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ECSD NEWS RELEASE

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Announcements

Five Star Schools Announced: The Florida Department of Education announced the names of schools in Florida's Panhandle that have earned the Five Star School Award for the 2015-16 school year. The award is bestowed upon schools that are committed to incorporating family and community members into the school environment to enhance student learning. Statewide, nearly 700 schools earned the recognition. "Family and community involvement is essential to student success, and I am grateful for the parents, caregivers and community members who invest their time in our state's schools." said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "When school leaders and educators engage the community, the result is higher academic achievement and more students prepared for future success." To earn Five Star School recognition, a school must show that it has achieved all of the benchmarks and criteria in five categories – Community/Business Partnerships, Family Involvement, Volunteerism, Student Community Service and School Advisory Council. Schools must also earn a grade of "C" or above or a school improvement rating of "Maintaining" or "Improving" for the year being recognized. This year's Five Star Schools are: A.K. Suter Elementary School, Beulah Elementary School, Blue Angels Elementary School, Cordova Park Elementary School, Ferry Pass Elementary School, Hellen Caro Elementary School, Jim Allen Elementary School, McArthur Elementary School, Molino Park Elementary School, Myrtle Grove Elementary School, N.B. Cook Elementary School, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, R.C. Lipscomb Elementary School, and Scenic Heights Elementary School.

NEW GED Location: George Stone Technical Center has partnered with Ensley Elementary and is now offering free Adult Basic Education (ABE/GED) classes every Tuesday and Thursday, starting on Jan. 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Students may enroll anytime as there is an open enrollment policy. Classes are taught by a certified teacher and personalized instruction is given based on each student's academic level. The tuition fee of \$30 has been covered, so the program AT THIS LOCATION is FREE!

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

January's Special School Board Workshop

Jan. 12, 3:00 p.m.

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

Regular School Board Workshop**Jan 13, 9:00 a.m.**

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

Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties District One Thespian Showcase**Jan. 13, 7:00 p.m.**

Come and enjoy a variety of theater performances from high schools throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties at Pensacola High School.

POC: Individual high schools' drama teachers

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Day**Jan 16**

All ECSD schools and offices will be closed.

January School Board Meeting**Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.**

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

Pensacola Museum of Art's 63rd Annual Youth Art Focus**Jan. 13 - Feb 18**

The art exhibition recognizing National Youth Art Month will be held from Jan. 13 to Feb. 18 and will feature art created by students in every ECSD school. Come and celebrate young artistic achievements and our district art teachers. The exhibition is sponsored by the PMA Guild. The Artists' Receptions for participants and their families will be held on Jan 17, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for Middle and High School artists, and on Jan. 19, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for Elementary School artists.

For more information about the PMA: <http://www.pensacolamuseum.org/upcoming.html>

Pensacola Opera - Aida Dress Rehearsal**Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Middle school and high school fine arts teachers -- if you are interested in having your students gain access to the Pensacola Opera's dress rehearsal of Aida, contact Amanda Cook.

POC: Amanda Cook, Pensacola Opera's Education and Outreach specialist,
amanda@pensacolaopera.com

Title I's Parent Education Night**Jan. 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

The ECSD Title I department is offering an evening of education and fun for parents and caregivers, a Winter Wonderland Parent Education Night, on Jan. 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Spencer Bibbs Training Center. It will be a night of learning how to support your student in Reading, Math and Science. It will cover ways to help your student from Kindergarten to high school and participants will receive materials and games to take home. There will be a light

dinner available from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. and child care will be provided. The Spencer Bibbs Center is located at 2005 N. 6th Avenue, Pensacola, 32504.
POC: Contact Title I at 850-595-6915, ext. 235.

Groundbreaking Ceremony - Kingsfield Elementary School

Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m.

The groundbreaking will be help on the construction site located east of Ransom Middle School at 900 West Kingsfield Rd.

From <http://lordandsonconstruction.com/tag/kingsfield-elementary/> - *The Escambia County School District has chosen Lord & Son Construction to build the newest school in Pensacola, where school overcrowding has become a great concern to the growing metropolitan area of nearly half a million residents. Lord & Son will build the new \$25 million Kingsfield Elementary school at 900 West Kingsfield Road next to Ransom Middle School. The 135,000 square foot school will serve 800 students. "Our objective is to give relief to Pine Meadows and Beulah and help the growth that is coming to the mid-Escambia County area," said Escambia County Superintendent Malcolm Thomas. "Most of that growth is being spurred by Navy Federal. There are housing developments going up in the area and more planned developments in next three to five years. We know some of those homes will be families with children." The school is being funded by Local Option Sales Tax dollars and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2018."*

Cyberthon 2017

Jan 20 and 21, National Flight Academy

Cyberthon is the Cyber Coast's premier cybersecurity education challenge that brings together community leaders, cyber experts and a cadre of cyber competitors from local schools to witness and participate in real-world cyber operations and defense methods.

POC: AFCEA Blue Angels Pensacola Chapter.

Pensacola High School's Dessert Theater

Jan. 20, 7:00 p.m.

Contact the school for more details, 850-595-1500.

Raise the Bar Math Conference

Jan. 21, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The conference is planned for Jan. 21 at the Spencer Bibbs Center.

POC: ECSD Math Department, Tammy Barton, 850-469-5315 or 5600.

Mark Your Calendars! -- Celebrate Literacy Week -- Jan. 23 – 27, 2017

2017 Regional Science Fair

Jan. 23, Times various

The 62nd West Panhandle Regional Science & Engineering Fair and STEM competition will be held at the University of West Florida Commons Conference Center on Monday January 23, 2017. Jan. 24 will be the public viewing day between 10 and 4. The awards ceremony will be

held at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 26.

P OC: Carol Myers, ECSD Science Specialist K-12, 850-469-5307

Escambia Westgate School's Annual Information Fair

Jan 24, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Escambia Westgate School will be holding their annual Information Fair again this year. It is scheduled for Jan. 24, 2017 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at Escambia Westgate School. All parents of ESE students are encouraged to attend. Currently, there are 30 agencies and organizations attending this year. A flier is attached to this event on the District calendar.

POC: Terry Colburn, Principal, Escambia Westgate School, 850-494-5700.

2017 Regional Science Fair Awards

Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.

Science Fair Awards will be presented in the UWF Commons Conference Center.

POC: Your school's science teacher/science fair coordinator.

Tate High School's Spring Musical Performance

Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 29, 2:30 p.m.

Tate High's Drama students will be presenting Seussical! This fantastical family musical is based on the books of Dr. Seuss, including favorites like "Horton Hears a Who!", "Horton Hatches the Egg," and "Miss Gertrude McFuzz." In the story, Horton hears a noise coming from a speck of dust on a clover and commits himself to protecting it and the Whos who live on it; Jojo, a misfit Who who "doesn't Think normal Thinks," struggles to find his place in the tiny Who society; Gertrude McFuzz tries to catch the attention of her love - the kind and compassionate Horton. Through mishaps and adventures, these unique characters finally find what they seek - their places in their world. Tickets for reserved seats may be purchased in advance for \$10.00.

General seating tickets (at the door) will be \$7.00.

POC: Tate High School, 850-937-2300.

ECSD Youth Motivator Mentor Breakfast

Jan. 27, 8:00 a.m.

The Youth Motivator Mentor Program matches volunteers from the community with students grades K - 12. Mentors then visit for an hour a week with their student. Some mentors have stayed with their student through graduation! Others stay with a particular school or grade level. Others act as classroom mentors helping the teacher in a variety of ways. This annual breakfast is extra special because the program is celebrating crossing over the 1,000 mentor count!!!! MEDIA are encouraged to attend!! Mentors have been invited and are asked to RSVP before January 20. It will be held in the J.E. Hall Center in Room 160 and will include a continental breakfast.

POC: Please RSVP to Sally Bergosh at 850-469-5676 or sbergosh@escambia.k12.fl.us

Golden Apple Dinner

Jan. 27, 6:30 Arrival, 7:00 Dinner

The Escambia Public Schools Foundation will be hosting this year's Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Dinner and Celebration on Jan. 27 at New World Landing in Pensacola. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Your Event Could Be Featured HERE!!!

Send the basic information to 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!!!

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/ecsdfl

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