

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## January Dates:

Thursday, January 7, 2010

9:30 RESA BOC Meeting

10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting

Speaker: Representative Jay Powell

Thursday, January 14, 2010

State Board of Education Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2010

Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday/OFFICE CLOSED



*FROM OUR STAFF TO YOURS:*

*Best Wishes for a prosperous  
and joyous 2010.*

### SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING

School councils are intended to help local boards of education by bringing parents and community together with teachers and school administrators to create a better understanding and mutual respect for each other's concerns and share ideas for school improvement. Dr. Larry Green will present the final School Council Training on **January 12, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham**. Please register for the session by calling Helen Smith at (229) 207-0600. Press #3, if you get the Auto Attendant.

### ACTIVITIES INTEGRATING MATH AND SCIENCE Grades 3-5 AND Grades K-2

AIMS Training for grades 3 through 5 will take place at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham** on **January 21 and 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** each day. Sarah Erwin and Janet Walden will provide strategies and instructional tips on the new AIMS grade specific curriculum for teaching the Georgia Performance Standards. Each participant will have the option of receiving grade level curriculum.

The AIMS Training for grades K-2 will be provided by the same consultants at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham** on **February 1 and 2, 2010**. This session will also begin at **9:00 a.m.** and conclude at **3:00 p.m.** As indicated above, this group will also receive strategies and instructional tips on the new AIMS grade specific curriculum. *There is a \$100.00 fee per participant for both of these workshops.*

### 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 will begin at **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham**.

### SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

DAY 2 of the Science Leadership Academy is scheduled for **January 12, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at **SW GA RESA, Room 706 in Camilla**. The implementation of academic coaches/teacher leaders to improve teacher instruction in the science classroom necessitates professional learning for science leaders and job-embedded follow-up sessions with participants in the school setting.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONSORTIUM

The second day of the Foreign Language Consortium will be on **January 14, 2010**. Jon Valentine, GaDOE, will return to provide additional assistance for foreign language teachers with increasing their knowledge base (theoretical & practical) essential to providing appropriate and effective instruction. Participants will explore resources and practices designed to enhance their instructional strategies for teaching and managing students. This class will meet at **SW GA RESA, Room 702 (Camilla)** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

### FINAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER WORKSHOP FOR THE YEAR

**January 11, 2010** will be the final Substitute Teacher Workshop for the 2009-10 school term. This session will be conducted by Kelly Tabb at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, 178 W. Railroad Street, Pelham**, from **9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** All systems are invited to send prospective substitute teacher applicants. For planning purposes, call Helen Smith with the names of the participants at 229-207-0600.

# JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BUILDING MATHEMATICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE K-8 CLASSROOM: ALGEBRA & PATTERNS

January 25/26, 2010 ♦ Southwest Georgia RESA, Room 704 ♦ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Janna Beanblossom will assist K-8 math teachers by increasing their knowledge of mathematical, instructional and assessment practices during this 2-day session. The specific objectives are to learn to effectively use the GPS to encourage students to reason mathematically; evaluate mathematical arguments both formally and informally; to use the language of mathematics to communicate ideas and information precisely and to make connections among mathematical topics and to other disciplines. Please register by faxing a pre-registration form to Helen Smith at 229-336-2888.

### 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.

### ENDORSEMENT CLASSES SET TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

The Reading Endorsement Series is set to begin on **January 11, 2010** in **Room 708** at **SW GA RESA in Camilla**. Course 1, "Foundations of Teaching Reading in a Pluralistic Society" will begin at **4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.** This is a three-course, ten-class series that will continue through June, 2010. There are 5 face-to-face classes and 5 online classes. The cost for each course is \$350.00. Please submit a system purchase order prior to the first day of class for each course. Personal checks will also be accepted. Please register by submitting a prior-approval, pre-registration form to Helen Smith (fax: 229-336-2888).

Remember that ESOL Endorsement (online course) will begin on **January 18, 2010**. Please check the SW GA RESA website after the first of the year for registration information.

The Math Endorsement Course may be able to begin by the Spring of 2010. ~~The Math Endorsement Pre-Assessment Preparation is set to be held on January 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham.~~ The Math Endorsement sessions have been postponed until further notice.

### 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.

## JANUARY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Jan. 6	9:00-3:00	Math Endorsement Pre-Assessment Preparation Meeting	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 8	8:30-3:30	SBC-101 (Cohort 3) DAY 1 {K-5}	Begins at Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 11	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training/All Systems	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 12	9:00-12:00	School Council Training	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 12	9:00-3:00	Science Leadership Academy	SW GA RESA, Room 706, Camilla
Jan. 14	9:00-3:00	Foreign Language Consortium	SW GA RESA, Room 702, Camilla
Jan. 14	9:00-3:00	Math Coaches Academy	SW GA RESA, Room 704, Camilla
Jan. 14	9:00-3:00	Best Practices in Reading/VOCABULARY	SW GA RESA, Room 708, Camilla
Jan. 15	8:30-3:30	SBC-101 (Cohort 3) DAY 1 {6-12}	Begins at Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 19	1:00	Math Endorsement Information Meeting	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 21	10:00	Transportation Directors' Meeting	SW GA RESA, Room 702, Camilla
Jan. 21/22	9:00-3:00	AIMS (Grades 3-5)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center, Pelham
Jan. 25/26	9:00-3:00	Building Mathematical Concepts in K-8	SW GA RESA, Room 704, Camilla
Jan. 27/28	9:00-3:00	Modeling Physical Science (Grades 8-9)	SW GA RESA, Room 706, Camilla