

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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"From small beginnings come great things." Proverbs Quote

PRINCIPALS MONITORING STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTION/CLASS KEYS AS A TOOL

Managing teaching and learning is one of the most important activities for principals as the instructional leader in schools. As standards-based instruction shifts from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning, a similar shift is required by the principal to look for indicators of good teaching and evidence of student learning.

Southwest Georgia RESA has scheduled two duplicate sessions for principals and assistant principals for monitoring standards-based instruction and using CLASS Keys as a tool, **August 4 or August 12, 2010**. Both sessions begin at **8:30 a.m., concluding at 3:30 p.m.** and will be held on our **Camilla campus in Room 702**. Participants will become familiar with artifacts that need to be evident in the classroom, types of flexible grouping, evidence of differentiation being used, assessment in standards-based instruction, and will preview CLASS Keys, the new evaluation tool for teachers.

TRIBUNAL TRAINING

Dr. Larry Green will provide valuable information to administrators, superintendents and/or central office personnel on preparing for a tribunal or formal hearing. **O.C.G.A. §20-2-1160** states that every local board of education shall constitute a tribunal for hearing and determining any matter of "local controversy in reference to the construction or administration of the school law." The set of rules governing tribunal procedures and tribunals can be very complex. Written documentary evidence in advance of the hearing is highly recommended for supporting any formal decisions. This session will be on **August 17, 2010** at **SW GA RESA-Camilla site, Room 702** from **9:00 a.m. until Noon**.

TEACHING ADOLESCENTS TO WRITE

August 19, 2010 ♦ SW GA RESA-Camilla
9:00-3:00

The English/Language Arts teachers in grades 6-12 will have one day of instruction to learn multiple strategies and suggested professional resources for working with adolescent writers. To be able to receive 1 PLU for this course, each participant must participate in an online book study discussion. The discussion will include the book entitled, "Teaching Adolescent Writers," by Kelly Gallagher.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Workshops Rescheduled or Postponed

We apologize for the changes in the following sessions.

GTEP Training for New Administrators has been rescheduled for September 13-16, 2010 and January 31, 2010.

Foreign Language - DAY 1 - August 26, 2010, has been rescheduled for October 5, 2010 at SW GA RESA Professional Learning Center in Camilla, from 9:00-3:00.

Guiding K-2 Writers: How to Create an Effective Primary Writing Program - scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2010 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later this fall.

August Dates:

Thursday, August 5, 2010

9:30 RESA Board of Control Meeting

10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting

Speakers: Ginny O'Connell, GaDOE

Mike Blake, GNETS, GaDOE

Monday, August 9, 2010

10:00 "A Day with the PSC"

Tifton-UGA Center

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

A DAY WITH THE PSC

Southwest Georgia and Coastal Plains RESAs will sponsor “A Day with the Professional Standards Commission” on **August 9, 2010** from **10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **UGA Conference Center in Tifton**. The target audience for this informative gathering will be central office staff, HR/Personnel staff and school administrators. Kelly Henson, Gary Walker, Mark Peavey and David Hill, all gentlemen from the PSC, will be on hand to discuss hot topics and provide up-to-date information. A Prior Approval Registration Form can be completed and faxed to Helen Smith at SWGA RESA, 229-336-2888. This information, as well as driving directions, can be found on our website: <<http://www.swresa.org>>. Lunch will be provided.

TAPP/OYSP MENTOR TRAINING

TAPP and OYSP mentors are encouraged to attend this 1-day training to prepare them to mentor their assigned beginning teacher going through alternative certification. Two very high energy presenters, Dr. Robin Fogarty and Brian Pete use the book, *From the Staff Room to Classroom, A Guide for Planning and Coaching Professional Learning*, to provide strategies and ideas to be used immediately with their TAPP or OYSP candidate. Each participant will receive a copy of the book. The training will be held at the **South Georgia Technical School in Americus** from **8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** on **August 24, 2010**. Driving directions can be downloaded from the following website: <www.southgatech.edu> and the telephone number is 229-931-2394.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT/DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES

Sept. 9, 2010 & Feb. 10, 2011 ♦ SW GA RESA PLC ♦ 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Classroom Management **AND** Discipline Strategies will be offered only once during FY11, so please don't miss your chance to attend this helpful session. Day 1 will be on September 9, 2010, while Day 2 will be on February 10, 2011. One PLU will be issued for participants attending both days. This is a model of a school-wide discipline program that empowers teachers to prevent problems, minimize power struggles, de-escalate discipline issues and manage disruptions. Instructional time and improved student performance greatly increases when discipline problems are dealt with quickly. *ALL TAPP/OYSP candidates are required to attend this session as part of the alternative certification program.*

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Aug. 2	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Baker, Grady, Mitchell, Pelham)	SW GA RESA PLC, Camilla
Aug. 4	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, Worth)	GLRS, Albany
Aug. 4	8:30-3:30	Principals Monitoring Standards Based Instruction/CLASS Keys	SW GA RESA, Camilla
Aug. 5	9:00-3:00	Guiding K-2 Writers: How to Create an Effective Primary Writing Program	SW GA RESA, Camilla
Aug. 9	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Miller, Seminole)	Decatur County Support Ctr., Bainbridge
Aug. 9	10:00-3:00	“A Day with the PSC”	Tifton UGA Center, Tifton
Aug. 11	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Thomas & Thomasville City)	Thomas County PLC, Thomasville
Aug. 12	8:30-3:30	Principals Monitoring Standards Based Instruction/CLASS Keys	SW GA RESA, Camilla
Aug. 17	9:00-12:00	Tribunal Training	SW GA RESA, Camilla
Aug. 19	9:00-3:00	Teaching Adolescents to Write	SW GA RESA, Camilla
Aug. 23	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (All Systems)	SW GA RESA PLC, Camilla
Aug. 23-26	8:30-3:30	GTEP Training for Leaders	SW GA RESA, Camilla
Aug. 24	8:30-3:00	TAPP Mentor Training	South Georgia Technical College, Americus
Aug. 26	9:00-3:00	Foreign Language Consortium/Jon Valentine	SW GA RESA, Camilla