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NEWS RELEASE

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ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 28 –May 7, 2016

Announcements:

ECSD Teacher Hiring Event: Application deadline is May 5. Applicants who have completed the application process will be invited to attend and interview at the Hiring Event on May 7, at Booker T. Washington High School. Find more information: https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/hr/new_hire or call 850-469-6282

Workman Teacher Honored: The Pensacola Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has selected Milagros Sessions to receive the Chief Judge “Family Values Award” for her service to the community in 2016. The award is sponsored by the Pensacola Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and will be presented to her by Chief Judge Linda Nobles at a dinner and awards ceremony on May 5, at the Pensacola Masonic Center on Airport Blvd. Workman’s Principal Traci Ursrey said that their ESOL department has worked very hard to produce a functioning garden. They have donated over 150 pounds of fresh produce to Manna Food Bank. Although the tornado did some damage to the garden, they have worked with district personnel and the community to rebuild what was lost. She is being honored for all of her hard work by a local Mason's lodge. **Congratulations to Mrs. Sessions!**

Up-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.

Runners -- 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 to sign up. The cost is \$25.00. Direct any questions to PHS Head Coach Mike Mincy at mmincy@escambia.k12.fl.us.

REMINDERS!

Title I PreK/VPK Office – Please share the news that parents of children who will be 4 on or before Sept 1st, 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. 1st 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:

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".

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

Dr. Jill Biden and NMSI President Visit Escambia High School

Apr. 29, 10:00 a.m.

As part of her Joining Forces (www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces) initiative, Dr. Jill Biden will visit Escambia High School to announce expanded support for allowing children of service members and veterans access to the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) College Readiness Program for Military Families. By expanding the College Readiness Program, more military-connected schools will be able to provide their students with access to rigorous AP courses and support, and consistent, high-quality educational opportunities, ensuring their competitiveness for college and beyond. Dr. Biden will be joined by Jason Silva, host of National Geographic Channel's Brain Games, for a series of mind-bending, scientific challenges between students from local high schools.

POC: Principal Frank Murphy, 850-453-3221

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. 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 Official Webpage: www.myescambia.com/Brownsville, Facebook: www.facebook.com/CelebratingBrownsville

National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2 – 6, 2016

ECSD Champion of the Arts Appreciation Reception

May 3, 5:30 p.m.

A Champion of the Arts is someone nominated for recognition for their support of the Fine Arts programs in Escambia County schools. Some examples of support include making donations of instruments or time, sponsoring travel costs, advocating for the Arts, partnering with teachers to bring opportunities to their students. Examples: Donation of a grand piano to Tate or PSC provided all-day workshops for all ECSD Art Teachers. Nominees range from students to teachers and principals to local companies and business.

partners. The event is a way to say thanks! Fine Arts teachers who are retiring this year will also be honored.

POC: Angela Barberi, 850-469-5311.

COX Heroes Ceremony

May 4, 3:30 p.m. reception, 4:00 p.m. ceremony

The 2016 Cox Heroes will be honored at a reception and ceremony at the University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Building 22, Pensacola, FL 32514. The annual Inspirational Student Hero Recognition Awards is sponsored by Cox Communications. Through this program, inspirational students are recognized who have shown great fortitude by successfully adapting to and/or conquering personal problems, challenges or situations. The Cox Inspirational Student Hero may be successfully overcoming one or more of the following: Academic Difficulties, Mental/Physical Disabilities, Family Adversity, Acculturation Problems (language barrier), Serious Illness, or Substance Abuse. Invitations will sent to the student hero and their parents/guardian, one teacher or guidance counselor and the principal from each school. A representative from each school will be asked to introduce their student hero.

POC: Cam Johnson, COX Communication, Public Affairs Manager, 850-857-4571, Cam.johnson@cox.com

ESOL to Celebrate Third Annual Family Festival

May 5, 5:30 p.m.

The Parent Leadership Council of the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program will hold its Third Annual ESOL Family Festival on May 5, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 160 of the Hall Center. The theme of the Family Festival is "Celebrating Many Cultures, One Voice." Activities will include a parade of students in native costumes, a folk dance, display of cultural and student artifacts, and a family feast of foods from different countries.

POC: Arlene Costello, ESOL Department, at 469-5575.

N.B. Cook Dance Club Performance

May 5, 6:00 p.m.

POC: Joanna Hayes, 850-595-6826, ext.246

ECSD Digital Showcase

May 6, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The ECSD Digital Showcase, an annual event will be held at the Spencer Bibbs Center to celebrate innovative educator and student use of technology.

POC: Denisha Read, , Instructional Technology, TSA, 850-429-2965

ECCPTA Awards Banquet

May 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

2nd Annual School Film Festival

May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Tate High is inviting multimedia students throughout two counties to meet in their cafeteria to compete in the 2nd Annual School Film Festival. The film festival is open to Escambia and Santa Rosa School Districts and area private schools. Last year's film festival was essentially a lip-dub contest. This year, they are expanding the opportunities for multimedia programs to show off and will be judging two categories from each school: short films and school commercials. The theme for the Short Film is Beauty and/or the Beast. The theme is open for interpretation. They can be artistic films and/or a horror films. Short films can be produced as a documentary or drama, or any appropriate genre to fit the theme and are limited to 5 minutes total. There can be 2 entries of five minutes (any combination) from each school. In the Commercial Category, the videos must promote the school and tell its story. It can be any form or creative style... even a lip-dub. Only one entry per school is allowed in this category and the time limit is 2.5 minutes. Each submission will be introduced with an explanation of the student-competitors' courses, work, and presentations.

POC: Patricia Gaddis, PGaddis@escambia.k12.fl.us, 850-937-2316

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Questions: Contact Head Coach Mike Mincy @ mmincy@escambia.k12.fl.us

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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