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ECSD News – Announcements and Upcoming Events
May 6 - 14, 2016

Announcements:

Now Available - Online Registration for New Students – Now available on the ECSD Homepage – ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com – there is a link to the new “Online Student Registration” page – ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/focus/enrollment. ECSD asks everyone who meets a family new to Escambia County to please tell them to go to our homepage as soon as they can, go to this link and start the process to register their children in their neighborhood school. There is also link to a form that will allow users to enter a street address to find out which elementary, middle and high school serves their new location. They will still need to go to the school with birth certificates, proof of residency (such as a utility bill), and school physical/shot records, but starting the “paperwork” online will streamline the process and shorten their visit. Any questions should be directed to your closest school or the School Choice Office at 850-469-5580.

GSTC Students Excel at State: George Stone Technical Center (GSTC) is proud to report that twenty-five of their students from eight different programs (Automotive Collision, Automotive Services, Computer Systems & Information Technology, Cosmetology, Emergency Medical Technician, Marine Services, Networking, and Welding) represented GSTC at the SkillsUSA State Conference in Lakeland, FL, last week. The following students placed in their respective events: **First Aid/CPR** - Manuel Nielsen - 1st Place; **Cosmetology Quiz Bowl** - Bridget Dunlap-Williams, Amanda Goolsby, Amber Graham, Magan Miller, and Brigitte Ortiz - 1st Place; **Welding Fabrication** - Austin Crabtree, Corey Kelly, and Chad Pierce - 1st Place; **Marine Services** - Blake Bush - 1st Place and Greg Varvouris - 3rd Place; **Internetworking** - Kaleri Henderson - 3rd Place; **Firefighting** - Angel Santana - 3rd Place; and **Men's Haircutting** - Magan Miller - 3rd Place. The 1st place students will be moving on to compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY, next month. For more information about programs available at GSTC, call 850-941-6200.

National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project News: Congratulations to A.K. Suter Elementary and specifically to Debra Pate, Cindy Bradley and Raynee Bouillon and their students. Bouillon’s class has been recognized for their energy project: S.U.T.E.R., leading to A.K. Suter’s selection as Florida Primary School of the Year and National Primary Runner-Up. Bradley and Pate’s class outstanding energy

education project: Kids Teaching Kids About Energy resulted in A.K. Suter Elementary's selection as Florida Elementary School of the Year and National Elementary School of the Year. The teachers and their students have been invited to attend the NEED National Recognition Ceremony scheduled for June 24-27, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Visit the NEED website – www.need.org - after Jun. 17 to see their projects along with all the other Youth Awards submissions.

Up Date All 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.

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.

Hellen Caro's May Day Celebration

May 6, 9:00 a.m.

Hellen Caro Elementary is holding a May Day Celebration on their track on May 6 at 9:00 a.m.

POC: Principal Sandy Moore or Fran Cook at 850-492-0531

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

ECSD Teacher Hiring Event

May 7, 8:30 a.m.

This event is for those applicants who have completed the application process and have been invited to attend by the ECSD HR Department. It will be held at Booker T. Washington High School.

More information: https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/hr/new_hire or call 850-469-6282

PHS Football Tiger Trot 5K

May 7, 9:00 a.m.

The 2016 PHS Football Tiger Trot 5K will be held on May 7, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Pensacola High School to benefit the PHS Tiger Football Team. The cost is \$25.00 and to register go to: www.phstigertrot.com

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

Warrington Elementary Art Exhibition

May 10, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Warrington Elementary School invites the families of their students to their Spring Art Exhibit. Each student in grades K-5 will have one piece of art on exhibit. There will be light refreshments and craft tables.

POC: Brandi Snodgrass, Art Educator, 850-453-7425

Scenic Heights Elementary's Talent Show

May 11, 6:00 p.m.

Scenic Heights Elementary School's Annual Talent Show will be held in the cafeteria, starting at 6:00 p.m. This promises to be a very entertaining evening that will showcase the many talents of our student body.

POC: Tracey Hotopp, 850-384-1387.

Scenic Heights Elementary's Moms' Luncheon

May 12, Times vary based on student's lunch schedule

Scenic Heights Elementary School's 2016 Mom's Luncheon is a special opportunity for all of their students' Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, or cousins to have lunch with their student. Guests may bring a lunch or pre-order one from the cafeteria and they should call our office for the lunch time designated for their student's class.

POC: Front office, 850-494-5635, ext. 221.

SPARC Institute

May 12, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

S.P.A.R.C. (Strength - Potential - Aspirations - resourcefulness - Confidence) is a free, 1-day institute providing participants with the knowledge needed to prepare young people to develop hardiness skills to meet personal and professional goals through identification of their sparks and interests while developing a growth mindset. This is presented by the Military Child Education Coalition. (More details on the District calendar) Sponsored by: U.S. Air Force and the NAS Pensacola School Liaison Office at no cost. Participants

can apply for 6 hours of continuing education credits for a fee of \$25.00. Register at: www.militarychild.org/training
POC: Myriam Virella at 254-953-1923 x 1119 or myriam.virella @MilitaryChild.org

Sherwood Elementary STOMPs

May 12, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Sherwood Elementary School's 5th grade classes have been working with their music teachers to create their own version of STOMP. They have rewritten songs and found ways to make music by using everyday objects as percussion instruments.

POC:

Special School Board Workshop

May 12, 3:00 p.m. in Room 160

Open Discussion and Presentations

Special Meeting

May 12, 5:00 p.m. in Room 132

Specific Evaluations/Contract Recommendations: Internal Auditor, School Board General Counsel, Coordinator of Board Affairs

Longleaf Elementary's Spring Concert

May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Longleaf's fourth and fifth grade chorus and band students will perform a Spring Concert on Thursday evening, May 12th, at 6:00 p.m. The students will be singing and playing recorders for this performance which will be held in the school's cafeteria. For more information contact. Additional info, is available on their website at: longleafelementarymusic.weebly.com.

POC: Principal DR. Patty Thomas, or Music Teacher Angie Sulls at 850-941-6110.

Regular School Board Workshop

May 13, 9:00 a.m. in Room 160

Battle of the Books - BOB 2016

May 14, 8:00 a.m.

2016 Battle of the Books will be held at Booker T. Washington High School from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

POCs: Dolores Underwood or Dr. Sheila Brandt, 850-494-5650 Ext. 252

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