

The EACC now has a **Temporary Office** while we wait for our regular office space to be repaired from the flood. The temporary office space is in La Plata, at 5 Oak Ave (behind Dash-In). It is a yellow Victorian and we are renting the 2nd floor. Our phone is the same, 301-392-0150. We are still on the Pony route and if members need to meet with us, we now have office space in which to do so!

March is **Read Across America** month. The EACC celebrates Read Across America by donating books in Dr. Seuss-themed bags to the Birthing Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in La Plata (it used to be called Civista). Approximately 75 babies are born there each month, so for the past few years we have donated 75-80 books each year to the Center. Each baby goes home with their own book, which their parent(s) will hopefully read to them. Literacy begins at home, and in this way we promote reading and learning to read early!

This year we partnered with “Forever Free Books”, a non-profit that donates books for children of all ages. Cheryl Ervin, Reading Recovery teacher at Diggs Elementary School, organized the project. We have a couple of pictures on our Flickr account of our presentation of the books to the Birthing Center.

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Lobbying 3/23/15 – On Monday night, March 23rd, 2015, we went to Annapolis to lobby our legislators with 28 people! That is the largest group we have taken so far this year! This was an additional Lobby Night that Veronica McFadden spearheaded to continue to the positive energy created by our EACC Public Town Hall on March 11th!

The **La Plata Warriors** threw down the gauntlet and challenged all other schools that they would bring a larger percentage of their members to this Lobby Night, and they were victorious in maintaining that claim! LPHS brought 7 members to Lobby Night, which is the largest percentage of members from any of the schools that were represented on the bus! What an awesome way to step up and make your voices be heard, La Plata!

We rented a bus to go to Annapolis, and we had a great time speaking with Senator Mac Middleton and visiting the offices of our other delegates. Our delegates were hard at work in committee meetings, so we left notes and took pictures of ourselves holding up “The EACC was here” signs, made by GR Chair Veronica McFadden. I have received messages back from Delegates Proctor and Patterson thanking us for our visits and pictures.

You can see pictures of the 03.23.2015 lobbying at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/teameacc/sets/72157651086332377/>

Courtney, Dan and I met with Commissioner President Murphy last week. The **Commissioners' Budget Forum** date has been moved. The new date is **May 20, 2015**. We are making plan to get as many people as possible to the Budget Forum- we want to fill that meeting hall! We will be making signs for people to hold at the EACC Picnic May 9, 2015.

On March 25, 2015, we held a **Unit II A&S Town Hall**. It was a great discussion with the principals and vice principals who attended about issues that concern EACC Administrative and Supervisory members.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 8:30AM - 3:30 PM, MSEA is holding their **Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Conference** at the Bowie Comfort Inn Conference Center in Bowie, MD. If you are interested in attending, the workshop sessions can be seen at: <http://www.marylandeducators.org/ipd-conference>

The **EACC Negotiations Survey** has been sent out to all members. Please take the time to fill out and submit it. The Negotiations Committee uses the data when discussing the focus of Negotiations.

The **Board of Education** also has a survey out about the **2016-2017 calendar**. It can be found at this link:

<http://www.ccboe.com/survey/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/475186/newtest/Y/lang/en>

The **April "Coffee and Chat with Linda"** dates are:

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 6:00-8:00 PM, Panera, La Plata

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM, Panera, La Plata

Monday, April 27, 2015, 6:00-8:00 PM, Panera, Waldorf

Please come see me, chat about any issues you may have, and get updates about what's going on with MSEA and EACC.

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