

Dear EACC Members, Happy New Year! Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, January 8, 2016

What's new?

Name the EACC Trophy Contest

A reminder from the GR Committee...The deadline for the **Name the EACC Trophy Contest** is Friday, January 15th. This a new spirit award to promote member participation in Government Relations Activities. Please email submissions to eaccgr@gmail.com and make sure to include your name and your school name. The winning submission will receive a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card. The winning submission will be announced in February.

Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition for middle school students:

The Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition was established by the EACC as a memorial to Ruth Ann Hall. Ms. Hall was a middle school teacher in Charles County for over twenty years, a former EACC President, and a passionate advocate for children and public education. In her memory, EACC established this award for **middle school students** in 2001.

The selection process will be simple:

- Nominations for the award are now open. **Deadline for recommendations is January 29, 2016.** Nomination forms may be obtained from your EACC building reps or by visiting the EACC website at www.teameacc.org under "EACC Portal".
- A teacher or a team of teachers may nominate a student by completing a brief nominations form.
- Members of the EACC Public Relations Committee will review the nominations forms and decide on the recipients of the recognition. We ask that you recognize a student/s who has shown improvement in areas such as attendance, good citizenship, excellent effort or other related academic reasons. This award is not intended for those students who already do well in school and who most likely receive other types of recognition. This is intended for those students who have worked hard, despite having some difficulties, and have persevered.

Please start thinking about deserving middle school students you would like to nominate!

- If you are interested in being on the committee that reviews the nominations forms, sign up via this link: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/z42brxy0krx1fv/> to let us know that you will be coming to the **planning meeting** on **Tuesday, January 26** at **5PM** at the **EACC office**.

VOLUNTEER AT THE NEA RA!

This year Maryland and Virginia will be co-hosting the NEA RA in Washington, D.C. More than 200 volunteers are needed to ensure a great experience for delegates and attendees. We need volunteers. **Please see the "Host Committee Letter" (attached to this email)** from the Maryland Host Committee co-chairs, Mary Fenton and Liz Brown.

Contact: Mary Fenton, 301/751-4435; Liz Brown, 301/452-2102

It is never too early to start thinking about the financial future and retirement.

The Instructional and Professional Development (IPD) committee and the EACC-Retired committee are sponsoring 2 financial workshops to meet everyone's needs:

1. **For new and mid-career teachers:** "Saving for Retirement", Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM, Stoddert MS Cafeteria.

2. **For those veteran educators 5 years or less to retirement:** "Understanding Your Retirement", Thursday, March 31, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM, Stoddert MS Cafeteria

Both workshops will be presented by Damion N. Dengler, CFP, CPA of Integrated Financial Solutions, Inc.

Coffee and Chat with Linda

- Sunday, January 10, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
- Sunday, January 24, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata

The EACC Government Relations Committee has met and has been making plans:

- The **EACC Legislative Breakfast** will be on January 9, 2016 (snow date Jan.30, 2016) at North Point High School
- The GR Committee is sponsoring a **Town Hall** in January on **“How and Why to Lobby”**. It will be held on January 27th at La Plata High School. More details will follow.
- We want you to come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Your stories will resonate with your elected officials! Our **Lobbying Dates** are:
 - February 8, 2016
 - February 22, 2016
 - March 7, 2016
 - March 21, 2016
 - April 4, 2016

EACC is offering the “Creative Discipline Workshop” for 1 CPD credit

Dates: Online hours from 3/1/2016 – 5/31/2016

Two required face-to-face sessions – Saturday April 2 and April 30

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: North Point High School – Staff Development Room

Registration:

<https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Login.taf?orgId=20646&function=Submit&useRedirect=1&redirect=https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Course.taf?courseID=252%26srn=2016030101%26fromSearch=0>

FEE: **Free to EACC Members**, \$10 for Non-EACC Members.

Online payment is available when you register.

“Creative Discipline” is a workshop where participants will explore cultural competence, restorative justice, and alternative discipline strategies in the classroom. This workshop is open to all teachers and administrators. Participants will view video modules, read articles, post on discussion boards via Moodle, and attend a 6-hour Saturday session where there will be a speaker from MSDE (Robert Murphy, Specialist Dropout Prevention). There will be presentations on equity, alternatives to suspension and expulsion, and strategies to use in the classroom. Participants will create an Individual Action Plan for their classroom or school. Participants will share, reflect upon, and engage in professional dialog with other participants after implementing their chosen strategies.

Most parts of workshop will take place online, via Moodle, with two required "on site"

meetings: **April 2 & April 30** from **9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** in the Staff Development Room at North Point High School.

EACC Committees

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. Committee notes will be posted after each meeting on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org

Membership – Chair: Kathy Reamy

Next meeting date January 20, 2016, 4:30 PM, EACC office

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

Happy Hour Dates: Jan. 21, March 17, and May 5.

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

Next meeting- Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC office

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

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5:00PM, EACC office.

Other meeting dates: Jan. 7, 2016, Feb. 9, 2016, March 8, 2016, April 12, 2016, and May 10, 2016

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

Next meeting – Tuesday, Feb 2, 2016, 5PM, EACC Office

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Public Relations (PR) Committee- Chair: Joe McMahan

Next meeting – TBA

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Minority and Human Civil Rights Committee – Margot Savoy

Next meeting- Monday, January 25, 2016, Mattawoman Middle School Cafeteria, 5:00 PM

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

CCPS Trainings of interest (open to all CCPS employees):

A. Changing the Conversation About Assessment- there are very few seats available right now, so register soon!

Register now to join this timely conversation about how to use formative assessments to improve instruction. There will be 3 face to face sessions plus online hours. Participants who attend all sessions and complete the required assignments are eligible to earn 1 CPD credit toward certificate renewal. There is no cost for the course or the credit. Limited to 30 seats.

Changing the Conversation About Assessment – How to Use Formative Assessment to Increase Student Achievement

Dates: Jan. 12, Feb. 2, Feb. 23 + online hours

Time: 3:30-5:30 PM

Location: Starkey

To

Register: <https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Login.taf?orgId=20646&function=Submit&useRedirect=1&redirect=https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Course.taf?courseID=350%26srn=20160112002%26fromSearch=0>

Dates: Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Mar. 3 + online hours

Time: 4:30-6:30 PM
Location: Starkey Board Room

To

Register: <https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Login.taf?orgId=20646&function=Submit&useRedirect=1&redirect=https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Course.taf?courseID=350%26srn=20160121004%26fromSearch=0>

B. Apps Night Out!

Date: Th, Jan. 21, 2016 *

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: Stoddert Middle School

** If schools are closed due to inclement weather the reschedule date will be Jan. 28*

Are you just starting out with the BYOD format? Are you an *App Lover* and want to check out what other teachers are doing? Everyone is welcome to join us for a rotating look at a variety of Apps and Web 2.0 Tools. Over 20 very Appy Teachers have volunteered to share the apps they use and love.

Participants follow their interests during 3 conference style session rotations. A final session allows teachers to return to their favorite app and work with the presenter on next steps for getting started in their own classroom. Everyone will walk away with access to the materials, Lesson Seed Ideas, and a self-guided video gallery walk powered by QR Codes and Aurasma Video.

Bring your own device from your school or home! WiFi will be available.

Registered participants will receive a reminder just before the event with special instructions for accessing the WiFi, Gallery Walk QR Code reader, and Video Aurasma Reader. The Apps Night Out! PD will also be added to your online transcript for Domain 4 documentation and registration will help ensure we have space to accommodate everyone.

Register today!

<https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Login.taf?orgId=20646&function=Submit&useRedirect=1&redirect=https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Course.taf?courseID=351%26srn=20160121002%26fromSearch=0>

For questions or assistance with registration, contact Dawn Schaeffer at dschaeffer@ccboe.com