

NEWS RELEASE
April 5, 2016
For Immediate Release

ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 8 – April 30, 2016

Announcements:

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>. 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 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.

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 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.

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

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:

N.B. Cook's First Grade Musical

Apr. 8, 8:45 a.m.

N. B. Cook Elementary School first grade's musical play, will be presented in the school auditorium on Friday, April 8th at 8.45 a. m. The play's theme is "Earth Day", celebrating what nature has to offer and how we can find solutions to recycle, renew and reuse, appreciating what we have been given by Mother Nature.

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

Special Olympics Spring Games at Tate High School

Apr. 8, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The 20th Annual Escambia County School District's Special Olympics Spring Games will take place on Friday, April 8 from 10:00-12:30 at Tate High School. 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.

POC: Cheryl Guilbeau, Ed.D., ESE Program Specialist, PI, 850-595-0761, Ext. 212

EHS Band Invites Friends and Family for a Last 2015-2016 Performance

Apr. 9, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Come to Escambia High School for the last local performance of "Endless Love." Friends Family and Countrymen are invited to watch the Diamonds perform their 2016 program. There will also be a short tribute to this year's group of Age Outs (Seniors). This event is FREE!

POC: Terry Sanders, 850-453-3221.

DEADLINE to enter art in the 3rd Annual Celebrating Brownville Arts & Cultural Festival

Apr. 12, COB

Save the date for the 3rd Annual Celebrating Brownville Arts & Cultural Festival, featuring the "Empowerment" Art Exhibition and the Celebrating Brownsville Jam Challenge, scheduled for Apr. 30 (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Registration is now open for Artist Entries, Artist Booths, Art Demonstrations, Local Vendors, Volunteers and Children Activity Hosts. Registration is free but space is limited. Registration/Entry Deadline: Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

POC: For more information, or to enter artwork, call 850-595-3217

Email: CelebrateBrownsville@gmail.com

Website: www.myescambia.com/Brownsville

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CelebratingBrownsville

April School Board Schedule:

Special Board Workshop, Apr. 14, 3:00 p.m., J.E. Hall Center, room 160

Regular Workshop, Apr. 15, 9:00 a.m., J.E. Hall Center, room 160

Regular Meeting, Apr 19, 5:30 p.m.

Science Symposium at UWF

Apr. 14

A science symposium hosted by the University of West Florida on Thursday April 14th. Nine area high schools and middle school students will be show casing science projects they have been working on throughout the school year. Additionally, there will be a panel of scientists presenting about their scientific field and educational background.

POC: Chasidy Fisher Hobbs, Advising Coordinator and Instructor, Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences, UWF, 850-474-2735.

N. B. Cook Elementary School Visual Arts Gallery Night

Apr. 14, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

N.B. Cook invites their students and their families to their 2016 Visual Arts Gallery Night. There will be a 5th grade Creative Masks Art Exhibit, along with two art-making stations (pottery and mask making) and light refreshments. In addition, there will be a performance by Jonathan Clark's 5th grade Strings Club from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

POC: Patti Wheeler, Art teacher - Visual Arts Dept., 850-595-6826 Ex 245, or school office 850-595-6826.

Volunteer Appreciation

National Volunteer Week, April 18 – 22

ECSD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Apr. 21

ECSD HR – Retirement Seminar

Apr. 21, Details TBA

Booker T. Washington High School

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.

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. 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.

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