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NEWS RELEASE
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ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 23 – April 19, 2016

Reminder – All schools will be closed for Spring Holiday and Good Friday from March 21-25, 2016
School District Offices are open March 21- 24, but will also be closed on Friday, March 15, 2016.

Title I PreK/VPK Office – Will be open Monday – Thursday, Mar. 21 – 24 and staff will be available to assist parents wishing to apply for their VPK Certificate of Eligibility or to enroll their student (after receiving the COE from the State) in an EECSD Title I VPK program for the fall of 2016.

Announcements:

ECSD Teacher Hiring Event: Please, help spread the word – the Teacher Hiring Event will be by invitation this year. It will be held on May 7, 2016. HR would like all applications AND the required documents to be turned in as soon as the applicant can have them completed – with a deadline of May 5, if they want to be invited to attend and interview on May 7. Information can be found at: <http://escambiaschools.org/teacherfair>

Sponsor a Runner in the 2016 Gator March: If you are interested in sponsoring a student runner in this year's Gator March, a run through Big Lagoon State Park that benefits the Escambia High School band, contact Linda Lewis at 850-293-2822 or at ehsgatormarch@yahoo.com. This year's run is set for Apr. 23 and if you want to be sure to get a shirt, register by April 8. (The registration form is attached.)

ECCPTA Scholarship: Each year Florida PTA offers four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to deserving seniors who are PTA members. Named in honor of former ECCPTA President, Kathie Lasky, these scholarships are awarded in the categories of (1) University, (2) Fine Arts, (3) Community College, and (4) Vo-Tech. The deadline for applying for these scholarships is Sunday, May 1, 2016. For more information and to access the scholarship application, please visit <http://www.floridapta.org/programs/scholarship>.

Upcoming Events:

Dr. Dana Suskind presents on "The Importance and the Science of Brain Development." Mar. 30, 3:20 arrival, 3:45 p.m. presentation

The Studer Institute sent over the news (below) about a scheduled presentation on March 30 at Booker T. Washington High School with Dr. Dana Suskind on "The Importance and the Science of Brain Development." This event is free, but donations are welcome. Register online for a ticket (that only takes a few minutes to do) and this event will begin at 3:45 p.m. (please be seated by 3:40 p.m., Doors open at 3:00 (BTWHS Staff recommends you arrive at 3:20 to allow their parking lot to clear out. The presentation will start at 3:45 and run an hour.

To register, go to: <http://studer.org/event/the-importance-of-language-the-science-of-brain-development/>

Escambia County Public Schools Foundation's 2016 Senior Academic Awards

Mar. 31, 5:30 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. awards ceremony

The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation will host the 2016 Senior Academic Awards program on March 31, 2016, with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Eighty-eight of Escambia County's high school seniors were selected as recipients of the 2016 Senior Academic Awards and will be honored for their academic achievement during an awards ceremony at Booker T. Washington High School in the Theodore B.D. Bennett auditorium. Honorees include the top five students in each graduating class (names listed below are in alphabetical order), as well as a student from each of the following disciplines: Career & Technology, English, Foreign Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Escambia County's National Merit Finalists will also be honored. This year, the Foundation is pleased to announce that Learning Rx is the presenting sponsor of the Senior Academic Awards. Additional support and generous sponsorships provided by Navy Federal Credit Union, Newk's Eatery, and The Bear Family Foundation.

Foundation Awards

POC: Contact: Beth Partington, Foundation Awards Ceremonies, Chairperson, Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, (850) 572-5245

"The Way We Worked" - Exhibit with key note address by Dr. John Worth

Apr. 1, 6:00 p.m.

A Teacher Reception for *The Way We Worked in North Escambia* Exhibit with key note address by Dr. John Worth is being offered by the West Florida Public Libraries (WFPL). Dr. John Worth will speak at the Social Studies teacher's program set for April 1st at 6:00 pm at the Molino Community Complex. He will be speaking on the recent archaeological excavations of the "first settlement" and the Spanish Mission site in Molino. Following the presentation teachers will be able to tour the Smithsonian exhibit, *The Way We Worked* and enjoy light refreshments. We would love to have a great showing at this event, so please mark your calendars and bring a colleague, friend or guest.

ECSD POC: Cherie Arnette, 850-469-5392.

BMS's Tee It Up for Technology" Golf Tournament

Apr. 2, 8:15 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. shotgun start, 2:00 prizes

Bailey Middle School is gearing up for their 9th Annual "Tee it Up for Technology" Golf Tournament put on by the dedicated staff at Bailey Middle, a Title I school, to raise funds to enhance classroom technology and the overall efficiency of their school. Community involvement in their school is considered a vital part of their efforts to make sure their students are successful.

It will be held at the Perdido Bay Golf Club on April 2nd. Individual Golfer \$80.00 (range balls, green fee, cart fee, prizes, snacks and a BBQ meal) Diamond Sponsor \$500.00 or more (team of 4 plus Tee Box signs for advertising your favorite business) Gold Sponsor \$250.00 or more (team of 2 as well as 1 Tee Box sign for advertising) Bronze Sponsor \$100.00 (Tee Box Sponsor) Donations of food, beverages, gift baskets, and gift cards are grateful accepted.

POC: Janet Penrose, Principal, Bailey Middle School, (850) 492-6136 ext. 2226

The Cold War Origins of the Vietnam War hosted by ECSD (Pensacola, FL)

Sat, Apr 2, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Vietnam War is one of the most-studied conflicts in U.S. history, yet its origins in the Cold War are often given insufficient attention. Using a selection of primary sources, participants will first examine the formulation of Cold War policies that led the United States to involve itself in Vietnam's anticolonial struggle in the late 1940s. Next, they will focus on the actions the United States took to establish and support a noncommunist regime in southern Vietnam starting in the mid-1950s. Finally, they will study how Cold War military strategies shaped U.S. ground force and air campaigns in Southeast Asia during the 1960s.

Use this link for more information and to register: <http://teachingamericanhistory.org/event/one-day-seminars-the-cold-war-origins-of-the-vietnam-war-pensacola-fl/>

2016 Career Academy Awards Luncheon

Apr. 5, 11:30 a.m.

The ECSD Workforce Education Dept. is hosting a celebration of excellence at the 2016 Career Academy Awards Luncheon. Awardees will be invited to attend an awards ceremony and luncheon on Apr. 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn on Airport Blvd.

POC: Dr. Michelle Taylor, 850-469-5304

ECCPTA Student of the Year Awards

April 5, 6:00 p.m.

The 2016 ECCPTA Student of the Year Awards will be presented on Apr. 5 in the auditorium at Booker T. Washington High School starting at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the award presentations.

POC: Check with your school's principal and/or your school's PTA/PTSA officers.

Ferry Pass Middle's Spring Concert

Apr. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Ferry Pass Middle School's Band invites their family and friends to their Spring Concert, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

POC: Mitzi Bumbarger, Ferry Pass Middle School's Band Director, 850-494-5650

FLA. Produce Show

Apr. 7, Start time will vary by school

Fla. Farm to School presents the Florida Produce Show in Escambia County. Students will visit the Culinary Lab at George Stone Technical Center (GSTC) to sample locally grown products and learn about how produce is grown and harvested. Participating culinary students will help prepare the food items and selected groups of students will pass through twelve stations to taste the recipes and vote for their favorite. For more information, go to: FRESHFROMFLORIDA.GOV/PRODUCESHOW

POC: Fla Dept. Of Agriculture and Consumer Services

ECSD POC: Food Services Division and Workforce Education Dept.

Information and Resource Fair

Apr. 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This annual event hosted by Autism Pensacola, in conjunction with the Autism Center will be held in the Greenhut Auditorium at Sacred Heart Hospital, (5151 N. 9th Ave.) is a wonderful way to learn about all of the programs available in our area for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. A variety of resources will be represented including early intervention resources, assistive programs, educational services, as well as transition and adult services. Many local vendors will also be present and ready to provide information on their services and products available for purchase. Information and Resource Fair Activities will include API Merchandise and local vendor products, and door prizes, raffles, knowledge on resources, and more.

For more information, please contact Ashley Frazee at infofair@autismpensacola.org or (850) 434-7171., www.autismpensacola.org

EHS Band Invites Friends and Family for a Last 2015-2016 Performance

Apr. 9, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Come to Escambia High School for the last local performance of "Endless Love." Friends Family and Countrymen are invited to watch the Diamonds perform their 2016 program. There will also be a short tribute to this year's group of Age Outs (Seniors). This event is FREE!

POC: Terry Sanders, 850-453-3221.

DEADLINE to enter art in the 3rd Annual Celebrating Brownville Arts & Cultural Festival

Apr. 12, COB

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Celebrating Brownville Arts & Cultural Festival, featuring the "Empowerment" Art Exhibition and the Celebrating Brownville Jam Challenge, scheduled for Apr. 30 (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Registration is now open for Artist Entries, Artist Booths, Art Demonstrations, Local Vendors, Volunteers and Children Activity Hosts. Registration is free but space is limited. Registration/Entry Deadline: Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

POC: For more information, or to enter artwork, call 850-595-3217

Email: CelebrateBrownville@gmail.com

Website: www.myescambia.com/Brownville

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CelebratingBrownville

April School Board Schedule:

Special Board Workshop, Apr. 14, 3:00 p.m., J.E. Hall Center, room 160

Regular Workshop, Apr. 15, 9:00 a.m., J.E. Hall Center, room 160

Regular Meeting, Apr 19, 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation

National Volunteer Week, April 18 – 22

ECSD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Apr. 21

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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