, crowns, dentures, extraction of unerupted wisdom teeth, gum surgery, implants, narcotics, root canals, and tooth whitening (bleaching).

Battle of the Books (BoB) News: The team registration deadline for the 6th annual Battle of the Books is March 31st. Go to <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/BoB> to register. Battle of the Books is a district-wide academic book bowl. Third graders will be asked questions from eight selected titles on the Sunshine State Young Readers Award list and 4th-8th will be asked questions on all fifteen titles. High school students will be asked questions from Florida Teens Read list. The District Battle of the Books is Saturday, May 13, 2017 in the gym at Washington High School from 8a.m.-12p.m. For more information, please read the brochure posted on the site or contact B.o.B. chairperson Dolores Underwood at dunderwood@escambia.k12.fl.us

ECSD Digital Showcase 2017 News: The Information Technology Department is excited to announce the ECSD Digital Showcase 2017 will be held on May 5, 2017 from 5:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m. at the Spencer Bibbs Training Center. This annual event

celebrates innovative educator and student use of technology and is attended by many influential visitors who support our instructional technology program and Vision 2020 in a variety of ways. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us in recognizing innovative educator and student use of technology at this year's Escambia County Digital Showcase. Attendees will have an opportunity to visit with these 21st Century teachers and students. Past participants have demonstrated virtual literature circles, iPads for small groups, Chromebooks, robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, Minecraft, coding, Bring Your Own Device, virtual environments and much more. Those who are interested in participating can submit their ideas by clicking on the link below and completing the ECSD Digital Showcase 2017 Application: <https://goo.gl/forms/uhkQsXQ6sJT0NDih1>
For more information, please contact one of the IT Teachers:

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RHEC Thank You: The team at the Roy Hyatt Environmental Center want to thank everyone who helped support this year's Night of Nature (held Mar.10). It was a great success and the weather was wonderfully supportive as well. They hosted 800 visitors! Save these dates for next year: RHEC Fall Open House will be on Sept. 30 and the next Night of Nature will be on Mar. 9, 2018.

Upcoming Events in Escambia County Schools From Mar. 13 through Mar 25, 2017

Mar. 14 – Happy Pi Day (3.14)

Regular School Board Meeting for March

Mar. 14, 5:30 p.m.

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

N.B. Cook Elementary School's Fifth Grade Musical

Mar. 16 and 17, 8:00 a.m.

N.B. Cook Elementary School's Fifth grade will present " A History of the Emerald Isles" a musical about the history of Ireland and St. Patrick's day. The play will take place Mar. 16 and 17 at 8.00 a.m. in the school auditorium. Come join them to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

POC: Jean Odom - Drama Dept., 850-595-6826, ext. 247, school office 850-595-6826.

Special Olympics Spring Games at Tate High School

Mar. 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The 21st Annual Escambia County School District's Special Olympics Spring Games will take place on Thursday, Ma. 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Tate High School

(with Friday, March 17 as a back-up if the 16th is rained out). 600 athletes from 27 schools will participate in various Track & Field events. Over 500 student volunteers will assist by being 'buddies', event workers, etc. Opening Ceremonies will feature Special Olympic athletes running with the Special Olympics Torch around the track. There will also be an Olympic Village for the athletes to enjoy after they have completed their Track & Field events.

POC: Cheryl Guilbeau, ECSD ESE Program Specialist, PI, 850-595-0761, Ext. 212.

ECSD Appreciation Luncheon

Mar. 16, 11:00 a.m.

The Escambia County School District will honor outstanding volunteers, teachers, mentors and partners in education at an annual luncheon at New World Landing. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

POC: Jo McArthur and Linda Joyce Knight, Community Involvement Office, 850-469-5676.

Scenic Heights Elementary School's Kindergarten Program and Partner Signing Ceremony

Mar. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Join the teachers and staff at Scenic Heights Elementary School on Mar. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in their cafeteria for a performance by their Kindergarten students and to celebrate the school's business partners with a partnership signing ceremony. The students will be performing a musical titled, "Gettin Down With Momma Goose," at 6:00 p.m.

POC: Direct any questions to their front office at 850-494-5635, ext. 221.

McArthur Elementary School's 2nd Grade Performance - Welcome to the Jungle

Mar. 16, 6:00 p.m.

McArthur Elementary School's 2nd grade program "Welcome to the Jungle" will be performed at 6:00 p.m. in their school cafeteria on Mar. 16. Come out and enjoy the program, which is based on Aesop's Fable, The Lion and the Mouse!

POC: Kristina Dumas, kdumas@escambia.k12.fl.us or kdumas@ecsd.me

N.B. Cook Elementary School's Family Art Night

Mar. 16, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The teachers and staff at N.B. Cook Elementary School are inviting their students and their families to their Family Art Night on Mar. 16 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. While on campus, they hope everyone will also stop by the Book Fair (open on the 16th from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.) Also, the school is collecting gently used books through the month of March, so bring them with you and drop them off near the Mickey Mouse staircase. In addition, you may also bring in your extra Mardi Gras beads so they can be donated to ARC Gateway (the collection box is near the front office).

POC: Contact the Front Office if you have questions, 850-595-6826.

St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 17, All day

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Spring Break

Mar. 20 – 23, Schools closed, Teachers and students and 10-month employees are off.

Mar. 24, Spring Holiday, All schools and offices are closed.

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 then 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 information about your upcoming events to kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us. Please look at the format above and send 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!!!

Media queries about Escambia County School District topics should be directed to Kim Stefansson, at 850-469-6219 or kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us. Like ECSD on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ecsdfi

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