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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events**

April 15 – April 24, 2016

#### **Announcements:**

**ECSD Teacher Hiring Event only a few weeks away!!!!:** 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 about the application process can be found at: <http://escambiaschools.org/teacherfair>

**Runners!!!! It is time to register for various upcoming fund raising events – check them out!**

**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](mailto:ehsgatormarch@yahoo.com).

**Register for the Gator March:** This year's run is set for Apr. 23, 7:00 a.m. at Big Lagoon State Park. If you want to be sure to get a shirt, register by April 8, you can register at Active.com. (see more info below)

**Register for the Escambia Westgate School's upcoming Run, Walk, Wheel 5K event:** Also happening on Apr. 23, with a 9:00 a.m. start. You are invited to Walk, Run or Wheel to help them raise money for a fully adaptive gymnasium. Contact is Beth Thead, MA, Behavior Coach, Escambia Westgate School, (850) 494-5700 ext. 280.

**Register Now for the PHS Football Tiger Trot 5K:** Benefit the Pensacola High School Football Program by participating in the PHS Football Tiger Trot 5K on May 7, at 9:00 a.m. at PHS. Go to: [www.phstigertrot.com](http://www.phstigertrot.com) to sign up. The cost is \$25.00. Direct any questions to PHS Head Coach Mike Mincy at [mmincy@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:mmincy@escambia.k12.fl.us).

#### **REMINDERS!**

**April is School Library Month:** To see some of the learning, reading, creating, and innovating happening in our schools, go to our School Library Month flyer at <https://www.smore.com/cu4sd>. The flyer includes a slide show with images from a variety of library "innovation center" programs. The winners of the Dr. Paula Gleason Award (aka School Librarian of the Year) and Principal Advocate Award (for Excellence in School Library Programs) are also featured in the flyer.

**Title I PreK/VPK Office** – Please share the news that parents of children who will be 4 on or before Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, may want to visit the Title I PreK staff for assistance with their application for their State 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.

**Kindergarten Registration:** Parents whose child will be 5 on or before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> should visit their neighborhood elementary school to register their student for Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. They will need to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, and a completed school physical form, and proof of residency

(utility bill, rent receipt, etc.) If they have any questions, they should call their neighborhood school. If they are not sure which school to call, they can go to the district's home page. Open the Quick Links list and then the link to Find Your School. They then enter a street name to find out which school to call. Back on the Homepage, there is also a link to a list of all of the ECSD schools that can be used to get contact information or to go to the school's homepage.

**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:**

##### **ECSD BMS and WFHS Fine Arts at Gallery Night**

**Apr. 15, 6:00 p.m.**

An Instrument Drive to benefit Bellview Middle School will kick off at this month's Gallery Night. Bellview's drum line will be there to "drum up" support. West Florida High School artists will be there to create art, display art and sell art while members of WFHS's Drama Program will be there to perform Broadway show tunes.

Instruments (new or gently used) can be dropped off at their tent on Artists' Row.

POC: ECSD Fine Arts at 850-469-5311.

##### **Volunteer Appreciation**

National Volunteer Week, April 18 – 22

ECSD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Apr. 21

##### **ECSD HR – Retirement Seminar**

**Apr. 21, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

ECSD HR is offering a retirement seminar on Thursday, Apr. 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Booker T. Washington High School. A Retirement Specialist from the Florida Retirement System will be presenting.

POC: Beth Thompson, Retirement & Leave of Absence Coordinator, Human Resource Services, (850) 469-6177 or 469-6180.

##### **Superintendent's District Advisory Council Meeting**

**Apr. 21, 5:30 p.m.**

The Superintendent's District Advisory Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the J. E. Hall Center in Room 160. The 2016 State of the District Address will be presented by Superintendent Malcolm Thomas, followed by a question and answer period.

POC: Denny Wilson, 850-469-5327

##### **N.B. Cook's Performance of "Winnie the Pooh"**

**Apr. 21, 6:00 p.m.**

N. B. Cook Elementary School After School Drama Club will perform "Winnie the Pooh" in the school auditorium on April 21st at 6.00 p. m.

POC: Jean Odom - Drama Dept., 850-595-6826 Ex 247, or school office 850-595-6826.

##### **ESOL Multicultural Pre-Conference Sessions for ESOL Center teachers and administrators**

**Apr. 22, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The ESOL Multicultural Pre-Conference will feature Dr. Ayanna Cooper, a national certified trainer in World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) and a past president of Georgia TESOL will be the featured presenter. The conference theme is: Renew. Focus. Lead: Promising Practices for ELLs' Language and Academic Achievement. It will be held in Room 153 in the J.E. Hall Center.

POC: Arlene Costello at the ESOL Department at 469-5575 or by email at [acostello@escambia.k112.fl.us](mailto:acostello@escambia.k112.fl.us).

**Escambia Westgate School's upcoming Run, Walk, Wheel 5K event.**

**Apr. 23, 9:00 a.m.**

Escambia Westgate School is hosting a Run, Walk, Wheel 5K on April 23rd at 9 am. Escambia Westgate School is an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) center school that serves students with significant cognitive disabilities from Pre-K (age 3) through 12th grade (age 22). The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the construction of a fully adaptive gymnasium to aid in teaching our students motor skills and to provide a venue for recreational events such as Special Olympics and therapy. Registration on Race Day - April 22nd and Race Day: \$35, Kids 12 and Under: \$10 The first 400 registrations will be guaranteed a shirt

POC: Beth Thead, MA, Behavior Coach, Escambia Westgate School, (850) 494-5700 ext. 280

**Escambia High School's Band's Gator March.**

**Apr. 23, 7:00 a.m.**

The EHS Band Gator March 5K run/walk is being held for the third year at Big Lagoon State Park on April 23. The course covers 5 kilometers, or 3.1 miles, in a loop on park property. The finish line will be at the Governor's Pavilion. The race will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the proceeds go to supporting the Escambia High Marching Band, The Pride. The entry fee is \$25.00 and a student designed shirt is guaranteed to those who registered by April 8th. Participants may register at **Active.com**. Packet pick-up will be at the Escambia High Band Room, at 1310 North 65th Avenue on Friday, April 22 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., or on race day from 6:00 - 6:30 a.m. at the Governor's Pavilion at the park. If you would like to sponsor a student, please contact Linda Lewis by calling 850-469-6364 or by email at [LLewis@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:LLewis@escambia.k12.fl.us). Please share this information with your friends who like to run, walk, visit parks, support bands, or who might want to sponsor a runner!

POC: Linda L. Lewis, Director, Payroll and Benefits Accounting, 850-469-6364

**ECSD's FIRST Elementary Science Olympiad**

**Apr. 23, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

ECSD's FIRST Elementary Science Olympiad will be held on April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Woodham Middle School Gymnasium. Events will be from 8:00 - 11:30. The awards ceremony will be held immediately after the events.

POC: Nancy Stanley, 850-439-2623

**EHS Education Jamboree & College Fair**

**Apr. 23, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Open to all high school students! Escambia High School is hosting the Education Jamboree & College Fair in their gym from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (flyer attached)

POC: Dean Jewel Cannada-Wynn, 850-453-3221, ext. 255

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](mailto:kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us).

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