

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, September 15, 2017

As we have made it 2 weeks into the school year with students, we at the EACC appreciate the tremendous jobs ALL our members do all year long.

Let's review....

- **New Teacher Orientation** was FULL of positive energy and many new teachers. EACC recruited 222 new members by the end of NTO, and many of them attended our annual crab feast on September 1st. Again this year, the new teachers were delighted with the EACC New Teacher Store, gleefully leaving with loads of items to stock their classrooms. Thanks again to all who donated!!
- This year the new **EACC Early Career Educator Team** hosted a "New Teacher Meet and Greet" on Wednesday, August 23rd. Emily Izzo and Melissa Carpenter from Wade ES, along with Chelsey Herring-Paine of Berry ES, created and hosted a program for the new teachers to get to know one another, learn more about what their education association can do for them, and offer guidance from other new educators' perspectives. Invited guests were Princess Moss, NEA Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Weller, MSEA President, and Bill Fisher, recent CCPS retiree and MSEA Treasurer, who welcomed new teachers to the education profession. *We look forward to more fun events for Early Career Educators this year!*
- On September 1st over 425 Charles County employees and retirees had a great time and enjoyed excellent weather at the **Annual EACC Crab Feast**. Attendees ate over 82 bushels of crab, sang karaoke until the very end, and enjoyed an extended and cutthroat game of volleyball.
- **Senator Mac Middleton** held his annual BBQ Fundraiser on September 9th, and 15 EACC members attended. We wore our EACC polos and "Teachers Do Their Homework" t-shirts, enjoyed good food and interacted with many elected officials. We appreciate Senator Middleton's continued support for education and educators.

What's New?

1. **EACC Wellness Day, 9-23-17, 8:00 AM – 12 noon**

On Saturday, **September 23rd** EACC is hosting a **Wellness Day** at North Point High School from 8:00 AM- 12 noon. The EACC wants to give our members options for how you can help in your own journey for wellness, decrease your stress, and any other number of things to do with personal health and wellness. We have local businesses, gyms, and vendors who are setting up booths of information, providing short presentations and timed services. There will be hourly drawings and giveaways!

The Wellness Day is FREE to attend, but please let us know you're coming by registering on www.teameacc.org under "register for events."

2. **"Innocence Stolen" – Department of Justice Presentation on Internet Safety**

When? September 26, 2017

Where? McDonough High School Auditorium

What time? 6:30 - 8:00 PM

What's it about? "Innocence Stolen" is a Department of Justice presentation by Mr. Vincent DeVivo, hosted by the EACC. Mr. DeVivo is a Community Outreach Specialist for the US Attorney's Office, District of Maryland, providing public safety programming and community crime prevention efforts. The presentation informs adults about how best to protect young people from negative and criminal influences online. Topics include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting, and internet predators. The program provides prevention and intervention strategies and internet safety resources.

The presentation is open to the entire Charles County community. Please feel free to share this information. The presentation is FREE. **Registration is required** and available on our website, www.teameacc.org

3. **MSEA Representative Assembly and Convention : October 20-21, Ocean City Maryland**

The 150th annual MSEA Representative Assembly and Convention is October 20th-21st in Ocean City, Maryland. There will be free professional development workshops for members and non-members on Friday and Saturday mornings. Among the 34 different workshops available, the subjects include:

- Strategies to Improve Student Achievement,
- Legal Risks for Educators,
- Facilitating Mentoring Conversations,
- Home/School Relationships,
- Classroom Management,
- Identity and African American Students,
- Academic Achievement of Reluctant Learners,
- Trauma-Informed Instruction,
- Understanding the Emotional and Psychological Effects of Poverty, and
- Building Schoolwide Cultural Competence.

Although CCPS made MSEA Convention day a student day, educators can request to go and take advantage of the wealth of information that will be presented, as our contract allows for that.

4. **Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see Linda at “Coffee and Chat with Linda!” I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me:

Sunday, September 17, 2017, Panera, La Plata, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

5. **The “GREAT” GR Trophy! For the 2nd Year in a row, Gale- Bailey ES wins!**

Last year the Government Relations Committee began an award to recognize the school that had the highest percentage of their members who participate in various Government Relations activities such as lobbying, attending political functions, and writing letters to elected officials.

The trophy is the “GREAT” Trophy - “GREAT” stands for “Government Relations Educator Activists Trophy.” The winning school receives a trophy. The trophy will stay at each school for a year and then move on to the next year’s winning school. The school will also get a plaque commemorating their GREAT status, which they will keep.

The 2016-2017 GREAT Trophy winning school was Gale-Bailey Elementary School! Gale Bailey also won the GREAT Trophy for the 2015-2016 school year, so they will keep the trophy another year! The runner-up schools were Middleton ES and Mitchell ES. Thanks for your advocacy and speaking up for your profession!

6. **From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

Thinking about retiring? Already turned in your paperwork to retire? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

EACC Committees – Want to know how YOU can get involved?

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining.

Membership – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: November 9, 2017, 4:30 PM, EACC Office

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: October 5, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen
The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: October 12, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair: Kathy Reamy
The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: September 21, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority and Human Civil Rights – Chair: Margot Savoy
The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

Meetings are the 4th Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: September 28, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Have a great weekend!

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