

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHANGE IN LOCATION

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves. ~Victor Frankl

Budgets cuts, program adaptations, and the limitation of space are factors mandating a major change at SW GA RESA. The administrative offices moved to Camilla, GA which is basically the center of our district. (Our new addresses with phone numbers are indicted above.) RESA will continue to utilize the Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham for our larger workshops. However, smaller sessions will be conducted in the new facility in Camilla. Until the location becomes familiar to our member systems, we recommend calling or checking our website for any last minute changes. On Open House is planned for a later date.

July Dates:

Thursday, July 2
RESA BOC & SW GA SSA Meeting
CANCELLED

Thursday, July 9
State Board of Education Meeting

July 12-15
GAEL Summer Conference
Jekyll Island, Georgia

2009-2010 SW GA STAFF

Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights. ~Pauline R. Kezer

SW GA RESA takes great pride in its highly qualified and dedicated staff. These educators welcome your concern, and they view education as a partnership between school, RESA, and GaDOE. Continuity is promised as three full time staff return; however, there are enough changes to challenge us to grow and reach new heights. **Kelly Tabb** will continue to serve as Director of Professional Learning; **Janna Beanblossom** will provide guidance to the mathematics department and school improvement, and **Sarah Erwin** will offer leadership in the area of science. **Janet Walden** will divide her duties in three ways. She will coordinate the Safe School Division, assist with science responsibilities, and help with School Improvement. **Margie Jordan** and **Betty Orange** will increase their work days in order to provide services in School Improvement. Under the competent and experienced leadership of **Dr. Angie Davis** the TAPP program will continue.

To all of you – administrators, teachers, and support staff, we pledge our continued efforts to provide the best possible education for our young men and women.

MATH COACHES CONSORTIUM

In order to provide support and additional training for new Mathematics Coaches, SW GA RESA has planned a coaches consortium for the following dates: *July 30-31, 2009, October 1, 2009, January 14, 2010 and March 2, 2010.* Days 1 and 2 of the consortium will focus on data collection and application.(July 30-31 will take place at Pelham Middle School.) Days 3 and 4 will analyze the implementation of the Coaching Cycle, and Day 5 will focus on an implementation plan of what to do before and after the CRCT. (Days 3, 4 and 5 will take place at SW GA RESA, Room 704.) All sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m.

THANK YOU, GLRS

Since SW GA RESA is relocating, GLRS has graciously allowed us to use their wonderful new facility for several of our FY10 workshops. The Georgia Learning Resource Center recently moved to their new site at 915 South McKinley Road in Albany. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathie Rigsby, GLRS Director and her staff for being so accommodating. We look forward to working with the GLRS staff.

JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009-2010 Substitute Teacher Schedule

SYSTEMS	LOCATION	DATE
Baker, Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, Pelham	Frank McCoy, Jr. Ed. Center 178 W. Railroad Street Pelham, GA	August 03, 2009 October 26, 2009
Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, Worth	Southwest Georgia GLRS 915 S. McKinley Street Albany, GA 229-431-1230	August 05, 2009 October 28, 2009
Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Miller, Seminole	Decatur County Schools Support Ctr. 507 Martin St. Bainbridge, GA 229-248-2818	August 07, 2009 November 03, 2009
Thomas County Thomasville City	Thomas Co. Professional Learning Ctr. 200 N. Pinetree Blvd. Thomasville, GA 229-225-4380	August 12, 2009 November 06, 2009
ALL SYSTEMS	Frank McCoy, Jr. Ed. Center 178 W. Railroad Street Pelham, GA	August 24, 2009 January 11, 2010

All substitute teacher sessions are from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

TAPP candidates will meet July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 at the SW GA GLRS, 915 S. McKinley Street, Albany, (431-1230) from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (*TAPP Application Deadline: June 30, 2009.*)

The orientation meeting for new candidates of the **One Year Supervised Practicum** will be August 27, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Room 702 of SW GA RESA in Camilla. (*OYSP Application Deadline: August 3, 2009.*)

Anyone interested in applying may download the applications from www.swresa.org. Questions should be addressed to Angie Davis for TAPP and Kelly Tabb for the OYSP.

PLU SOURCES FOR SUMMER LEARNING

With the shift in learning patterns and the prevalence of technology, administrators and educators can now find online learning available everywhere—from the university to online websites. Southwest RESA endorses two online professional development companies who offer affordable course for PLU's.

CE Credits online: www.ccreditsonline.org and **Knowledge Delivery Systems:** www.kdsi.org/georgia.aspx

JULY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

July 13-14	9:00-3:00	Video Conferencing/Beau Sherman	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
July 13-17	9:00-4:00	TAPP Training for New Candidates	GLRS, Albany, GA
July 28	9:30-3:30	School Food Service/Marjorie Massey	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
July 29	8:30-11:30	Monitoring for Implementation for SBC	SW GA RESA, Room 702
July 30-31	9:00-3:00	Math Coaches Academy/F. Powell	Pelham Middle School