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ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Announcements:

ECSD Teacher Fair: Thank you! To everyone who helped spread the word about last Saturday's Teacher Fair – Thank you! It was a great day and we had 200 attendees interested in finding out how to become a teacher in Escambia County. If one of your friends was there, please help them or direct them to the correct source of help as they work their way through the steps involved in applying. Teacher Hiring Fair will be May 7, 2016! Mark your calendars!!

March is National Procurement Month: March is National Procurement Month. This month is a time to celebrate with pride the role of the public procurement profession. Procurement professionals deserve this acknowledgement, playing (There will be some fun Procurement related news later this month!) Please, find your closest procurement specialist and tell them to have a great month!

Cyberthon 2016: The Escambia County Board of County Commissioner's Video Production Specialist, Dan Kettinger shared three videos about this year's Cyberthon and asked they be passed along to all District administrators, staff and students. The first one has been posted on Facebook on the Escambia Schools Public Relations page. Here are the links to all three videos:

1. Student Competition: <https://youtu.be/aGRHPqURQTA>
2. Cyber Security: <https://youtu.be/cKB5yOAtgag>
3. Improving Education: <https://youtu.be/pp22mYuVFmM>

Regional Science Olympiad Results from Bailey Middle: The Regional Science Olympiad was held at UWF on Feb. 20. Students in grades 6-8 competed in 12 events. The team of 15, placed third and now, along with coaches Linda Bruner and Charles Henderson will be traveling to Orlando to compete in the state championship on March 19. They will compete in 23 events. Team members are: Casey Casady, Nicole Corleone, Julia Day, Colby Fenters, Tori Greene, Cyndi Hayes, Michael Hightower, Joseph Knight, Annie Laguer, Chris Marsden, Erykah Mohler, Jake Oursler, Madison Turnmeyer, Luke Whitwell, Josh Wilkinson, and Maisha Khan served as the team's alternate.

Bikes for Oakcrest Athletes: On Friday, February 26, Oakcrest Elementary received new bikes and helmets to help support their student participation in youth multisports. The bikes and helmets were donated through The Gulf Coast Tri Initiative, a joint effort of Gulf Coast Triathlon Team, Santa Rosa Island Triathlon, and Anderson Subaru. The donation will help the students practice for the upcoming Maritime de Luna Du Youth Duathlon and the fall Sea Turtle Triathlon. (Two photos attached)

Artel Mask Show Winners: The first place winners for this year's Mask Show at the Artel Gallery are:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade 1st Place - Kailey Fleming, Blue Angels Elementary School, 2nd

3rd - 5th grade 1st Place - Jack Blanton, N.B. Cook Elementary School, 5th

6th - 8th grade 1st Place - Jada Washington, Bailey Middle School, 7th

9th - 12th grade 1st Place - Ayana Thompson, West Florida High School, 12th

Best of Show = Alek Boudreaux, Booker T. Washington High School, 10th

Most Experimental = Amber Covalt, Tate High School, 9th

Artel Board of Directors Award = Bianca Stack, West Florida High School, 11th

(The list of winners has been attached.)

Upcoming Events:

Shining Star Awards

Mar. 3, 5:30 p.m.

This year's Shining Stars will be honored at WSRE, Mar. 3 starting at 5:30 p.m.

POC: Check with your Principal for school details.

Kickball Tournament

Mar. 4, 5:00 p.m. and Mar 5, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Escambia Physical Education Association's 6th Annual District Kickball Tournament has been scheduled for March 4th and 5th at Exchange Park (3100 E. Lakeview Ave, Pensacola) on the 4th from 5-9 and on the 5th from 9-5. All schools and district departments are encouraged to get a team consisting of only district employees.

POC: Your team's Captain or Casandra Waller, (850) 595-0183 ext.223, cwaller@escambia.k12.fl.us

Special School Board Workshop

Mar. 10, 3:00 p.m.

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

Scenic Heights Elementary School's Science Night

Mar. 10, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Scenic Heights Elementary School is holding a Science Night for all students in Kindergarten - 2nd grade and their parents to come and enjoy different science experiments being demonstrated and taught by our 5th graders.

POC: For more information, please contact our office at 494-5635.

Northview High School Hosting 21st Annual Fresh from Florida Program

Mar 11, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Formally known as the Food for America Program, Fresh From Florida is a fun and educational event that is designed to expose elementary school students to various aspects of agriculture. The participating students will benefit from this experience by learning to understand where many of the products that they use everyday come from and that agriculture is more than just farming. It is a hands-on event where the students will be guided to various stations. The guided tours will begin every 30 minutes (starting at 9:00 a.m.) and will last approximately one hour. The event will be held on March 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and wrap up by 1:00 p.m.

POC: Schools planning to participate need to sign-up for a tour start time. To sign up, contact FFA Instructor Perry Byars by calling 327-6681 ext.248 or via e-mail at

PByars@escambia.k12.fl.us.

Regular School Board Workshop

Mar. 11, 9:00

This will also be held in Room 160 of the J/E. Hall Center.

ECSD Transition Services Information Fair

Mar. 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The ECSD Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department is sponsoring a Transition Services Information Fair. The event will be held at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church, Building A, Door 4, 6205 N. W Street, Mar. 11, 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. Attendees will leave with much needed information to assist parents and their children/teens 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 Poe at 850-469-5557 or Alesia Carter at 850-469-5539.

Roy Hyatt Environmental Center's "Night of Nature"

Mar. 11, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Do you love the sound of an owl hooting? If you do, then plan to visit the Roy Hyatt Environmental Center at night for a presentation about owls presented by the Wildlife Sanctuary of NW Fla.. While there, plan to enjoy some star gazing with members of the Escambia Amateur Astronomy Assoc., go along with a local naturalist for a night hike, observe some insects, or meet a reptile with a member of the Roy Hyatt Center staff. A simple dinner will be available for a small donation (hot dogs, chips, water and baked goods). You can also take a chance at winning some fun prizes, such as a one night stay at Paradise Inn on Pensacola Beach! The Center's Wish List for donated items to help them care for their wildlife inhabitants includes: fresh fruit and vegetables, wild bird seed, black oil sunflower seeds for birds, and suet. The staff and their volunteers would also appreciate Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, bleach and gift cards from stores such as Walmart, Sam's Club, pet stores, Lowe's or Home Depot. The Center is located at 1300 Tobias Rd, Cantonment, FL 32533, Their phone number is 850-937-2117. To get there, take I-10's Exit 7/Pine Forest Road north to the first light north of 9 Mile Rd. Turn left and watch for signs directing you turn left again on to HWY 97. Travel about five miles (there will be more signs and then Tobias will be the 3rd right after you cross Kingsfield Rd).

ROBOFEST Competition at PFHS

Mar. 12, (Times TBA)

Pine Forest Robotics Academy is inviting other Escambia County middle school and high school teams interested in robotics to participate in an enthusiastic and healthy competition they hope will inspire students to pursue robotics, engineering and technical careers.

They will be hosting the inaugural Robofest competition in Pensacola, FL! This will be a local hub for the Lawrence Technical University International Robofest competition. The Pine Forest Robotics Academy will be hosting this event on Saturday, March 12. There will be a junior (6th – 8th) and senior (9th– 12th) division. The cost is \$50 through the Robofest website and \$5 fee on the day of competition for incidental costs. The use of old robot parts is encouraged, any platform can be used, and sensors will be needed. Those interested s

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Media queries about any event listed on this release should be directed to Kim Stefansson, at 850-469-6219 or kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us.

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