

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MONITORING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS BASED CLASSROOMS

When conducting formal and informal classroom observations, administrators almost need a new "set of glasses" in this standards-based world. As the standards-based classroom shifts from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning, so then a similar shift is required by the administrator, to look for indicators of good teaching and evidence of student learning. Monitoring for Implementation of Standards Based Classrooms will be on **August 4, 2009** from **8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** in the **SW GA RESA Classroom, Room 702.**

August Dates:

Thursday, August 6

9:00-10:00 RESA Open House

10:30 RESA BOC

11:00 SW GA SSA Meeting

Thursday, August 13

State Board of Education Meeting

MATH 1 and MATH 2 ALGEBRA CONTENT TRAINING

Math 1 Algebra Content Training will be on **August 13 and 14, 2009** from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at **GLRS in Albany.** Math 2 Algebra Content Training will be on **August 20 and 21, 2009** at the same location and time as Math 1. 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 Algebra content within the Math 1 or Math 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.

ELEMENTARY SECOND STEP

Second Step is a violence prevention curriculum that teaches social and emotional skills. It includes research-based, teacher-friendly curricula that can be incorporated into existing curricula. A kit will be provided for each participant. Plan to attend on **August 17 and 18, 2009** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center** from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

LITERACY COACHES NETWORK

August 19, 2009 will be the first day of the Literacy Coaches Network. This networking workshop, which **begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m.,** will provide process and content information for Reading/Language Arts Literacy Coaches working with teachers in grades K-12. The session will be held at **Southwest Georgia RESA, Room 708.** The second day is planned for December 1, 2009 at the same location and same time.

MUSIC CONSORTIUM "The Orff Process to Musical Expression"

The Orff Method is a way of teaching children about music that engages their mind and body through a mixture of singing, dancing, acting and the use of percussion instruments. Children learn an active way, where imitation and exploration lead to improvisation and music literacy. Dr. Patti Tolbert, Profession of Music Education from Georgia College, will instruct K-12 music teachers on this method on **August 19, 2009** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center** in Pelham, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** The Orff Method is built on the idea that a child must be able to feel and make rhythms and melodies before being called to read and write music. Day 2 of the Music Consortium will be announced at a later date.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONSORTIUM

The goal of this course is to assist foreign language teachers with increasing their knowledge base (theoretical & practical) essential to providing appropriate and effective instruction. Day 1 is on **August 20, 2009** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at **Southwest Georgia RESA, Room 702.** Participants will explore resources and practices designed to enhance their instructional strategies for teacher and managing students. The second day of this consortium is January 14, 2010.

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT FOR NEW TEACHERS

August 27, 2009

Pelham High School Auditorium ♦ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Beginning teachers or teachers returning to the classroom following a break in their teaching career don't want to miss this workshop! Practical suggestions on preventing discipline problems, using positive intervention and managing chronic disruptive students will be provided. There will be techniques for special needs students and strategies for improving classroom and school-wide discipline. Numerous tried and true strategies will be introduced, as well as, providing the nuts and bolts of managing student behavior in the classroom.

TRIBUNAL TRAINING

Dr. Alan Grimsley is the presenter for the Tribunal Training on **August 28, 2009**. This workshop will provide information for school personnel on how to properly prepare for a tribunal hearing. Discussion will include the correct manner for preparing and keeping proper documentation. The session will begin at **9:00 a.m. and conclude by noon** in **Room 702 of Southwest Georgia RESA**.

RELOCATION OF SOUTHWEST GEORGIA RESA

If you aren't aware, during the summer, SW GA RESA moved to Camilla, GA. We are excited about our new location, making new friends in a different community and continuing to provide assistance, guidance, leadership, and quality educational services for the purpose of enhancing and improving the education of all the children in southwest Georgia. We are adjusting to the new location, as well as a brand new telephone system. Please bear with us as we learn new procedures. If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please let us know.

We recommend using our website to retrieve a great deal of helpful information - www.swresa.org. The FY10 Professional Learning Course Catalog is now available and also the Substitute Teacher Training schedule. Our new address with telephone and facsimile numbers are on the home page. We have included driving directions to the new site, traveling from several locations. With the advancement of technology, SW GA RESA is making a big effort to go "GREEN" and not waste as much paper. This is cost effective as well as time effective. If there is something that you would like in "paper form", call us and we will be glad to provide for you.

AUGUST PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Aug. 3	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Baker, Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell Pelham)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 4	8:30-11:30	Monitoring for Implementation for SBC	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Aug. 5	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training	GLRS, Albany
Aug. 7	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Miller)	Decatur County Support Center
	9:00-11:30	PSC Update with Gary Walker	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 11	8:30-3:30	Cohort 1 SBC-101 (Grades 6-12) DAY 1	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 12	8:30-3:30	Cohort 2 SBC-101 (Grades 6-12) DAY 1	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Thomas, Thomasville)	Thomas County Professional Learning Center
Aug. 13-14	9:00-3:00	Math 1 – Algebra Content Training	GLRS, Albany
Aug. 17-18	9:00-3:00	Second Step Training (Elem.)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 19	9:00-3:00	Music Consortium (Orff Training)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
	9:00-3:00	Literacy Coaches	SW GA RESA, Room 708
Aug. 20	9:00-3:00	Foreign Language with John Valentine	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Aug. 20-21	9:00-3:00	Math 2 – Algebra Content Training	GLRS, Albany
Aug. 24	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Make-up)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 25	8:30-3:30	Cohort 1 SBC-101 (Grades K-5) DAY 1	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 26	8:30-3:30	Cohort 2 SBC-101 (Grades K-5) DAY 1	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Aug. 27	9:00-3:00	Classroom Management for New Teachers	Pelham High Auditorium
	1:00-4:00	OYSP New Candidate Orientation	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Aug. 28	9:00-12:00	Tribunal Training	SW GA RESA, Room 702