

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Education is not filling a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

GEORGIA SCHOOL COUNSELOR EVALUATION PROGRAM TRAINING

Mrs. Margie Jordan, RESA Consultant, will provide the evaluation instrument that is designed to evaluate all personnel who hold a counselor's certificate and are employed in that position. Participants will become familiar with the contents of the Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Instrument and Georgia School Counselor Duties and Responsibilities Instrument, the scoring system for the instruments and the Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Program procedures. Participants will participate in Georgia School Counselor Evaluation program simulation activities. **November 3, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at SW GA RESA, Room 702, Camilla.**

LEADERSHIP FOR ENGAGED LEARNING: Rigor, Relevance, and Meaning for Students and Their Teachers Keynote Speaker: John Antonetti

On November 8, 2010, John Antonetti, a highly-sought speaker and author of "Writing as a Measure and Model of Thinking," will explain the difference between student and adult engagement and whether engaged learners look or act differently from those simply going through the motions of school. Teachers must define the qualities that bring about increased student engagement and content learning, while coaches and administrators must give teachers practical applications of qualities and foster them across grade levels and disciplines and learn how to look for these qualities in the classroom. Mr. Antonetti will address these issues with on-site instructional analysis and follow-up support. Points of interest will be:

- 1) How to shift the classroom focus from teaching to learning
- 2) How to empower students through written personal response
- 3) How to integrate qualities with high-yield strategies to increase rigor
- 4) How to look for true intellectual engagement in classrooms and provide feedback, data, and coaching

TIME: 9:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m.)
LOCATION: Isabella Academy, 300 Cason Street, Albany, GA
AUDIENCE: Instructional Coaches and Principals
(We strongly encourage Administrators to attend)
COST: There is no cost, breakfast and lunch will be provided
REGISTRATION: Please submit a SW GA RESA Prior Approval Registration Form
SPONSORS: PAGE, Chat-Flint RESA and SW GA RESA

November Dates:

Thursday, November 4, 2010

9:30 RESA Board of Control Meeting
10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Clara Keith, GaDOE
"2013 Decision - IE2, Charter System or Status Quo."

November 24-26, 2010

Thanksgiving Holiday
OFFICE CLOSED

GOODBYE TENSION, HELLO PENSION

"Goodbye Tension, Hello Pension" is the theme for the retirement of long-time, loyal employee, Mrs. Jeanie Martin. Jeanie has performed many jobs over her years with SW GA RESA, the most recent in Cooperative Purchasing and Repair. After thirty-years of service, she has decided to hang her hat at home, well at least half of the time! Mrs. Martin has graciously agreed to return to RESA on a 49% schedule and will return on November 1st. We want to extend our congratulations to Jeanie on her retirement, but also welcome her back when she returns. Please continue with placing orders for supplies and requesting repair issues as done previously. There will be no change in procedure at this time.

Did They "GET IT?" November 4 & 5, 2010 SW GA RESA, Room 706 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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 for a teacher. With everything teachers need to do and keep track of, it is important to use differentiation and assessment in the classroom strategically. Mrs. Sarah Erwin and Mrs. Janet Walden will share ideas specifically geared to the science classroom both low and high-preparation, to meet this challenge.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MATH 1, 2 AND 3 SUPPORT SESSIONS CONTINUE

Math Support Sessions will continue in November, finishing in December. Math Teachers will continue to collaborate on effective strategies and interventions for meeting the needs of individual students. All sessions will be from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **RESA Office in Camilla**. Please refer to the chart for the dates for each session.

MATH 1	MATH 2	MATH 3
November 3	November 10	November 17
December 1	December 3	December 8



Veteran's Day • November 11, 2010
Freedom is never free. - - Author Unknown

NONVIOLENT CRISIS PHYSICAL INTERVENTION TRAINING

The Seclusion and Restraint For All Students, Rule 160-5-1-.35, became effective on July 8, 2010. This rule supports a positive approach to behavior that uses proactive strategies to create a safe school climate that promotes dignity, creates authentic student engagement, increases instructional time, and improves student achievement for all students. Sometimes students exhibit behaviors that place them or others in imminent danger. Teachers and administrators can meet these rules and guidelines by participating in the Nonviolent Crisis Physical Intervention Training on **November 9 & 10, 2010** at the **SW GA RESA Professional Learning Center (PLC)** from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Space is limited, so register soon by submitting a Prior-Approval, Pre-Registration Form.

ETHICAL CONDUCT IN STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Dr. Gary Walker, GaPSC Ethics Department, will visit Southwest Georgia RESA on **December 14, 2010**, to provide additional details and guidance on the Ethical Conduct in Student Assessment. Recent news articles about test erasures and changing student answers on state mandated tests has created a negative image for Georgia educators. In reality, a very small percentage of educators actually "cheat" on these tests. Dr. Walker plans to provide the responsibilities of different individuals in the testing process, as well as situations that should be avoided during testing. This important 3 hour session will begin at **9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 p.m.** and take place at **SW GA RESA, Room 601**. Please register by completing a Prior Approval, Pre-Registration Form.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Nov. 1	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, Worth)	GLRS, Albany
Nov. 3	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Miller, Seminole)	Decatur County Support Ctr.
Nov. 3	8:30-4:00	GSCEP Training	SW GA RESA Room 702
Nov. 3	9:00-3:00	Math I Support (Day 2)	SW GA RESA Room 704
Nov. 4/5	9:00-3:00	Did They Get It? (Middle/High)	SW GA RESA Room 706
Nov. 8	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Thomasville City & Thomas)	Thomas County PLC
Nov. 8	8:00-3:00	Coaches Training/John Antonetti	Isabella Complex, Albany
Nov. 9/10	9:00-3:00	CPI-Nonviolent Physical Crisis Intervention	SW GA RESA PLC
Nov. 10	9:00-3:00	TAPP/Year 1 Support	SW GA RESA Room 702
Nov. 10	9:00-3:00	Math 2 Support (Day 2)	SW GA RESA Room 704
Nov. 16	8:30-3:30	Cohort 2/SBC-101/K-5 (Day 3) Assessment	SW GA RESA PLC
Nov. 17	9:00-3:00	Math 3 Support (Day 2)	SW GA RESA Room 704
Nov. 18	8:30-3:00	Cohort 1 /SBC-101/6-12 (Day 3) Assessment	SW GA RESA PLC
Nov. 18	10:00	Transportation Directors	SW GA RESA Room 702
Nov. 19	8:30-3:00	Cohort 1/SBC-101/6-12 (Day 3) Assessment	SW GA RESA PLC
Nov. 30	9:00-3:00	TAPP/Yr. 2 Seminar (Rescheduled for Dec. 2)	SW GA RESA 601