

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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February Dates:

Thursday, February 4, 2010

9:30 RESA BOC Meeting

10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting

Speaker: Dr. William Barr

Thursday, February 11, 2010

State Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2010

President's Day Holiday/OFFICE CLOSED

MATH 3/ALGEBRA

SW GA RESA will host another series of Math units beginning on **February 1 & 2, 2010**. Math 3 content areas will be reviewed so schools can start writing units before FY11. Dr. Lettie Watford, Dean and Professor of School of Education at Georgia Southwestern State University will present this first session on Algebra. The workshop will meet at **SW GA RESA in Camilla, Room 702** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Geometry will take place on March 8 & 9, while Statistics will occur on June 7 & 8, 2010. Each series will provide participants with one PLU.



SBC-101 (Cohort 3)

The 3rd cohort of Standards Based Classroom-101 began in January with great response from school systems. Days 2 and 3 are scheduled for February. All sessions begin at **8:30 a.m.** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham**. Following lunch, the classes relocate to model classrooms in Camilla and conclude at **3:30 p.m.** The schedule is as follows:

GRADES K-5

February 8, 2010 Instruction (Day 2)

February 22, 2010 Assessment & Re-teaching (Day 3)

GRADES 6-12

February 12, 2010 Instruction (Day 2)

February 25, 2010 Assessment & Re-teaching (Day 3)

MUSIC CONSORTIUM (DAY 2)

Dr. Patti Tolbert, Professor of Music Education from Georgia College, will return on **February 17, 2010** for Day 2 of the Music Consortium. Dr. Tolbert will continue the "Orff Process to Musical Expression," which 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. This session begins at **9:00 a.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham**.

TEXTBOOK FAIR

The textbook/instructional materials to be adopted in FY10 will be 9-12 English/Language Arts; K-12 Foreign Language/ESOL; and K-12 Health and P.E. Southwest Georgia RESA will host its annual textbook fair on **February 5, 2010** from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Thomas County Professional Learning Center**. The address is 200 N. Pinetree Blvd., Thomasville, and their phone number is 229-225-4380. For additional information concerning the textbook fair, please call Kelly Tabb or Stacy Rooks at 229-207-0600. It is not necessary to register for this event.



VETERAN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

On **February 16, 2010**, from **8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**, Dr. Leon Pate from Valdosta State University will provide this training for the school board members of southwest Georgia at **SW GA RESA, Room 702 in Camilla**. Georgia School Law indicates that "all members of boards of locals units of administration are required to participate in at least one day of training annually to ensure the effective management and operation of local units of administration." (§20-2-231) Please register for this session by calling Helen Smith at 229-207-0600. The registration form is also located on our website at www.swresa.org.



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FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2010 ART CONSORTIUM



This year, the **Art Consortium** will be presented by Dr. Debi West, 2009 Georgia Art Educator of the year, on **February 18 & 19, 2010** from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham**. Debi's philosophy is quite simple, she believes that every child can learn and be successful when properly guided. The visual arts are a vehicle in which every child can certainly learn and succeed because there are no mistakes; the arts are an expression on one's self, a mirror to their soul.

DIFFERENTIATING & ASSESSING MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

Sarah Erwin and Janet Walden, RESA Consultants, will provide 6-12 science teachers and/or academic coaches with relevant strategies for assessing and differentiating middle & high school science classes and labs. Through the Exploratorium Institute Assessment Module (research-based component of standards based instruction) participants will pursue content in-depth generation of investigable questions, and plan and conduct investigations that will allow them to make meaning out of the inquiry activities and gain a broader view of the science concepts. This session will include adding rigor to the curriculum through differentiating and assessing tasks and labs. Workshop participants will have the option to continue the session in the school setting with follow-up sessions. This two-day, 1 PLU class, is **February 18 & 19, 2010**, from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at **SW GA RESA, Room 702 in Camilla**.



HEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

February 23 & 24, 2010 ♦ Pelham High School Auditorium - Pelham ♦ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The title for this year's Health Education Conference is "Abstinence Education/HIV/AIDS/STDs." Dr. John Diggs, a board certified Internist with 20+ years of clinical experience, will be the presenter for this event. Dr. Diggs has put his medical training to work in developing a series of human life and the proven benefits of sexual restraint. His central theme, "Overwhelming scientific evidence supports the inherently reasonable and universally held belief that sex belongs exclusively inside marriage." Dr. Diggs exposes the real-world effects of sexual permissiveness through a message that is logical, consistent, coherent and inspiring. Consequently, listeners gain new clarity and hope regarding problems ranging from adolescent pregnancy to sexual addiction and pornography.

FEBRUARY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Feb. 1/2	9:00-3:00	AIMS Grades K-2	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 1/2	9:00-3:00	MATH 3-Algebra/Dr. Lettie Watford	SW GA RESA, Room 702, Camilla
Feb. 2	8:30-3:30	Best Practices in Reading (FLUENCY)	SW GA RESA, Room 708, Camilla
Feb. 3	9:00-3:30	TAPP Portfolio Seminar (Year 2)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 5	9:00-3:00	Textbook Fair	Thomas County Professional Learning Ctr., Thomasville
Feb. 8	8:30-3:30	SBC-101 (K-5) DAY 2	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 9/10	9:00-3:00	CPI Training	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 11	9:00-3:30	TAPP Seminar (Year 1)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 12	8:30-3:30	SBC-101 (6-12) DAY 2	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 16	8:30-4:00	Veteran School Board Member Training/Dr. Leon Pate	SW GA RESA, Room 702, Camilla
Feb. 16	9:00-3:00	Differentiation in Reading CANCELLED	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 17	9:00-3:00	Music Consortium/Patti Tolbert/DAY 2	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 18/19	9:00-3:00	Assessment & Differentiation in MS/HS Science	SW GA RESA, Room 702, Camilla
Feb. 18/19	9:00-3:00	Art Consortium/Debi West	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 22	8:30-3:30	SBC-101 (K-5) DAY 3	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Feb. 23/24	9:00-3:00	Health Conference	Pelham High School Auditorium, Pelham
Feb. 23/24	9:00-3:00	MATH 3-Algebra/Linda Meyer	SW GA RESA, Room 704, Camilla
Feb. 25	8:30-3:30	SBC-101 (6-12) DAY 3	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham