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~ Calendar ~

February

- 10 Founders Day RSVP deadline
- 13 ECCPTA Board meeting, 11:30 a.m.,
J.E. Hall Center, Room 140
- 17 Founders Day, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
The Wright Place, First United
Methodist Church, downtown
- 20 Teacher Planning Day – no school
for students
- 21 School Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.,
J.E. Hall Center, Room 160

March

- 20-24 Spring Break
- 21 ECCPTA Board meeting, 11:30 a.m.,
J.E. Hall Center, Room 140
- 21 School Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.,
J.E. Hall Center, Room 160
- 26-28 Florida PTA Legislative Conference,
Tallahassee (see back page for more
information)

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Florida PTA Annual Leadership Conference

July 13-17
Innisbrook Resort,
Tarpon Springs, FL

Watch this space and check
www.floridapta.org for registration
information coming soon!

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The next deadline is March 30.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrate 120 adventurous years!



**Michelle
Salzman**
president@
eccpta.org

On Feb. 17, we will celebrate the 120th birthday of PTA. When Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst organized a meeting of more than 2,000 people in 1897 with the goal of eliminating threats that endangered children, they started an organization that continues to work every day toward making such improvements in the lives of children. Like then, it is through the work of committed PTA/PTSA volunteers like you that we continue to make a difference for children in the areas of education, health and safety.

Make plans to celebrate the efforts and success of PTA at our annual ECCPTA Founders Day Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Wright Place at First United Methodist Church. Sue Straughn will deliver the keynote address, and Quint Studer will bring us the meditation.

We had the opportunity to recognize our students at the Reflections awards ceremony on Jan. 31. We also had a special recognition award presented by Blues Angel Music for “Best of Show” in the music composition category. PTA believes that the arts support student success, and throughout our county, our local unit PTA Cultural Arts Chairs encouraged record student participation in this program. This year’s theme, “What’s Your Story?”, was excellently demonstrated by our student participants. We applaud and wish success to the 46 whose work will be advancing to state competition.

Through your daily efforts, the efforts of PTA continue to top the charts for making a difference in the lives of children. As we celebrate Founders Day, we acknowledge the contribution of our founders and celebrate the work you do in your schools to build on their success.

Founders Day is coming!

Deadline to register: Feb. 10; see registration form, p. 3



**Friday, February 17
11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**The Wright Place
First United Methodist Church
\$20 per person**

**Speaker: Sue Straughn
WEAR-TV 3 anchor**

and with special guest Quint Studer

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www.EscambiaPTA.org



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[@eccptanews](https://twitter.com/eccptanews)

Meet your ECCPTA adventure guides!

We spotlight board members in each newsletter so you can get to know your PTA partners.

Sally Bergosh, 2nd Vice President



I am honored to be 2nd VP and oversee our Area VPs. We have a new energy at ECCPTA this year and we are looking for more PTA Leadership to join our TEAM and help make a collective impact and advocate

for ALL children ... one voice at a time, one child at a time. I married my PC (Prince Charming) 22 years ago and have been blessed with three amazing kids. I am the former Project Director of the Mentor Program for ECSD, and have been mentoring my student for the last six years. I believe if you have a servitude heart, you can make a BIG difference in our community! I am always appreciative for the opportunity to serve.

Kim Chandler, Reflections co-chair



I am the mother of two handsome men, Jontavius, 29, and William, 25, who is in Korea serving in the United States Air Force. I was born and raised in Pensacola and graduated from Washington High. When my boys

entered high school, I returned to school to pursue my Bachelor's Degree. After graduating from the University of North Florida, I began my career in Jacksonville as an elementary school teacher. I began my experience with PTA three years ago at Holm Elementary where I served as vice president for two years. In my spare time I enjoy baking red velvet cakes, listening to jazz music, watching a good movie and spending time with family and friends.

Debbie Malsberger, Secretary



This is my fifth year serving on ECCPTA. Previously, I served as the Ways and Means chair. I have been active in PTA for 13 years. I have also served on the boards at West Florida High and Brown Barge

Middle. Volunteer work can be addicting! Other areas I serve in our community include Hillcrest Baptist Church, Autism Pensacola and Pensacon. I've been married to my best friend and cheerleader, Jeff, for 20 years; we are military transplants, but just love this area. We have one amazing son, Jamie, who graduated in 2016 and now attends Pensacola State College. I look forward to working with our area units to serve their needs.

Reflections ceremony awards 46 students

Our county Reflections Awards Ceremony was held Jan. 31 at the Hall Center. Congratulations to all our winners who are moving on to state! And thank you to Reflections Chairs Kim Chandler and Cami Dozier for all their hard work to put on this ceremony!

2016-17 ESCAMBIA COUNTY REFLECTIONS WINNERS

VISUAL ARTS CATEGORY PRIMARY DIVISION

1st: Ciare Perez, Cordova Park Elementary
2nd: Madilyn Lewing-Merchant, Cordova Park Elementary
3rd: Gabriella Meehan, Hellen Caro Elem.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1st: Shepard Turner, Lipscomb Elementary
2nd: Will Stroupe, Cordova Park Elementary
3rd: Avery Watte, N.B. Cook Elementary

MIDDLE DIVISION

1st: Veronica Escajeda, Bailey Middle
2nd: Khuyen Tran, Bailey Middle
3rd: Yasmin English, Ferry Pass Middle

SENIOR DIVISION

1st: Avian Sanders, West Florida High
2nd: Amaya Sword, West Florida High
3rd: Dallas Foss, Washington High



About 200 people came to the Reflections Award ceremony on Jan. 31.

PHOTOGRAPHY PRIMARY DIVISION

1st: Walton Kent, Cordova Park Elementary
2nd: Bram Onler, A.K. Suter Elementary
3rd: Oliver Cantrell, Beulah Elementary

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1st: Susanna Snyder, Cordova Park Elem.
2nd: Charlotte Newsmith, N.B. Cook Elem.
3rd: Jayde Baker, Bellview Elementary

MIDDLE DIVISION

1st: Kento Nutter, Ferry Pass Middle
2nd: Holly Phillips, Ferry Pass Middle
3rd: Mason Rhea, Bailey Middle

SENIOR DIVISION

1st: Rebecca Neal, West Florida High

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1st: Gracie Froberg, N.B. Cook Elementary
2nd: Lauren Bryan, Lipscomb Elementary
3rd: Christian Stanley, A.K. Suter

LITERATURE PRIMARY DIVISION

1st: Chancellor Salzman, McArthur Elem.
2nd: Madyson Stone, Lipscomb Elementary
3rd: Seren Cate Tillery, N.B. Cook Elem.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1st: William Kent, Cordova Park Elementary
2nd: Ava Froberg, N.B. Cook Elementary
3rd: Amelia Druhl, Lipscomb Elementary

MIDDLE DIVISION

1st: Alexandria Drea, Ransom Middle
2nd: Maile Apongan, Bailey Middle
3rd: Kento Nutter, Ferry Pass Middle

FILM PRODUCTION

PRIMARY DIVISION

1st: Tommy Harvey, Hellen Caro Elem.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1st: Ford Reeves, N.B. Cook Elementary
2nd: Andrew Waker, Lipscomb Elementary
3rd: Rilee Spencer, Scenic Heights Elem.

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

PRIMARY DIVISION

1st: Srinidhi Rao, Cordova Park Elementary

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1st: Caden Fernandez, Pleasant Grove Elem.
2nd: Connor Norman, Hellen Caro Elem.
3rd: Landon Fernandez, Pleasant Grove Elementary

MIDDLE DIVISION

1st: Tucker Philey, Ransom Middle
2nd: Jonathan French, Ransom Middle
3rd: D'Naisha Jackson, Bailey Middle

SENIOR DIVISION

1st: Hayley Seligman, Washington High

Founders Day 2017

*Adventure
awaits*

Escambia County Council of PTAs/PTSA's

Invites You to their Adventure

Where:
The Wright Place
80 East Wright Street
Pensacola, FL 32501



Guest Speaker
Sue Straughn
Senior News Anchor,
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When:
February 17, 2017
11:00 AM
\$20 per person

BRING YOUR GEAR!

Each local unit donates a themed basket for the "Battle of the Baskets" silent auction. The basket with the most tickets sold wins a Party for 10 at Painting With a Twist! Everyone come prepared to donate (\$1 to \$1 million)

RSVP & PREPAY REQUIRED

RSVP no later than February 10, 2017
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Email: 1stvp@escambiapta.org

****ALL RSVP'S RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 8TH WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$200 STARBUCKS GIFT BASKET****



ADVENTURE CREW (SCHOOL/GROUP NAME)

SCHOOL BASKET THEME: _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____

TICKETS: \$20/PERSON **PAYMENT AMOUNT:** _____ **CHECK #:** _____

Please return the bottom portion with your payment & mail to:
ECCPTA, 30 E TEXAR DR, PENSACOLA, FL, 32503.

Past Presidents Club supports ECCPTA, continues legacy

Several years ago, when Sally Bergosh was ECCPTA President, while coordinating the Annual Leadership Training, she was concerned about the small budget for the event. That particular year, we were uncertain how much ECCPTA would receive through in-kind donations, especially for food. As I discussed with Sally some strategies for securing donations, an obvious solution appeared. If other organizations can



promote past leadership donations, then we could, too.

Because all past presidents know the importance of local unit education, they unanimously agreed to financially support ECCPTA Leadership Training. Every time a past president makes

an annual contribution, they are continuing a legacy... the legacy of strong parent voices in Escambia County. They are promoting best practices and giving local units the tools for success.

Being able to give back to ECCPTA is a privilege. We are passing the leadership torch to new generations of parent leaders, and we know you will make us proud.

– Debbie King Kenney
Past ECCPTA President

2017 Florida PTA Legislative Conference March 26-28, Tallahassee

Florida PTA has an amazing legacy of advocacy. This year's "LegCon" attendees will celebrate the dedication of thousands of child advocates across Florida whose efforts work to make every child's potential a reality.

The 2017 Florida PTA LegCon will feature workshops on key education issues facing the Legislature, with discussions and trainings on how PTA advocates can shape public policy at home and in Tallahassee in 2017 and in the years to come.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to celebrate with PTA members statewide!

To register, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/hklbkxu>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESCAMBIA COUNTY'S 2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Lacey Brown
Jim Allen Elementary School

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