

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA RESA

Announcements

Dr. Larry R. Green, Executive Director

June 2009

DATES

Thursday, June 4

RESA Board of Control, 9:30 a.m.
SWGA SSA Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Speaker: Ellen Hester

Thursday, June 25

Repair/Technology Requests

EXCITING NEWS FOR SOUTHWEST GEORGIA EDUCATORS

Southwest Georgia RESA successfully completed the Professional Standards Commission Developmental Electronic Review and met all of the Georgia Standards for **READING ENDORSEMENT**. Your RESA will soon be officially accredited and you will have the opportunity to take the necessary courses with SW RESA being home base. The goal is for the courses to begin in January, 2010.



2009 GEORGIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR—LEANNE MAULE

Who would have thought that you would find southwest Georgia superintendents engaged in making manipulatives, having conversations, and incorporating art into teaching in order to be the students' BEST advocate? Leanne Maule, Georgia Teacher of the Year, accomplished this feat as while modeling a brain-based classroom to the Southwest Georgia Superintendents' Association. Leanne convincingly made a case for taking risks with students that go beyond the four walls of the classroom making learning authentic.

2010 GEORGIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR—GWEN DESSELLE (SW GA RESA SYSTEM MEMBER)

CONGRATULATIONS to Colquitt County veteran educator, Gwen Desselles, for being named the *2010 Georgia Teacher of the Year!* Mrs. Desselles has taught in public schools for 32 years, but continues to embrace 21st-century education techniques and innovations.

As a high school social studies teacher, Gwen describes her philosophy of teaching as being focused on the future. She states that the purpose of educators is to prepare students for tomorrow - not yesterday. She stresses the importance of constantly changing the way she teaches to adapt to changes in the world and revise lessons that best fit the needs of our students.

Southwest Georgia wishes Mrs. Gwen Desselles the best of luck and look forward to learning more from her throughout the coming year.

FREE Workshops – Creatures of the Flint

The Flint RiverQuarium is hosting two free workshops for teachers this summer. Teachers will be able to understand the content and background to help with science-based inquiry for curriculum standards focusing on habitats, adaptations and classification of organisms of the Flint River and surrounding area at the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade levels respectively. Teachers will also learn how to incorporate predator-prey interactions into these particular standards. The Flint River Staff will be the instructors.

Grades K-2	July 16, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. AND July 17, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5	June 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. AND June 26, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

EQUIPMENT PICK-UP

Equipment for summer repair will be picked up at your central pick-up point as follows:

June 1	Early, Mitchell, Pelham, Baker
June 2	Worth, Colquitt
June 3	Decatur, Seminole, Miller

JUNE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

June 1-2	Discipline Strategies	9:00-3:00	Pelham High School Auditorium
June 9 or 15	Class Keys/Bobby Smith	9:00-3:00	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
June 10	FY09 TAPP Seminar - First Year	9:00-3:00	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center

Website Address: www.swresa.org

JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINNERS OF THE YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS' COMPETITION

The Georgia Department of Education recently announced the winners of the Young Georgia Authors' Competition. Kayla N. Staten from Lee County Middle School won the "State" title from the SW GA RESA District. The chart below indicates winners from each grade level from our area. *CONGRATUATIONS, Young Georgia Authors!*

GRADE	STUDENT	TITLE	SCHOOL	SYSTEM
K	Morgan Kirkendoll	The Sneaky Tricky Leprechaun	Hand-n-Hand School	Thomas
1st	Emily Johnson	Cheese Woman	Garrison-Pilcher Elementary	Thomas
2nd	Allana White	Kolomoki Mounds	Early County Elem.	Early
3rd	Madolyn Bonnette	The Night My Sister Turned Into a Monster	Early County Elem.	Early
4th	Grace Fletcher	The Animal Adventure	Cross Creek Elementary	Thomas
5th	Matisse Murphy	Untitled	Lee County Elementary	Lee
6th	Kayla N. Staten	Maya Angelou	Lee County Middle	Lee
7th	Lauren Emily Rich	The Sound of Separation	Thomas County Middle	Thomas
8th	Diandra Kay Sheppard	Untitled	Lee County Middle	Lee
9th	Kari Saunders	Ode to Pi	Colquitt County High	Colquitt
10th	Katie York	Trigger	Worth County High	Worth
11th	Michael Lomax	The Maple Leaves	Westover High	Dougherty
12th	Luke White Connell	Coming to the Rope Bridge	Cairo High	Grady

GIFTED ENDORSEMENT SERIES

Gifted endorsement classes will be offered at two locations in 2009-2010.

Mitchell County Gifted Endorsement							
Characteristics of the Gifted Learner	08/03/09	08/10/09	08/17/09	08/24/09	08/31/09	Mitchell County Board of Education 108 S. Harney Street Camilla, Georgia 5:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	
	09/07/09	09/14/09	09/21/09	09/28/09	10/05/09		
Curriculum for the Gifted Learner	10/12/09	10/19/09	10/26/09	11/02/09	11/09/09		
	11/16/09	11/23/09	11/30/09	12/07/09	12/14/09		
Methods & Materials for the Gifted Learner	01/04/10	01/11/10	01/18/10	01/25/10	02/01/10		
	02/08/10	02/15/10	02/22/10	03/01/10	03/08/10		
Identification & Assessment of the Gifted Learner	03/15/10	03/22/10	03/29/10	04/05/10	04/12/10		
	04/19/10	04/26/10	05/03/10	05/10/10	05/17/10		
Decatur County Gifted Endorsement							
Characteristics of the Gifted Learner	07/30/09	08/06/09	08/13/09	08/20/09	08/27/09		Bainbridge Middle School (Decatur County) 1301 E. College Street Bainbridge, Georgia 5:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	09/03/09	09/10/09	09/17/09	09/24/09	10/01/09		
Curriculum for the Gifted Learner	10/08/09	10/15/09	10/22/09	10/29/09	11/05/09		
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FOCUS FOR 2009-2010 WILL BE STANDARDS BASED CLASSROOM

The Planning Committee requested it and Southwest Georgia RESA responded. Plans are in place to offer two series of Standards Based Classroom (SBC) 101 courses for both K-5 and 6-12. Educators will have the opportunity to learn in a model classroom from consultants modeling research-based strategies. Differentiation, Assessment, and Re-teaching will be major topics discussed. Details have been communicated to all directors of instruction and curriculum. All sessions indicated below begin at 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Cohort 1 (K-5)		Cohort 2 (K-5)	
Aug. 25, '09	SBC-101	Aug. 26, '09	SBC-101
Sept. 22, '09	SBC-101 Instruction	Sept. 23, '09	SBC-101 Instruction
Oct. 13, '09	SBC-101 Assessment and Re-teaching	Oct. 15, '09	SBC-101 Assessment and Re-teaching
Cohort 1 (6-12)		Cohort 2 (6-12)	
Aug. 11, '09	SBC-101	Aug. 12, '09	SBC-101
Sept. 15, '09	SBC-101 Instruction	Sept. 16, '09	SBC-101 Instruction
Oct. 6, '09	SBC-101 Assessment and Re-teaching	Oct. 7, '09	SBC-101 Assessment and Re-teaching