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**ECSD NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Announcements**

**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](tel:8504695580).

### **Upcoming Events in Escambia County Schools From Mar. 2 through Mar. 17**

#### **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](tel:8505956975).

#### **Scenic Heights Elementary School's Dads' Luncheon Mar. 2, Various times**

Teachers and staff at Scenic Heights Elementary School are inviting all of their students' dads to have lunch with their student during the student's regular lunch time on Mar. 2. They may pre-order lunch from their cafeteria or bring their own. The cost for the pre-ordered lunch is \$3.25 and can be purchased through PTA.  
POC: Please direct any questions to their office at 850-494-5635, ext. 221.

#### **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, 3 and 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 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available for sale at the door.

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

### **ECSD Transition Services Information Fair**

**Mar. 3, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The ECSD Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department is sponsoring the Transition Services Information Fair. The event will be held at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church, Building A, Door 4, 6205 N. W Street on Mar. 3, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. ESE representatives and representatives from agencies throughout Escambia County will be available to answer questions regarding services available to students with disabilities. This valuable information will assist students with disabilities and their parents with transition planning while in school and also from school to a post-school environment. Presentations will be made by agency representatives and employers throughout the event. You will leave with much needed information to assist you or your child with resources available in the community and helpful tips on obtaining and maintaining employment. Parents, students, teachers and other interested consumers are invited to attend.

POC: Melinda Davidson at [mdavidson@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:mdavidson@escambia.k12.fl.us) or Alesia Carter at [acarter@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:acarter@escambia.k12.fl.us) or 595-0761 ext.227.

### **Lincoln Park Primary's Mardi Gras Parade**

**Mar. 3, 12:30 p.m.**

Lincoln Park Primary would very much appreciate donations of beads and soft small toys for use as throws during this parade for their students. Lincoln Park will celebrate its 4th Annual Mardi Gras Parade on Friday, March 3rd at 12:30. Numerous members from the Greater Pensacola community will be in attendance to throw beads, moon pies, candies and other items.

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

### **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.

**Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Literacy Event****Mar. 5, 1:00 p.m.**

ECSD teachers, members of the EEA Union and EEA President Donna Harper are planning a Literacy Event on Mar. 5 at 1:00 p.m. at our local Barnes & Noble Store to celebrate literacy and Dr. Seuss.

POC: Cassandra Miller, ESE Teacher at Lakeview SDS.

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

**ECSD School Board and Board of County Commissioners' Joint Meeting****Mar. 7, 5:30 p.m.**

Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, 221 Palafox Place

**Hellen Caro Elementary School Hosts H.O.P.S. Day****Mar. 8, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

H.O.P.S. - Hands On Problem Solving activities will be conducted at Hellen Caro Elementary School on Mar. 8 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Organized by Julie Walker, Teacher of the Gifted, this activity puts teams of students into various creative problem solving scenarios to see how well they solve the challenge and also how well they work together.

POC: Julie Walker, [jwalker6@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:jwalker6@escambia.k12.fl.us), 850-492-0531.

**Special Discussion & Regular Agenda Workshop****Mar. 9, 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Ransom Middle School's Civics Classes will Host JTI Lawyer****Mar. 9, 9:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

A lawyer from the Justice Teaching Institute (JTI) will be speaking to Civics Classes at Ransom Middle School on Mar. 9 from 9:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (1st, 2nd, and 3rd periods) in the school's Innovation Center. Media welcome!!!

POC: Lauren Samoszenko, [lsamoszenko@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:lsamoszenko@escambia.k12.fl.us), 850-937-2220.

**West Pensacola Elementary School's 2nd Grade Performance****Mar. 9, 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

The 2nd grade classes at West Pensacola Elementary School will present, "Journey into Outer Space" on Mary 9th at 1:30 and 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with our Scholastic Book Fair family nights. There will be special activities and a smoothie tasting as well!!!

POC: Principal Sabrena Cunningham and Kyle Kaye, Music Teacher, 8500-453-7470.

## **22nd Fresh from Fla Program at Northview High School**

**Mar. 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The 22nd Annual Fresh from Florida Program, formally known as Food for America Program, is an event that is used to expose elementary school students to the various aspects of agriculture. The participating students will benefit from this experience by learning to understand where many of the products that they use every day come from and that agriculture is more than just farming. It is a hands-on event where the students will be guided around to various stations. Elementary school students will be arriving at 9:00 a.m. and the guided tour will last approximately one hour. The last group is scheduled to begin their tour at 12:00 noon. Schools interested in attending, please let them know as soon as possible so that they can make sure your students will be included in this exciting and educational event, filled with fun and learning opportunities for young students.

POC: FFA instructor, Perry Byars, or via e-mail at [PByars@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:PByars@escambia.k12.fl.us).  
or call 850-327-6681 ext. 248 to contact Byars or Northview FFA President Mitchell Singleton.

## **Roy Hyatt Environmental Center Night of Nature**

**Mar. 10, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Roy Hyatt's Night of Nature will feature a presentation about owls by the Wildlife Sanctuary of NW Florida; Stargazing with Escambia Amateur Astronomy Association; Night hikes led by local naturalists; a reptiles presentation by RHEC Staff members and volunteers; and, insect observations. They will have food items available for a small donation and a chance to win awesome prizes. Before you drive out, please consider picking up an item on their wish list to bring with you to donate, such as: fresh fruit and vegetables, wild birdseed, black oil sunflower seed for the birds, suet, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, bleach or a gift card from Walmart, Sam's, Pet stores, Lowe's, Home Depot, or any grocery store.

POC: RHEC Staff at 850-937-2117.

## **Pensacola High School/ IB Legends of PHS Gala**

**Mar. 10, 6:00 p.m.**

The International Baccalaureate Support Foundation for the IB program at Pensacola High School is planning a 30th Year Anniversary Gala on Mar. 10 at Sanders Beach to celebrate IB Legends, to honor Principal Williams (ECSD Principal of the Year), and to raise funds for upcoming IB projects. There is a page established on Facebook - Pensacola High School/ IB Legends of PHS Gala - where you can indicate interest in attending and check back for information about sponsoring the event or purchasing tickets. Media are encouraged to attend.

POC: Susan Finger, IB Support Foundation, 850-572-0194.

## **ECSD Science Olympiad**

**Mar. 11, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Booker T. Washington High School

Elementary Schools will compete in a variety of STEM challenges.

POC: Jennifer Montoya at 439-2623.

**MARCH 12 – 2:00 A.M. – SPRING FORWARD**

Reminder to adjust your clocks and give that extra hour back.

**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.

**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, Mar. 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 volunteers of the year and teachers of the year at an annual luncheon at New World Landing.

POC: Your school's principal will coordinate who is attending to represent your school and who your school's honorees are this year.

**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](mailto:kdumas@escambia.k12.fl.us) or [kdumas@ecsd.me](mailto:kdumas@ecsd.me)

**St. Patrick's Day**

**Mar. 17, All day**

**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 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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