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NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 17 – April 2, 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 ECSD 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:

TEEN JOB EXPO WITH 7 MINI SEMINARS

Mar. 19, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

This Expo is presented by the Extra Mile Teen Employment Agency and intended for teens ages 14 - 19 looking to learn more about how to be prepared to enter the job force. Attendees will have a chance to meet vendors, employers and business owners.

POC: THE EXTRA MILE TEEN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, West Florida Public Library , Conference Room, 239 Spring Street, Pensacola, FL 32502, Phone: 850-483-1660, Email: theextramile850@gmail.com

After Spring Break

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

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