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ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 11 - 19, 2016

Announcements:

Videos Featuring Top Five Teachers of the Year are Posted: If you would like to see the video's produced by WSRE about the top five Teachers of the Year that were shown at the Golden Apple Dinner, go to our District home page and open the YouTube link on the right side. Each video is now available there. Links:

Kristy Imhof: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxijEDHiuxs>

Tim Deloge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTgNXjCeY-U>

Melissa Harold: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6Edcg3L5eo>

Caroline Gray: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP5nQxGFvQM>

Allison Hartzog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OMSE3ldYkY>

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>

Northview and ECSD Teacher of the Year Featured: Anna Barry, our previous ECSD Teacher of the Year, has published an article, "*Student Ownership and Empowerment*," in the March 2016 issue of Florida Education Matters. A pdf file is attached to this email. Scroll down to page 12. Well done, Anna!! Principal Gayle Weaver adds, "Thank you, Mrs. Barry for keeping Northview in the positive spotlight."

Bus Driver and Bus Aide Hiring Event: See notes below on March 16 (flier attached).

Cybersecurity News: Let's congratulate our Lady Eagles Cyber Patriot team for their outstanding performance in the Cyber Patriot Regional competition. These ladies have been working very hard since the start of the Cyber Patriot competitions. They began competing in November with 3,300 teams across the nation. After completing two qualification rounds, they qualified to compete in the state competitions in the Silver level tier. They then competed in State in January against 267 teams. The ladies did very well and qualified to compete in the Southeast division of Cyber Patriots. They were tasked with competing against 28 teams in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The final results are in and our Lady Eagles placed 12th in Regionals. We are so proud of them and they have worked so hard. Congratulations Jocelyn Griffin,

Autumn Hall, Kayla Payne, Kamryn Reno, and Tabitha Reno. You ladies are AWESOME! We know you will continue to exceed and we look forward to see how far you all will go next year.

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.)

6th Annual Kickball Tournament Results: The Escambia Physical Education Association (EPEA) held it's 6th Annual Kickball Tournament for faculty and staff on Mar. 4 and 5 at Exchange Park. A run down of numbers: 36 teams played representing 32 different schools and numerous district departments, combining for nearly 550 players! There were over 25 volunteers and thousands (no exaggeration), THOUSANDS came to cheer on their favorite school/department/and player(s). Exchange Park Commissioner told us they had never seen so many people at their park for an event as they did during our event! What a way to represent our district. And the winners were:

Jetson's Division (Competitive): Pine Forest High School (Championship game was against Hall Center Razors) (PFHS16Champs -- photo attached)

Flintstone's Division (Fun): Ferry Pass Elementary (Championship game was against Beulah Elementary) (FPES16Champs - photo attached)

Golden Shirt Award (Best Designed T-Shirt, by fan votes): 1st - Lipscomb 2nd - Transportation Department 3rd - Ferry Pass Elementary

Reminder

Cox Hero Deadline: The deadline for submitting your Cox Hero selectees is Friday, Mar. 11. Contact Cam Johnson at Cox Communications at 850-857-4571 with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

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 every day 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). (flier attached)

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.

POC: Dana Lupton at dlupton1@escambia.k12.fl.us

Oakcrest Runners Compete in Maritime de Luna Duathlon

Mar. 13, 8:30 a.m.

With the addition of bicycles and helmets donated through The Gulf Coast Tri Initiative, a joint effort of Gulf Coast Triathlon Team, Santa Rosa Island Triathlon, and Anderson Subaru, Oakcrest Elementary School's Running Club will be able to support their expanded team's participation in local multisport events. Oakcrest will be represented in this weekend's Maritime de Luna

Duathlon by 20 students from 3rd to 5th grade. The duathlon will be held at the Vince J. Whibbs Sr. Community Maritime Park. Participants ages 6 – 9, will run 0.4 mile, bike 2 miles and then run 0.5 mile. Participants 10-15 run 0.6 mile, bike 3.2 miles and run 1 mile. Registration is open until Saturday and costs \$35.00. Contact Running Wild to sign up. They are also still looking for volunteers. If interested, contact organizers at mindi@trigulfcoast.org. Oakcrest would like to thank their business partners and anyone who has individually sponsored one of their runners! For information about Sunday's event, go to: <http://trigulfcoast.org/duathlon/>

HIPPY Community Resource Event for Parents of Preschool Children

Mar. 15, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to the HIPPY (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters) Community Resource Event on Mar. 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Spencer Bibbs Center at 2005 N. 6th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32503. Community agencies will have representatives there to provide information about assistance and opportunities in our community. Some of the agencies planning to participate are: Child Find, Early Learning Coalition, Healthy Start, Health Department, 90 Works, DCF/Food Stamps, Pensacola State College, SEDNET, School District VPK, HIPPY (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters), Fire Department, CIL Disability Center, and Community Action Program. Light refreshments will be served.

POC: Carrie Fralick, 850-595-6915, ext. 257.

Regular School Board for the month of March

Mar. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Regular School Board Meeting will be held in Room 160 at the JE Hall Center.

Workshop for Parents - Sexuality and Autism, Instructional Strategies for Parents & Professionals

Mar. 15, 6:00 p.m.

Free training for parents, care givers, & professionals will be offered at the Pollak Training Center, Arc Gateway on Mar. 15 at 6 p.m. Session will include information about puberty, hygiene, and safety. Childcare provided if registered before March 11. Dr. Sandy Hastings is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst with Beyond Expectations. She has worked in the field for more than 20 years. She is also a professional educator who has worked in schools, group homes, community and work settings. Dr. Hastings is an energetic presenter, well known within the local autism community.

Register online at www.autismpensacola.com, 850-434-7171

ECSD Hiring Event for Bus Drivers and Assistants

Mar. 16, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ECSD is seeking qualified applicants to fill multiple openings for School Bus Operators and School Bus Assistants. A hiring event has been set for Mar. 16, at Career Source Escarosa's Pensacola One-Stop Center, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at 3670 2A North L Street, Pensacola, FL, 32505. Walk-ins are welcome. Visit EmployFlorida.com for more details about the positions and about how to apply. (Flier attached)

N.B. Cook's 5th Grade Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Mar.17, 8:45 a.m.

The 5th Grade at N. B. Cook will present a St. Patrick's Day Celebration to be performed in the school's auditorium at 8.45 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17. This musical play explores the history, myths, and famous folks of the Emerald Isles.

POC: Jean Odom, 850-595-6826, ext.247, or the school's office at 850-595-6826.

One -- Booker T. Washington High School's Annual ART ATTACK student show is this Friday, 3/11 during the school day in the auditorium. And our Spotlight on the Fine Arts evening show with music, chorus, drama and art is on Sat., March 12, doors open at 6:00 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m. Adults \$5 and Students \$3. POC: Art teacher Tanya Broom

Two - Oakcrest Elementary School's Running Club is getting ready for Sunday's Duathlon (run - bike - run). They will be practicing Friday after school from 2:30 - 4:00 if you would like to come by and talk to the runners or their coaches/teachers. If the weather does not cooperate, they will be running and riding in the halls (that sounds like a kid's dream - permission to run in the hallways!) Their running club started a few years ago with four students. Over time they added swimming with the Sea Stars in the summer so they could add swimming to their competitions and they have been adding more bikes as well - they recently received bikes and helmets from local supporters including Anderson Subaru. There is even a brother/sister team within their team who are just now learning how to ride a bike (as of yesterday the brother was doing pretty well, sister is still getting there) SO they can be included this Sunday. They would love to have you come by so even more people will be cheering for them Sunday morning. POC: 5th Grade teacher, Mr. Herber.

Three - It is time for the Spring Special Olympics at Tate High School. The 20th Annual Escambia County School District's Special Olympics Spring Games will take place on Thursday, March 17th from 10:00-12:30 at Tate High School (in case of rain the games will be held on Friday 3/18). Over 500 athletes from 23 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.

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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