

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## COUNSELORS' CONSORTIUM

Conscious Discipline will be the topic of the **September 1 & 2**, Counselors' Consortium. Counselors, school psychologists and school social workers will practice some specific personal skills using the 7 Powers. (For more information visit [www.consciousdiscipline.com](http://www.consciousdiscipline.com).) The Conscious Discipline Brain Model will be introduced to share the understandings of three states or functions of the brain and how they are involved in student discipline and classroom management. The session will meet at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham** on both days from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

## September Dates:

### Thursday, September 3

9:30 RESA BOC Meeting  
10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting  
*LOCATION CHANGE:*  
Southwest Georgia GLRS  
915 S. McKinley Street, Albany

### Monday, September 7

Labor Day Holiday/OFFICE CLOSED

### Thursday, September 10

State Board of Education Meeting

## MATH 1 and Math 2 GEOMETRY CONTENT TRAINING

Math 1 Geometry Content Training will be on **September 9 & 10**, and Math 2 Geometry Content Training will be on **September 28 & 29**, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at **GLRS in Albany**. The address for GLRS is 915 S. McKinley Street and the phone number is 229-431-1230, should you need to inquire about directions. During these workshops, participants will review the Geometry content within the Math 1 and 2 frameworks and apply what they have learned in a culminating task. Participants should bring a TI83/84 graphing calculator with an updated operating system. One PLU will be issued following the attendance of both days per training session.

## BEST PRACTICES IN READING

The "Best Practices in Reading" series will begin on **September 10, 2009** at **SW GA RESA, Room 708** from **8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** The topic of Day 1 is **DIBELS I**. This is a pencil/paper DIBELS training session for participants who have never been trained to use DIBELS.

DIBELS II training will be held on October 8th, for participants who are currently using either the Palm Pilot or pencil/paper administration of the DIBELS subtests. The DIBELS II session will assist participants with questions about administration and emphasis will be placed on how to use the results to improve students achievement.



## MEDIA CONSORTIUM - RESOURCE ALIGNMENT

**September 10, 2009**, is the first day of the Media Consortium. Karen Lowe, Beacon Educational Consulting Services, will introduce "Resource Alignment", which is a process that aligns media center resources to the K-12 curriculum. The data from the shelf list report can be taken from any automated system and match it to the Georgia curriculum. Out-of-date resources are easily identified and gaps in resource support are easily spotted. Combined with a first-hand look at the media center collection, resource alignment provides the needed information to develop a five-year plan for bringing the media collection up-to-date. Resource alignment also provides the information needed to prepare budget requests and document your needs for grant proposals. This session is planned to meet at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham**, from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** DAY 2 of this consortium will be announced at a later date.

## ECONOMICS IN WORLD STUDIES

September 11, 2009 • 9:00-3:00 • Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center

The Georgia Performance Standards for economics at grades 6 and 7 focus on three basic concepts: types of economic systems; economic growth and development and international trade. Because global neighbors have become increasingly interdependent, it is commonplace to hear about how weak or strong the dollar is relative to other currencies. Unfortunately, most people do not understand the basics of economics in general.

# Cancelled

This workshop is designed to teach basic knowledge and principals about international trade and finance and to provide insight into how the world of international trade works. The materials directly support the new GPS.

# SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BULLYING PREVENTION

**September 17 & 18, 2009 ♦ 9:00-3:00 ♦ Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center**

Bullying is one of the leading safety issues and the cause of many discipline problems in schools today. This training is designed using the research-based, effective Olweus Bullying prevention model. Teachers will learn strategies and techniques to teach their students ways to reduce bullying incidents as well as how to handle situations effectively. One PLU will be issued to participants that attend both days.

## ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO LEARNING

On **September 28 & 29, 2009**, participants for this workshop will remove the barriers from student learning by recognizing the obstacles that hinder the instructional process. Dr. John McCook will provide strategies and effective plans of action to help all of today's youth overcome those obstacles. Attendees will receive intensive training and professional development with an emphasis on the RTI process in schools. This session will be held at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center** in Pelham from **9:00-3:00**.

## SOUTH GEORGIA PERSONNEL CONSORTIUM

Carolyn White, Director of Human Resources from the Thomas County School System, extends an invitation to any south-west Georgia system to register and attend the next *South Georgia Personnel Consortium*. Mr. Bobby Smith, a consultant with the Georgia Department of Education, will present on the new **Class Keys Evaluation Instrument**. The session will be on **Thursday, September 10th** at the **Thomas County Board of Education** from **9:30 am - 11:30 pm**. Bobby will cover the following topics:

- 1) The basics of the new evaluation instrument
- 2) Misunderstandings of the instrument
- 3) Questions from the "field" - specifically in the area of special education
- 4) Tips for gathering evidence

Each attendee will receive a notebook, therefore, please contact Carolyn White at (229-225-4380) to register for this event. Because notebooks will be provided by the GaDOE, Ms. White needs to know how many will be attending. Please call her **no later than September 3rd**.

## SEPTEMBER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Sept. 1-2	9:00-3:00	Counselors' Consortium	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 9	9:00-3:00	TAPP Seminar (Year 1)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 9	1:00	OYSP Mentor Training	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Sept. 9-10	9:00-3:00	Math 1-Geometry Content Training	GLRS, Albany
Sept. 10	9:00-3:00	Media Consortium	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 10	8:30-3:30	Best Practices in Reading	SW GA RESA, Room 708
<del>Sept. 11</del>	<del>9:00-3:00</del>	<del>Wide World of Economics</del>	<del>Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center</del>
Sept. 11	9:00	Title I Meeting/Jimmy Everson	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Sept. 14	9:00-3:00	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Assessment	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 15	8:30-3:30	Cohort 1 SBC-101 Instruction 6-12 (DAY 2)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 16	8:30-3:30	Cohort 2 SBC-101 Instruction 6-12 (DAY 2)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 17	10:00	Transportation Directors' Meeting	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Sept. 17-18	9:00-3:00	Bullying Prevention/Mary Johnson	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 22	8:30-3:30	Cohort 1 SBC-101 Instruction K-5 (DAY 2)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 23	8:30-3:30	Cohort 2 SBC-101 Instruction K-5 (DAY 2)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 24-25	9:00-3:00	Initial TAPP Orientation/Cohort 2	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Sept. 28-29	9:00-3:00	Addressing Barriers to Learning/Dr. John McCook	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Sept. 28-29	9:00-3:00	Math 2 – Geometry Content Training	GLRS, Albany