

Dear Reps, Please forward to your members. Thanks, Linda

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, December 18, 2015:

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

**The EACC Membership Committee had a Happy Hour on December 10<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30-7:30PM at Martini's in White Plains. Approximately 65 people came out and enjoyed fellowship and fun at Martini's. Other Happy Hours have been planned for January 21<sup>st</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

On December 17, 2015, EACC held a **"Less Testing, More Learning Town Hall "** to begin a conversation with the community about testing in our schools. About 55 people attended, to include 2 Board of Education members, MSEA leadership, CCPS staff, teachers, parents and students. It was a very positive meeting where assessment information was shared and a teacher panel was interviewed. Thank you to Debbie Haan, Lindsey Bilconish, Peter Ullmann, Jeff Mathews and Karen Richie for speaking on our panel. Parents, teachers, and a student spoke during the open microphone part of the forum. Thank you to everyone who came to advocate for what is best for students, teachers, and our profession.

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

#### **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 rep or by visiting the EACC website at [www.teameacc.org](http://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!

**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, December 20, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
- 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**". More information soon.
- 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=20160301001%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](http://www.teameacc.org)

Membership – Chair: Kathy Reamy

**Next meeting date Wednesday, 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.

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!**

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For questions or assistance with registration, contact Dawn Schaeffer at [dschaeffer@ccboe.com](mailto:dschaeffer@ccboe.com)