

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Monday, May 15, 2017!

Catching Up.....

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 1-5th. Big thanks to Lisa Terlecki, Membership Committee chair, for all her organization and help making Teacher Appreciation Week a success! Thank you as well to all our EACC volunteers and EACC retirees for helping to stuff the superhero themed bags that were sent out to EVERY member! Highlights of the week included:

- We had a Trivia Night on April 25th with six teams participating.
- Our annual Charles County Scavenger Hunt on April 30th had four teams participate followed by our EACC Family Picnic at Gilbert Run Park.
- Other events during the week included a Paint Night, an ice cream night at Cold Stone Creamery, and a Social/ Happy Hour at Red Oak Bistro.

On Friday **May 5th**, **14 current and retired EACC members attended the Truman Kennedy Obama Dinner** at the Waldorf Jaycees. We had an extra special reason for supporting the dinner this year. Our past EACC president **Liz Brown** was honored as the **recipient of the Labor Award** for all her hard work with education, the EACC, and helping to grow a stronger Charles County community. Congratulations and well-deserved recognition for Liz!

On May 9th, the EACC recognized **11 Ruth Ann Hall Champion students** at the Board of Ed meeting. The award was created in Ruth Ann's memory to honor middle school students who have worked hard, despite facing difficulties, and have persevered to become champions in their own right and therefore are worthy of recognition. Ruth Ann's husband Bob Hall was there to help us to recognize these champion students.

On May 9th, the Charles County Commissioners voted to fund \$5 million above last year's funding for the Board of Education's budget. This is an increase from the \$3.4 million that was proposed on April 25th. This extra \$1.6 million would be enough to fund one pay level increase, provide funding for the increased enrollment in special education, and provide funding towards expanding the ESOL program. Funding of the pay level increases is contingent upon negotiations between EACC and CCPS.

EACC had 182 members at the Commissioners' Budget Hearing on 5/9, and 18 members spoke! Thank you to everyone who attended and who worked hard to get their colleagues to attend. Your advocacy makes a difference!

On May 13, the EACC IPD Committee and the Davis Middle School 6th grade team presented the **"T.E.A.M." mini-conference**. "T.E.A.M." stands for "Transitions and Effective Advice for Middle School Parents." Sessions included topics such as responsibility and organization, study skills, library resources, re-connecting with the preadolescent, growth mindset, stress management, and the new Synergy Student Information System.

What's New?

1. On May 23rd, the EACC is presenting a special screening of the movie **"Screenagers"** at North Point High School at 6:30PM. Screenagers asks the question "How does social media affect our relationships?" The movie "probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video game, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world." (from www.screenagemovie.com) We have

opened this screening to everyone in the Charles County community who is concerned about social media and the impact on our youth and families. Seating is limited to the number of seats in the North Point HS Theatre. Please register on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org to reserve your seat.

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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.

5. 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. 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](mailto:josh.ardison@msea.org), 443/433-3650

2. 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](mailto:cathy.perry@msea.org), 443/433-3649 or [Erin Sakalas](mailto:erin.sakalas@msea.org), 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: Fall, 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: Fall, 2017

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

Next meeting : Fall 2017

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