

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, September 25, 2015.

***Recap of past events:***

***Highlights from Meditations with Tormis*** (September 16)

- There was member attendance from a number of schools at this wonderful concert!
- Reps with highest attendance were from St. Charles!
- Member drawing winner was Peter Ullmann.
- Student drawing winner was a student from St. Charles HS.

**Building visits:**

We have already begun our building visits for the year. We typically set up in the teachers' lounge and have snacks and give-aways for the members and potential members who come visit us. We also have information about your NEA Member Benefits.

We are there to answer your questions, give you updates on EACC activities, and listen to your concerns. Please come by when we are in your buildings, because we are there to make ourselves available to our members!

So far we have been to:

- Lackey HS,
- Smallwood MS,
- Malcolm ES,
- Gale-Bailey ES,
- Henson MS,
- Indian Head ES,
- Mt Hope/Nanjemoy ES,
- JC Parks ES,
- BOE

In the near future we will be visiting:

- Davis MS,
- Westlake HS,
- Stethem,
- Neal ES,
- Stone HS, and
- Somers MS

We'll get to you soon!

**MSEA survey on Testing**

On Monday you received the link for the survey about the standardized tests you administer and how those affect your students. Please take the time to fill it out- we need YOUR input! The window closes on Monday, September 28. Here is the link again if you haven't done the survey yet:

<https://marylandeducators.wufoo.com/forms/member-survey-standardized-testing-in-charles-co/>

**What's new??**

**Board of Education Town hall Meeting- Monday, September 28, 2015**

The BOE is holding a public Town Hall meeting at St., Charles High School at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. The Board members want to hear your concerns and answer your questions about education and schools. Please come with your questions and concerns, and wear your "Feed the Fire! Fuel the Future!" t-shirts.

**District 27A Delegate Vacancy**

The Charles County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC) will hold one public hearing on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of filling one State Delegate vacancy (District 27A). The public hearing will be held at the Waldorf West Branch Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland 20603, Room C.

Please see the attached Press Release with information if you are interested in being considered for State Delegate.

### **Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see me at **"Coffee and Chat with Linda"**. I will be at the following locations on the following dates, sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me.

- Sunday, September 27, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, Waldorf
- Sunday, October 11, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
- Monday, October 26, 2015, 6:00-8:00 PM – Panera, Waldorf

### **MSEA Convention- October 16-17, 2015- Ocean City, Maryland**

Although we did not receive enough interest to secure buses for members to the MSEA convention, I hope you will request administrative leave to go and take advantage of the Professional Development workshops offered at the convention (as our contract allows for that). Please remember, you will be required to show proof of attendance when you return.

Important points to remember:

- There is no pre-registration for the MSEA convention workshops. You will register at the convention.
- To see the schedule for workshops, please use this link:  
<http://www.marylandeducators.org/sites/default/files/docs/communique/workshopschedulefinal.pdf>
- There are workshops on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM and on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM.

### **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 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 will open in December.
- A teacher or a team of teachers may nominate a student.
- Members of the PR committee will review the applications.
- The committee will base its selections on many criteria, including the child's dedication to schoolwork, improvement, and positive attitude towards learning.

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

### **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](http://www.teameacc.org)

#### **Membership – Chair: Kathy Reamy**

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

Meeting schedule TBD

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 5:00PM, EACC office.

Next meeting: October 13, 2015.

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

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

Meeting schedule TBD

*Public Relations Committee- Chair: Joe McMahan*

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

Next meeting: October 29, 2015, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

*Minority and Human Affairs – Margot Savoy*

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

Tentative meeting schedule is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at Mattawoman MS

Have a great weekend!