

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, Oct 7, 2016

Catching up.....

NEA Convention 2016, Washington, DC - Charles County was well represented at the National Education Association Convention in Washington, DC. We had 9 hard-working delegates from Charles County who were present at every Representative Assembly and active on many different special interest caucuses.

MSEA Summer Leadership Conference - EACC sent 2 members to MSEA's Organizing school at their Summer Leadership Conference at Salisbury University in July, Heather Hartman-Jansen, librarian at Somers Middle School, and Ronnie Wells, science teacher at Henry Lackey High School. They learned many strategies to help strengthen our local and state association and build capacity within our membership.

We had over 475 Charles County employees and retirees at the **Annual EACC Crab Feast**.

Mac Middleton held his annual BBQ Fundraiser on September 10th, and 13 EACC members attended. We wore our "Teachers Do Their Homework" t-shirts, enjoyed good food and interacted with many elected officials.

Building visits:

We have already begun our building visits for the year. We have been walking through the hallways before and after school and at lunchtime, greeting members and giving out snacks and goodies. We are there to answer your questions, give you updates on EACC activities, and listen to your concerns.

So far we have been to:

- Lackey HS
- La Plata HS
- North Point HS
- St. Charles HS

- Westlake HS
- Davis MS
- Mattawoman MS
- Smallwood MS
- Somers MS
- Stoddert MS
- Berry ES
- Dr. Brown ES
- Diggs ES
- Matula ES

If we missed seeing you when we were at your school, don't worry, we'll be back and hopefully we'll catch you then!

Our members are AWESOME!!! On September 23,2016, Lolita Kiorpes, biology and environmental science teacher at North Point High School and EACC member, was honored with a citation by the Charles County Commissioners today for her environmental work with students and getting NPHS recognized as the first NOAA Ocean Guardian School in Maryland.

Lolita is the recipient of the 2016 Presidential Innovation award for environmental educators. Maryland has had only 1 winner in the last 6 years(and an honorable mention). Only 11 teachers in the nation received this award. Her students are involved and super excited about the next steps!

On October 1st, we began the fall session of our **Professional Development workshop called "Creative Discipline"** again this fall, which is open to both members and non-members (for a small fee). This 3rd session of the class still carries 1 CPD credit with it, and includes a component investigating Restorative Practices during one of our two Saturday sessions. Our thanks continue to go to Dawn Schaeffer, whose help is instrumental in making this class for CPD credit a reality.

EACC had a team of 5 attend selected by NEA to attend a training on the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Implementation** in Rockville, MD September 22-25. ESSA was signed into law by President Obama (and replaced No Child Left Behind) in December 2015. The team worked on a plan to maximize the opportunities provided by ESSA in the

shaping the education-policy decisions and explored possible implementation strategies for ESSA.

What's new??

Today, October 7, 2016, **Gale-Bailey Elementary School** was awarded the **GREAT Trophy** for SY 2015-2016 and treated to a Chick-fil-A breakfast!

- The GREAT Trophy is the Government Relations Educator Activist Trophy.
- It is awarded at the end/beginning of the school year to the school that has been represented percentage-wise the most often at our GR-related activities(lobby nights, Board of Ed meetings, Budget hearings, etc).
- There is a big trophy that passes to each new winning school each year(or stays at the same awesome winning school) and a smaller trophy that the school gets to keep. See the pictures on our EACC Facebook page!
- If you are interested in getting more involved in Government Relations Committee, please contact Veronica McFadden, GR Chair.

MSEA Convention- October 21-22, 2016- Ocean City, Maryland

Although CCPS made October 21st a student day, we hope our educators will request administrative leave to go and take advantage of the wealth of information that will be presented at the convention as our contract allows for that. Please remember, you will be required to show proof of attendance.

There will be 33 free professional development workshops for members and non-members on many subjects to include STEM, collaborative learning, the school to prison pipeline, restorative practices, differentiation, and classroom management. The workshops on Friday, October 21st are from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM and on Saturday October 22nd from 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM.

For a pdf schedule chart of the workshops, please visit:
http://marylandeducators.org/sites/default/files/ms-07_2016_schedule3_2.pdf

For descriptions and presenter bios, please visit:

<http://marylandeducators.org/2016-msea-convention-workshops>

[2016 MSEA Convention Workshops - marylandeducators.org](http://marylandeducators.org)

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Click here for a one-page schedule of all workshops with their locations. Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. I3—Ignite, Innovative Instruction

On Friday afternoon at the MSEA convention at 1:30 PM there will be a special keynote session on institutional racism. The session will be led by Derrick Johnson, State President for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP and NAACP board member.

If we have enough interest, we will secure coach buses for people who want to attend MSEA and do not want to drive. The bus ride each day to Ocean City will be FREE for members and \$10 for non-members. They will depart Waldorf at 5:00 AM each day and will return after the sessions on Friday and Saturday. Please let your building rep know if you want to ride the bus to Ocean City for the MSEA convention on Friday and/or Saturday by **October 11th, 2016**. Anyone that signs up to ride the bus and does not attend will be expected to reimburse the EACC \$10.

Come join our Membership Committee!

We plan social events like the Happy Hours and Family Picnic, host events during American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week, and plan activities to help grow the membership of our Association! Do you like to plan social activities? Come join our team!

The next meeting of the Social Committee is Thursday, October 13th at 5:00PM at the EACC Office. Contact the chair, Peter Ullmann at pullmann@ccboe.com with any questions or to join!

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, October 16, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata

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

Membership – Chair: Peter Ullmann

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

Next meeting: Thursday, October 13, 5:00PM

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: November 3, 2016

Come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Save these dates during the next legislative session!

Lobby Nights 2017-

1. 01/23 (snow date 01/30)
2. 02/06 (snow date 02/13)
3. 02/27 (snow date 03/6)
4. 03/13
5. 03/27
6. 04/03(if needed)

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 : November 10, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair Kathy Reamy

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: November 17, 2016, 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

Next meeting is October 27, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

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