

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, May 13, 2016:

### **Recap of past events:**

**Teacher Appreciation Week** was May 1-6! A huge thank you to Kathy Reamy and the EACC membership committee for arranging all the fabulous teacher appreciation week activities! Another huge thank you goes to the EACC-Retired members who helped stuff the goody bags that went to every member (and the members who came in to finish the last few bags)!

Congratulations to **Smallwood Middle School**, who had the **highest percentage of their members** in attendance at the April 19th **Commissioners' Budget Hearing!** A big shout out to our Smallwood rep Lisa Terlecki, who urged/cajoled/convinced people to attend the Budget Hearing! On Friday, May 13th, all EACC members at Smallwood received a Chick-Fil-A breakfast to celebrate their advocacy and attendance!

Recently there was an **MSEA Run-off election** for NEA Director. **Jake Zebley from Cecil County was the winner.** Thank you to everyone who voted in the run off election- your support really does make a difference! Congratulations to **Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School** for having 55% of their members vote in the election-the largest percentage of members in any of our schools to vote in this election! That is HUGE! As a reward for getting so many people to vote, **members at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy will enjoy breakfast compliments of EACC** on May 20th!

We have finished up our **Spring 2016 PAC Drive.** Thank you to everyone who had or attended meetings about PAC, and who signed and returned their forms (whether you checked yes or no).

- o We had a total of 8 schools who turned in 85% or more of the PAC forms signed! All these schools will receive a meal from EACC.
- o 2 of our schools turned in 100% of their forms- Gale - Bailey ES and TC Martin ES!
- o The remaining schools with 85% or more turn in rate were: Middleton ES, Diggs ES, Dr. Higdon ES, Malcolm ES, La Plata HS and Hanson MS.
- o Greg Miller, Principal of TC Martin and EACC member, was the winner of our Fund For Children and Public Education (PAC) Drive drawing! He received a gift card from a drawing including all the names of people who turned in forms. He told us that he plans to use the gift card to buy his staff a meal on the last day of work!
- o There was another drawing from the list of reps' names from the schools with 85% or higher turn in rate. The selected rep would have Linda McLaughlin as either their sub for the day or their assistant for a day. The winning rep was Peter Ullmann at Hanson Middle School.
- o We had 67 new PAC donors, and 54 upgrades! Thank you!

On April 30th, the **EACC Creative Discipline class** held its second Saturday session to learn about **Restorative Practices.** Ms. Robin McNair, 9th grade history teacher at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School and Prince George's County Education Association Board of Directors member, spoke to our participants about the use of Restorative Practices in the classroom. Restorative Practices is about relationships in the classroom, building community through those relationships and repairing harm through accountability. Historically, harsh disciplinary approaches have contributed to the school-to-prison pipeline. High dropout rates and incarceration have become more likely for many children because of these approaches. Restorative Practices can help reduce the amount of suspensions/expulsions, which tends to serve as a gateway to the school-to-prison-pipeline.

### **What's new?**

#### **ITEMS FOR THE NEW TEACHER STORE**

We are accepting donations for the New Teacher Store that EACC runs at New Teacher Orientation. If you are retiring or purging things from your classroom that you think a new teacher might be able to use

in their classroom, please consider donating to us! Please make sure your items are “gently used” or new. Contact us at the EACC office (301-392-0150) to arrange a time for pickup.

### **SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ONE (1) EACC MEMBER-AT-LARGE POSITION ON THE EACC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

We will be having a special election for the open member-at-large position on the Executive Board, which will be done electronically. Please talk to your EACC rep or visit our EACC website ([www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org)) for information.

### **NEGOTIATIONS/TENTATIVE AGREEMENT AND RATIFICATION**

We will schedule informative meetings about the Tentative Agreement after the conclusion of Negotiations. The ratification vote will be done electronically, as it was done last year. More information will be forthcoming in emails from your EACC rep and from Courtney.

### **NEW GR TROPHY!**

This year the GR 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 winning school will receive a trophy call the **“GREAT” trophy** (named by Heather Hartman-Jansen at Somers Middle School). **“GREAT” stands for “Government Relations Educator Activists 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 GREAT Trophy winning school was Gale-Bailey Elementary School!**

### **MAY 14: MSEA NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS**

MSEA Night is back at Camden Yards with a Saturday night game against the Detroit Tigers! Tickets with MSEA’s special discount are just \$13, \$15, or \$25. Friends and family are welcome. It’s also Youth Bat and Ball Set Night for the first 7,500 fans under 14! More than 1,000 members came to MSEA Night last year—make sure you join them this year! President Betty Weller throws the first pitch of the game if MSEA sells 1,500 tickets. See the linked flyer: [http://www.marylandeducators.org/sites/default/files/docs/communique/maryland\\_state\\_education\\_association.pdf](http://www.marylandeducators.org/sites/default/files/docs/communique/maryland_state_education_association.pdf)

### **SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 11 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY IN ANNAPOLIS**

Save the date to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day with MSEA at its headquarters in downtown Annapolis! There will be exclusive educator-only discounts and specials for MSEA members at shops and businesses on Main, Market, and West Streets and Maryland Avenue. More information will be coming soon!

### **COFFEE AND CHAT WITH LINDA**

Come visit with Linda at the **Waldorf Panera** at her last “Coffee and Chat with Linda” for the 2015-2016 school year on **Sunday, May 15th from 2-4 PM**. Bring your concerns and questions, get a rundown on all the education bills that were discussed/passed/failed in the Maryland General Assembly session that ended on April 11th, and find out about the upcoming NEA convention in Washington, DC.

o ***Future Coffee and Chats with Linda*** -“Coffee and Chat with Linda” will resume at the beginning of next school year!

### **2016 MSEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

o The 2016 Annual Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 17-20, at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. This year, eight different schools are offered: Advocacy, Conflict Resolution, Emerging Leaders Academy, ESP, Leadership, Less Testing/More Learning, Organizing, and Professional Issues. **Online registration deadline** has been extended to noon, **Tuesday, May 31, 2016**.

o **We are putting together teams of people to attend** the Advocacy School as well as the Organizing School. If you are interested in either one of these schools, please contact Linda at the EACC office(310-392-0150) to see if there are any open spots remaining.

**SAVE THE DATE!! -The EACC CRAB FEAST is August 26, 2016!** Tickets go on sale May 2, 2016. Tickets will be available online at [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org)

- o \$20 per ticket until June 20th
- o after June 20th, price is \$30
- o ticket sales close on August 18th

### **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.

Membership – Chair: Kathy Reamy

**Next meeting date- August/September 2016**

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

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

**Next meeting date- August/September 2016**

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

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

**Next meeting – Tuesday, May 17, 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 date- August/September 2016**

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 – Chair: Margot Savoy

**Next meeting- Monday, May 16, 2016- 5:30 PM, Mattawoman MS Cafeteria**

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

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