

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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February Dates:

Thursday, February 3, 2011

9:30 RESA Board of Control Meeting
10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting
Speaker: Melissa Fincher, GaDOE

Thursday, February 10, 2011

SBOE Meeting

NONVIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION

Janet Walden, RESA Consultant, will provide the final series of nonviolent crisis intervention training for this year on **February 8 and 9, 2011** from **9:00 until 3:00 each day at SW GA RESA PLC**. Today, it is more important than ever to know a safe, non-harmful management system when dealing with disruptive and assaultive people. This program provides techniques that are effective in approaching and reducing the tension of an agitated person; focuses on alternatives if someone loses control and becomes violent; instructs the staff how to control their own anxieties during confrontations and provides nonverbal, paraverbal, verbal and physical intervention skills to maintain the best possible care and welfare for all involved. Please register early by completing a Prior Approval, Pre-Registration form. This class is limited to the first 25 registrants.



Monday, February 14, 2011

If Columbus had turned back, no one would have blamed him. Of course, no one would have remembered him either.

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A Vision for Public Education in the State of Georgia VISION SHARING SESSION

On **February 1, 2011**, SW GA RESA will host "Phase Two of the Vision Project," from **6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** in the **Professional Learning Center**. This project is a partnership between GSBA and GSSA for the purpose of creating a new vision for public education in the State of Georgia.

The first phase is complete, now local boards of education and superintendents will be informed of the outcome of last year's sharing sessions. There will be an overview and handouts provided to explain the work completed to date. Participants will be encouraged to provide additional input, support the initiative and to begin implementation of the recommendations proposed.

Heavy refreshments will be provided during this event. Please register by calling Kelly Tabb at 229-207-0600 or emailing your name and contact information to Ms. Tabb at <ktabb@swresa.org>.

DID THEY "GET IT?" (Elementary)

How do you teach all students to meet the standard? How do you know if they "GOT IT?" Differentiation and assessment can be one of the most challenging responsibilities of a teacher. With everything that needs doing and keeping track of, it is important for teachers to use differentiation and assessment in the classroom strategically. This means arriving to the classroom every day with a game plan to use with students. Sarah Erwin and Janet Walden will share ideas specifically geared to the science classroom with both low and high-preparation, to meet this challenge. Participation in this two-day workshop will earn participants 1 PLU. **February 2 and 16, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at SW GA RESA Room 605.** The target group for this session is K-5 Elementary Science teachers and coaches.

FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: *The original date for the Health Education Conference (February 21 & 22, 2011) has been **RESCHEDULED** for February 28 and March 1, 2011.* This year's Health Education Conference promises a powerful event! **DAY 1:** Receive the latest on Health Education Standards, Fitness Testing, and more from Therese McGuire and her team from the Georgia Department of Education. **DAY 2:** Dom Splendoria, a national presenter, will share a dynamic message on STD's, AIDS, Teen Pregnancy Awareness, and other health awareness topics. Register for this event by completing a Prior-Approval, Pre-Registration form and fax the completed form to 229-336-2888.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT/DAY 2

The second day for the Classroom Management Session will be on **February 10, 2011**, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** in the **Professional Learning Center (PLC) at RESA in Camilla**. Dr. Jordan Reeves will return to provide additional discipline strategies that empower all personnel working with students to prevent problems, minimize power struggles, de-escalate discipline problems. The ultimate goal provides increased instructional time and improved student performance. Participation in both days will earn 1 PLU.

VETERANS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

February 15, 2011 ♦ SW GA RESA PLC ♦ 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Leon Pate, VSU Professor and former superintendent, will return to SW GA RESA to address the legal role of school board members. Examples of topics for discussion will include the authority of the school board, board/superintendent relations, executive session-privileged communication, following the chain of command and the board's role with the system staff. Please register for this one-time session by calling Karen Warmack at 229-207-0600 or emailing your name and contact information to <kwarmack@swresa.org>. Each participant will receive 6 clock hours of credit from Valdosta State University.

MUSIC CONSORTIUM/DAY 2

The second day for the Music Consortium will be **February 24, 2011**, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** in the **Professional Learning Center (PLC) at RESA in Camilla**. Bradley Bonner will provide multiple sessions throughout the day, beginning with hands-on sessions, critical thinking, the introduction of reading music and informal discussion time. You won't want to miss this BING, BANG, BOOM DAY! One PLU will be issued for those participants that attended both days of training.



Southwest Georgia RESA will be **OPEN** on President's Day,
Monday, February 21, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Feb. 1	6:00-8:30	Vision Sharing Regional Meeting	SW GA RESA PLC
Feb. 2	9:00-3:00	Did They Get It? (Elementary/DAY 1)	SW GA RESA Room 605
Feb. 8/9	9:00-3:00	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention	SW GA RESA PLC
Feb. 10	9:00-3:00	Classroom Management (DAY 2)	SW GA RESA PLC
Feb. 15	8:30-4:00	Veteran's School Board Member Training	SW GA RESA Room 601
Feb. 16	9:00-3:00	Did They Get It? (Elementary/DAY 2)	SW GA RESA Room 605
Feb. 17	9:00-3:00	TAPP/Yr. 2 Seminar	SW GA RESA Room 601
Feb. 24	9:00-3:00	Music Consortium/DAY 2	SW GA RESA PLC
Feb. 28/Mar. 1	9:00-3:00	Health Conference (Rescheduled due to President's Day)	SW GA RESA PLC