

ECSD NEWSletter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stellar ECSD Employee for March: Superintendent Malcolm Thomas introduced the March Stellar Employee of the Month, Sylvia Larson during this month's Escambia County School Board meeting, held on March 20, 2018. Larson works as an Administrative Secretary for the George Stone Technical Center's Criminal Justice Training Center. She exemplifies the spirit of dedication as she carries out her many complex and detailed responsibilities. A few examples include: She schedules the Law Enforcement Recruit classes that cover an eight month and a 770 hour period of time. She handles the tracking of each student and fulfills the requirements set by our District as well as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (F.D.L.E.). Larson does this for multiple, overlapping classes of 30-32 students. She also tracks, schedules and maintains payroll records needed for the 86 adjunct instructors who teach at the academy as well as the records they need to maintain their certifications and teaching credentials. She is also responsible for the records necessary for the F.D.L.E. Trust Funds (approximately \$82,000 this year) and, she trains new administrative employees. Larson's professionalism was a key component in the training center's recent perfect audit report. She is dedicated and a great asset to the George Stone Technical Center, their staff and their students. Congratulations on receiving this well deserved recognition as the March Stellar Employee of the Month for the Escambia County School District.

Purchasing Rebate Presentation: Superintendent Thomas gave a quick overview of the purchasing card program, how it evolved as a way to streamline the purchasing system, and how it has also resulted in rebates from the bank holding our District and School credit card accounts. Superintendent Thomas then said, "We have enjoyed a very successful partnership with Region's Bank that manages our internal accounts purchasing card program. That program has earned over \$16,000 in rebates since October. The funds earned through this program go back into

our schools internal accounts. The school district's card fund earned \$21,692 rebate dollars our first full year in the program. That was in 2007. Last year we celebrated the ten year anniversary of our partnership and we reached the milestone of raising over one million dollars in total rebates. Last year there were over 34,000 transactions processed totaling nearly \$16 million." Then representatives from Regions Financial Corporation announced this year's rebate total and presented the purchasing department with a ceremonial check for... \$219,130.96!

Resolutions: The Escambia County School Board voted to adopt two resolutions:

The week of April 8 – 13 will be recognized as Youth Success Week. The resolution will be tendered to the Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education and Paul Wallis, Chief Probation Officer for Circuit One of the Department of Juvenile Justice. The full resolution can be found at: http://www.escambia.k12.fl.us/board/PDF%2018/March/03_20_18_regmtg/I_c_4.pdf

The month of April 2018 will be recognized as Military Child Month. A copy of this resolution will be tendered to Captain Christopher Martin, Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola and Carissa Bergosh, School Liaison Officer, NAS Pensacola. The full resolution can be found at: http://www.escambia.k12.fl.us/board/PDF%2018/March/03_20_18_regmtg/I_c_5.pdf

FHSAA State Champion Cheer Runner Up for 2018: Students and Coach Stacie Hammer from the West Florida High School Varsity Cheer Team were presented with certificates from Superintendent Thomas and they were greeted by the members of the School Board during the March School Board meeting. They were commended by the Superintendent and their coach for their goal setting and dedication to achieving those goals, as well as the trust they built in each other and the leadership skills they have developed, that led to their success in their competition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

34th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Mar. 22, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The luncheon will be held at New World Landing. The event is coordinated by the ECSD Community Involvement Office. Celebrating outstanding volunteers, teachers, mentors and business partners Doors open at 11:00, lunch and program begin at 11:30 a.m. The

MC will be Brent Lane from CAT Country Radio and Ferry Pass Middle School's Chorus will be performing.

POC: Jo McArthur and Joyce Knight at 850-469-5676.

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Ransom Middle School Votes!

Mar. 23

Staff and volunteers from the Supervisor of Elections Office will visit Ransom Middle School to conduct Sunshine State Reader elections as part of a school outreach program. The Elections Office will provide a real ballot, voting booths and a vote tabulator, as well as official "I Voted" stickers, so students who have been reading the books on the Sunshine State Readers list can vote for their favorite book.

POC: Brandi Ziglar, Supervisor of Elections Office's Outreach and Training Coordinator, 850-595-3900.

Pensacola Ciclovía - Open Streets 2018

Mar. 24, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come on down to experience streets closed to motor traffic and open for biking, walking, dancing, or whatever moves you. The ECSD Physical Education Department is participating in this day of outdoor activity. They are working with WEAR TV for Blender Bike Smoothie Races on Palafox Pier from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Children are encouraged to come on down. The whole event is free!

POC: Find out more at

PensacolaOpenStreets.com, PensacolaOpenStreets@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook or Instagram pages, PensacolaOpenStreets.

Spring Break

Schools Closed: Students and teachers are out March 26 – 30.

Most district offices are open Mar. 26-29, with reduced staff (call ahead to be sure the person you need to see will be available)

All schools and offices are closed March 30.

C.A. Weis Elementary School Votes!

Apr. 5

Staff and volunteers from the Supervisor of Elections Office will visit C.A. Weis Elementary School to conduct Sunshine State Reader elections as part of a school outreach program. The Elections Office will provide a real ballot, voting booths and a vote tabulator, as well as official "I Voted" stickers so students who have been reading the books on the Sunshine State Readers list can vote for their favorite book.

POC: Brandi Ziglar, Supervisor of Elections Office's Outreach and Training Coordinator, 850-595-3900.

Bellview Middle School Votes!

April 5

Staff and volunteers from the Supervisor of Elections Office will visit Bellview Middle School to conduct Sunshine State Reader elections as part of a school outreach program. The Elections Office will provide a real ballot, voting booths and a vote tabulator, as well as official "I Voted" stickers, so

students who have been reading the books on the Sunshine State Readers list can vote for their favorite book.

POC: Brandi Ziglar, Supervisor of Elections Office's Outreach and Training Coordinator, 850-595-3900.

Career Academy Awards Luncheon

April 5, 2018 - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The 2018 Career Academy Awards Luncheon will be held on April 5 at 1:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Airport, 1144 Airport Blvd. The purpose of the Career Academy Awards Luncheon is to recognize outstanding middle and high school career academy students and teachers, high quality academies, and exemplary business partners. This event is an annual celebration of a dual-county partnership between education and businesses that contribute to and strengthen the career academy mission.

POC: Workforce Education Office, 850-469-5357.

A.K. Suter Elementary School Votes!

Apr. 6

Staff and volunteers from the Supervisor of Elections Office will visit A.K. Suter Elementary School to conduct Sunshine State Reader elections as part of a school outreach program. The Elections Office will provide a real ballot, voting booths and a vote tabulator, as well as official "I Voted" stickers, so students who have been reading the books on the Sunshine State Readers list can vote for their favorite book.

POC: Brandi Ziglar, Supervisor of Elections Office's Outreach and Training Coordinator, 850-595-3900.

PLAN AHEAD – Mark your calendar and get your teams ready for these upcoming competitions!

Apr. 14 – Sunshine Math Competition

May 12 – Battle of the Books

Save the Date – Also please note these annual events that honor our students!

April 10 – 60th Annual Bright Images Awards Ceremony, J.E. Hall Center

April 10 – ECCPTA's Students of the Year, B.T. Washington High Auditorium

April 12 – ECPS Foundation's MIRA Awards for high school seniors who excelled in the Arts

April 26 – ECPS Foundation's Senior Academic Awards, B.T. Washington High's auditorium

April 28 – Spring Teacher Hiring Event

April 30 – ECSD Retirement Ceremony and Celebration, B.T. Washington High School Auditorium

May 1 – Champions for the Arts Reception – Get your nominations in!

May 9 – Cox Heroes Ceremony (Submission deadline March 16 – the submission packet has been attached to a note on March 9 & 16 on the District Events calendar.)

NOTE: As additional information or events are submitted, all attempts are made to keep the ECSD Events Calendar, found on the ECSD homepage and on the ECSD Families App up-to-date.

Planning an event? Send your details to Kim Stefansson, ECSD Public Relations Coordinator at kstefansson@escambia.k12.fl.us.
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