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## **ECSD NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Announcements**

**Installation of School Board Members:** The Installation Ceremony for Superintendent Malcolm Thomas was held, Monday night, Nov. 28 along with the installation of Board members Patty Hightower, District 4; Bill Slayton, District 5; and, Kevin Adams, District 1. A photo album has been posted on the Facebook page, Escambia Schools Public Relations.

**ECSD Wants Input on Wellness Policy:** The Escambia County School District is updating their Wellness Policy and are looking for input from District staff members, as well as members of our community. The need for a wellness policy comes Public Law 108-265, which requires each school district participating in the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program to maintain a local wellness policy. This requirement started in the 2006-2007 school year. Go to their web page at: <http://www1.escambia.k12.fl.us/foodsrv/> Open the link in the left hand column titled, Wellness Policy. That will take you to a page for access to the Wellness Policy 2016-2017. Open the Policy to review the current policy and then use the link titled, Feedback on Policy to indicate which section you would like to make a suggest, ask a question or leave a comment about. Please submit a separate form for each section of the plan that interests you. Links will also be available from the Food Service Dept.'s Facebook page, Escambia County School District – School Food Services, [www.facebook.com/ecsd.foodservices/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/ecsd.foodservices/?fref=ts).

### **Upcoming Events in Escambia County Involving ECSD Schools, Staff and Students**

#### **Jim Allen Elementary School's Christmas Program**

**Dec. 2, 8:00 a.m.**

The third grade students at Jim Allen Elementary School will be presenting their Christmas program on Dec. 1, at 6:00 p.m.

POC: Holly Reynolds, Jim Allen Elementary School Media Specialist, 850- 937-2260.

#### **J.M. Tate High School's Art Club's Gallery Night & Souper Bowl**

**Dec 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

The Tate High School Art Club will be hosting their winter Student Gallery Night and Souper Bowl on Dec. 2, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in the Tate Art Building. Student art will be on display and for sale, and the Ceramics/Pottery students will be selling handmade bowls (as well as other Ceramic pieces) and a variety of soups or chili to raise money for the school's ceramics program! Twenty percent of the proceeds from their Souper Bowl will be donated to the Pensacola Humane Society to help homeless pets. Please come out and support a good cause and do some holiday shopping.

POC: Tate High School, Jennifer Rodriguez and Elerene Walters, 850-937-2300, ext 601, or [icastor@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:icastor@escambia.k12.fl.us).

### **Hellen Caro Elementary School's Choir Performs at the Ice Flyers Game**

**Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m.**

The Hellen Caro Elementary Choir will be singing the National Anthem for the Pensacola Ice Flyers game at the Pensacola Bay Center. Tickets can be purchased at the event or at Ticketmaster.

POC: Joshua Kaye, Hellen Caro's Music Instructor, 850-492-0531.

### **Brentwood Elementary School's Holiday Celebration**

**Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Brentwood Elementary School invites their students' families to join them for a holiday celebration entitled, "A Bugz Christmas." Their 1st grade and 5th grade choruses will be performing.

POC: Gorden Wade, Music Instructor, 850 595-6800.

### **Montclair Elementary School's Family Reading Night**

**Dec. 6, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

The teachers and staff at Montclair Elementary School are inviting their students' families to come in the evening of Dec. 6 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for a Family Reading Night! The evening will include literacy activities, a chance to shop at the school's Book Fair (scheduled for Dec. 5-12) AND a special guest appearance by Santa Claus!

POC: Assistant Principal Kristin Danley, 850-595-6969.

### **Brentwood Elementary School's Holiday Celebration**

**Dec. 6, 6:00 pm** (See details with the listing for the 8:30 a.m. performance above.)

### **Jim Allen Elementary School's Chorus Performance**

**Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.**

**Dec. 7, 8:00 a.m.**

The students participating in the Chorus at Jim Allen Elementary School will be presenting their Christmas program on Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m.

POC: Holly Reynolds, Jim Allen Elementary School Media Specialist, 850- 937-2260.

### **Pensacola High School Holiday Concert**

**Dec. 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Pensacola High School Band, Chorus and Orchestra will perform and holiday concert for their friends and families in their auditorium on Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

POC: Contact the PHS front office at 850-595-1500.

### **Booker T. Washington High School's Chorus Concert**

**Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Join the Booker T. Washington High School Chorus on Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium for their Fall Chorus Concert. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and Free for children five and under.

POC: Jamie Broxson, Choral Director, 850-475-5257, ext. 266.

### **West Florida High School's Orchestra Concert**

**Dec. 6, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join the members of West Florida High School's student orchestra for their performance, "Bringing Bach the Classics," on Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

POC: West Florida High's front office at 850-941-6221.

### **Pine Forest High School's Holiday Concert**

**Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Come kick off your holiday season with the Pine Forest High School band, orchestra, and chorus! They will be presenting a joint holiday concert featuring all of the performing music ensembles at PFHS. This concert is free of charge and open to all students, faculty/staff, parents, and community members. Donations to the music program are welcome and greatly appreciated. The concert will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 6824 Pine Forest Road, Pensacola, FL, 32526.

POC: Aleks Zivanovic, Choral Director, 850-941-6159, ext. 248.

### **Ferry Pass Middle School's Celebration of the Arts**

**Dec. 7, 10:15 a.m.**

The Ferry Pass Middle School band, chorus, and orchestra will present a joint concert in the school's gym. Come enjoy some great music and get in the spirit of the season!

POC: Angela Horne, Choral Director, 494 - 5650, ext. 250.

### **West Pens. Elementary School's Holiday Presentation**

**Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

The 5th grade students at West Pensacola Elementary will be presenting, "Around the World at Christmas Time" on Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

POC: Principal Sabrena Cunningham, 850-453-7470.

### **Bailey Middle School's Holiday Concerts**

**Dec. 8, 5:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

The Bailey Middle School Advanced Bands will present their annual Holiday Concert on Dec. 8. To include their Beginning, Intermediate, White, Jazz and Red Bands, in the Bailey cafeteria. They will begin with their Beginners and Intermediate students in a separate

performance starting at 5:10 PM. Then their Advanced Bands will begin their concert at 6:30 p.m.

POC: Nicole Matson, Director of Bands, Bailey Middle School, 850-492-6136, ext. 2513.

**West Pens. Elementary School's Holiday Presentation**

**Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.** (See details above – with the earlier performance at 1:30 p.m.)

**Bratt Elementary School's First Grade Performance**

**Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.**

The First Grade students invite their families and friends to join them at Bratt Elementary School for their performance of, "Twinkle and Shine," on Dec. 8, at 6:00 p.m.

POC: Bratt Elementary's front office at 850-327-6137.

**Warrington Middle School's Winter Concert**

**Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Warrington Middle School invites their students' families to their Winter Concert on Dec. 8 at 6:00 p.m. Their Band, Chorus and Orchestra will perform.

POC: Warrington Middle School's front office at 850-453-7440.

**Ferry Pass Middle School Chorus Present their Winter Concert**

**Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.**

The chorus at Ferry Pass Middle School are inviting their families and friends for their Winter Concert, on Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in their gym.

POC: Angela Horne, Choral Director 494-5650, ext. 250, [ahorne@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:ahorne@escambia.k12.fl.us)

**Pine Meadow Elementary School's "Flakes" Musical Program**

**Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Pine Meadow Elementary School invites their students' families and friends to their "Flakes" Musical Program on Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

POC: Pine Meadow's front office at 850-494-5630.

**December's Special School Board Workshop**

**Dec. 9, 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Cordova Park Elementary School's Holiday Play**

**Dec. 9, 8:15 a.m.**

Cordova Park Elementary School will present, a holiday play, "Here We Come A Caroling"

POC: Vicky Anderson, Music Educator, 850-595-6830.

**Choir Exchanges with Booker T. Washington High and two middle schools**

**Dec. 9, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. with Ferry Pass Middle School**

**Dec. 9, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. with WMS**

The choir from Booker T. Washington High School will meet at Washington High with middle school choirs for a musical exchange event

POC: Jamie Broxson, Washington High's Choir Director, at 850-475-5257.

### **Pensacola Beach Elementary School/Holiday Concert**

**Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Pensacola Beach Elementary School invites their students and their families to join them at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, located at 920 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach for a special holiday event. Students from Kindergarten through grade 5 will perform, "Welcome to the Holidays." In addition, the evening will include a chance for the PTA to honor the school's volunteers.

POC: Mary Holway, Music Specialist, 850-982-9470.

### **Week of Dec. 11 – 17**

#### **Workman Middle School Chorus Concert**

**Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Washington High School**

Workman Middle School's Chorus invites their families and friends to join them at Booker T. Washington High School for their holiday concert on Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

POC: Workman Middle School's front office at 850-494-5665.

#### **Longleaf Elementary School's Winter Concert**

**Dec. 13 and 14, 8:00 a.m.**

Longleaf Elementary School invites their students' families and friends to their Winter Concert on Dec. 13 and 14 at 8:00 a.m.

POC: Longleaf Elementary School's front office at 850-941-6110.

#### **December School Board Meeting**

**Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.**

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

#### **Jim Bailey Middle School's Holiday Concert**

**Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.**

Bailey Middle School invites their students' families to a Holiday Concert in their cafeteria on Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

POC: Bailey Middle School's front office at 850-492-6136.

#### **McArthur Elementary School's Holiday Performance**

**Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m.**

The fourth grade students of McArthur Elementary School will be presenting, "The Elves' Impersonator."

POC: Kristina Dumas, music teacher, (601) 613-8368

#### **Tate High and Ransom Middle Schools' Orchestras' Winter Concert**

**Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.**

Orchestras from J.M. Tate High School and Ransom Middle Schools will present their Winter Concert on Dec. 13 in the Washington High Auditorium. Friends and family members won't want to miss this fun, heart-warming concert which will feature our favorite holiday music, as well as music from the Transiberian Orchestra.

POC: Cathy McConnell, Director of Orchestras at Ransom Middle and Tate High, 850-937-2220.

**Escambia High School's Chorus Concert**

**Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.**

The members of Escambia High School's Chorus invites their families and friends to their Christmas Concert on Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Myrtle Grove Baptist Church at 5920 Lillian Hwy, Pensacola, FL, 32506.

POC: Escambia High School's front office at 850-453-3221.

**Beulah Elementary School's Chorus Performance**

**Dec. 14, 8:15 a.m.**

Beulah Elementary School's Chorus will present, "December Nights, December Lights," a fun showcase of the many holidays that make December the most wonderful time of the year! The performance will be in the school's cafeteria.

POC: Heather Rowell, Beulah's Music Teacher, 850-941-6180.

**R.C. Lipscomb Elementary School's 4th Grade Holiday Performance**

**Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m.**

Fourth Grade students and teachers at R.C. Lipscomb Elementary are pleased to present a December Holiday musical, "Deck the Halls with Ukulele!" on Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m. Students will provide their own accompaniment on ukulele while they sing a selection of Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah songs.

POC: Lipscomb's Music Educator Neil Passmore, 850-494-5760.

**N.B. Cook Elementary School's Winter Production - "The Nutcracker"**

**Dec. 15, 8:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** in the school auditorium.

POC: Jean Odom, 850-595-6826.

**Hellen Caro Elementary School's Choir Performance**

**Dec. 15, 6:00 p.m.**

The members of the Hellen Caro Choir invite their families and friends to their performance of, "Christmas in Pensacola," on Dec. 15 at 6:00 p.m.

POC: Hellen Caro's front office at 850-492-0531.

**Ransom Middle School's Choir Concert**

**Dec. 15, 6:00 p.m.**

The members of Ransom Middle School's Choir invite their families and friends to join them on Dec. 15 at 6:00 p.m. at their school for a Winter Choir Concert.

POC: Ransom Middle's front office at 850-937-2220.

**Last Day before the Winter Break and Christmas Holiday**

**Dec 16 – Half Day**

Check with your school to verify dismissal times.

Schools and District Offices will be closed Dec 18 – Dec 30.

Teachers Return to Work on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017

Students Return to Classes on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017