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

April 22 – April 30, 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>

**Up-to-date Contact Information:** Everyone is asked to help spread the word that all families need to keep their address and contact information as up-to-date as possible with their students' schools. Not only is this information critical if your student has an emergency or takes ill, but this information is also used to keep bus routes up-to-date and allows the transportation department to have the ability to contact homes if there will be a delay in the bus schedule. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Booker T. Washington SGA News:** The student government at Booker T. Washington High School conducted its annual 5K race on Saturday April 2nd. Approximately 100 runners of all age groups participated. The students started working on this race in February. They secured over 30 business sponsors and designed and printed race shirts. Including sponsors and runner entrance fees, the students were able to raise four thousand dollars to donate to the epilepsy foundation. On Saturday, April 16, Washington High's student government participated in the Epilepsy Foundation Walk at the Wahoo's stadium. The SGA president, Mackenzie Simmons and the race chairman, Ty Weaver presented a check for \$4,100 to the Epilepsy Foundation. Quint Studer recognized their good work with a trophy designating Washington High as the top fundraiser for the Epilepsy Foundation.

**Tate High Music News:** The Tate High Orchestra, under the direction of Catherine McConnell, has had the distinct honor this year of receiving straight Superior ratings at the 2016 State Concert Music Performance Assessment (MPA) in Tampa. This marks the first time an individual high school orchestra has represented Escambia County at the State level. (More details to follow in a separate release.)

**Escambia High Music News:** EHS's Diamonds Indoor Percussion Ensemble performed and competed recently at the World Percussion Championships at the University of Dayton in Dayton, OH, and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 43 schools. (More details to follow in a separate release.)

**Runners!!!! It is time to register for various upcoming fund raising events – check them out! More info. available below in the notes on the date of the race.**

**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. 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 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.smores.com/cu4sd>

**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:** Remind high school seniors who are PTA/PTSA members that the deadline for applying for one of four \$2000 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:**

##### **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.k12.fl.us](mailto:acostello@escambia.k12.fl.us).

##### **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. Elementary schools participating are: Beulah, Blue Angels, Cook, Cordova Park, Ferry Pass, Holm, Lipscomb, McArthur, Oakcrest and Sherwood. Teams are composed of twelve students and there are nine events: Pentathlon, Barge Building, A is for Anatomy, Aerodynamics, Starry Starry Night, Grab a Gram, Bridge Building, Reflection Relay, and Robotics. Funding for this program is part of the Sansing Foundation grant intended to increase opportunities in science and computer education.

POC: Nancy Stanley, 850-439-2623.

### **Escambia Westgate School's 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

### **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.

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

### **N.B. Cook Elementary School's Kindergarten Jungle Musical**

**Apr. 29, 8:45 a.m.**

N. B. Cook Elementary School Kindergarten musical play will be presented in the school auditorium on Friday, April 29th at 8.45 a. m. "It's a Jungle Out There" has the animals going on a quest where Lion, King of the Jungle has sent them to find "The Keys to Happiness". Information: Jean Odom - Drama Dept., 850-595-6826 Ex 247, or school office 850-595-6826.

### **2016 Sunshine Math Competition**

**Apr. 30, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Fifty seven teams of third graders, fourth graders and fifth graders from all across Escambia County will report first thing on Apr. 30 to compete in teams of 4, and as individuals, in this year's Sunshine Math Competition. This year the event will be held at Booker T. Washington High School and will use the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. Tie-breakers will be held at 10:50 and award ceremonies are set to begin at 11:30 for third grade and at 11:45 for fourth and fifth grade.

POC: Tammy Barton, Elementary Math Specialist, 850-429-2945.

### **3rd Annual Celebrating Brownsville Arts and Cultural Festival**

**Apr. 30, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency and Artel Gallery announce the 3rd Annual Celebrating Brownsville Arts and Cultural Festival, Apr. 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3300 Mobile Highway across from the Brownsville Assembly of God Church. The event features free children's activities, crafts, local booths, art demonstrations, food, live entertainment and more. Celebrating Brownsville will feature the "Empowerment" Art Exhibition, an outdoor art exhibit featuring art work created by local artists ranging in age from elementary school students to adult and professionals and the Jam Challenge, where bands and performing artists will compete for

prizes. Integral to the art exhibit is the annual Celebrating Brownsville Mural Competition, where art pieces are selected to be reproduced as building installations and exhibited on local buildings within the Brownsville area. Artists of all ages are asked to submit their entries by Tuesday, April 12 using the correct category registration form found at [www.myescambia.com/Brownsville](http://www.myescambia.com/Brownsville). Property owners within the Brownsville area who wish to host a building installation should contact the Community Redevelopment Agency at (850) 595-3217.

POC: (850) 595-0870 Pre-Recorded Line/(850) 595-3217 Direct Line, Email: [CelebrateBrownsville@gmail.com](mailto:CelebrateBrownsville@gmail.com)

Official Webpage: [www.myescambia.com/Brownsville](http://www.myescambia.com/Brownsville), Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CelebratingBrownsville](http://www.facebook.com/CelebratingBrownsville)

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