

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Monday, May 1, 2017!

HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!!!!!!!!!!!

Catching Up.....

EACC's 2nd Trivia Night on April 25th had SIX teams participate! The first place winner was **"It's Elementary, my Der Watson"** (Denise Pratt, Michael Spisak, Kristi Tewell and Cierra Rayne), with the runner up team being **"The Marauders"** (Carmen Belanger, Christine Jara, Melanie Smith and Dedra Van Gelder).

- Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent special election for the **amendments to the EACC bylaws**. The bylaw amendments were passed.

- We had a great time at the **EACC Picnic** on April 30th! This year the weather cooperated and we had hotdogs and hamburgers and games and a poster-making party for the May 9th Commissioners' Budget Hearing.

- We had 4 teams participate in the **EACC Scavenger Hunt** on Sunday morning before the picnic. Congratulations to the 1st place team, **"iRead"** (Carmen Belanger, Dedra Van Gelder, Heather Hartman Jansen and Lloyd Jansen), the second place team **"Son James"** (Rachel, Bobby, Ashley and Kim Jameson), and the 3rd place team **"Give a Hoot"** (Tia Sasser and Brynae Wade).

- **EACC Elections** are still up and running! Vote for locally - funded NEA delegates, MSEA October 2017 delegates, and EACC PAC chair. **Voting ends this Friday, 5/5, at 4:00 PM** (see #3 under "What's New?" for details).

What's New?

1. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES!!!!!!

Tuesday, **May 2**, 2017- **EACC Paint Night**, Martini's, 5:00-7:30PM- sign up begins April 3rd (Registration full)

Thursday, **May 4**, 2107 - **Ice Cream Social**, Cold Stone Creamery, 3:00-7:00PM

- FREE ice cream for EACC members
- \$2.50 ice cream for family members who come with EACC members

Friday, **May 5**, 2017 - **EACC Happy Hour and Social**, Red Oak Bistro, 3:00-7:00 PM

Visit our website, www.teameacc.org for more information and to register for events!

2. The **Charles County Commissioner's Budget Hearing is May 9th**. We need YOU to attend and advocate for your profession! Your reps will be contacting you and giving you details. Please sign up on the EACC website under "Register for Events" to attend!

3. EACC Elections - EACC elections for locally-funded NEA delegates (contingent on budget), MSEA Convention October 2017 delegates, and EACC PAC chair are happening NOW. Every member should have received an email with a link to vote. If you have not received an email link to vote from electionbuddy, please contact Dennis Burns at dburns@ccboe.com. Each member will receive his or her own individual link, which cannot be shared. **Voting will be 4/24-5/5.**

4. **Early Bird registration for the **EACC Crab Feast** is OPEN!**

- **The EACC Crab Feast will be Friday, September 1, 2017 from 3:30-8:00 PM**

- Tickets are \$25 from May 1st until June 25th, and \$35 from June 26th until August 23rd!
- Ticket sales are ONLINE ONLY this year – www.teameacc.org, “Register for Events”
- CCPS employees and CCPS retirees may purchase ONE ticket for themselves and ONE ticket for a guest (who MUST enter the Crab Feast with the CCPS employee)
- Tickets are non-transferrable

4. Coffee and Chat with Linda

Come see me at “Coffee and Chat with Linda!” I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me.

Sunday, May 21, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata

5. From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:

Thinking about retiring? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

6. EACC MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!

We have created a form called “EACC Member Highlights” which can be found on our EACC website, www.teameacc.org. On that form, you can describe the fantastic feats of your school friends and colleagues that you feel should be celebrated! You will be able to tell about the amazing awards you and your colleagues are receiving!

Please visit this link <http://teameacc.org/eacc-member-highlights/> today (or visit our EACC website), and any day to let us know about positive achievements going on for you and around you!

Opportunities/Action Items from MSEA:

1. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SEEKING INPUT

The Resolutions Committee is seeking input on MSEA’s 2017-18 resolutions. Members are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Resolutions Committee being held at MSEA headquarters in Annapolis on May 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to observe the committee’s work and are encouraged to bring resolutions for consideration by the committee. The tentative final Resolutions Committee meeting for year will be held at MSEA headquarters on August 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting is only scheduled if member resolutions are brought to the committee and NEA resolutions are being considered.

Contact: Cathy Perry, 443/433-3649

2. MSEA NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS

Join us for the third annual MSEA Night at Camden Yards on Saturday, May 6 at 7:05 p.m. to see the O’s take on the Chicago White Sox! The first 20,000 fans get a free Orioles tote bag. MSEA members and their families can purchase discounted seats by visiting <http://www.orioles.com/tix/msea>.

Contact: Adam Mendelson, 443/433-3630

3. MSEA EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY

The MSEA Educator Appreciation Day is Saturday, June 10, 2017 at MSEA HQ from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. MSEA will have refreshments, a list of participating businesses, and a wristband which entitles members to receive exclusive educator-only discounts at shops, boutiques, and restaurants on Main, Market, and West streets and Maryland Avenue. There will also be a raffle at MSEA HQ with prizes from local shops.

Contact: [Josh Ardison](#), 443/433-3650

4. SAVE THE DATE: 2017 MSEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP, JULY 18-21, 2017

Please save the date and spread the word! The 2017 Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 18-21, 2017 at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. Details and registration will be coming in the near future.

Contact: [Cathy Perry](#), 443/433-3649 or [Erin Sakalas](#), 443/433-3654

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: Lisa Terlecki

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

Next meeting: Fall 2017

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 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office.

Next meeting: email update meeting May 4, 2017

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

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

Next meeting: May 11, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Co-Chairs Adam Frisbee and Will Lewis

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: May 18, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office- Time will be spent for the Organizing Committee meeting

Minority and Human Affairs – Margot Savoy

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

December meeting has been cancelled.

Next meeting : Fall 2017

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