

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WORKSHOP NEWS

During the last few months, SW GA RESA has had numerous workshops that have either been cancelled or rescheduled. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience this causes. Every effort has been made to keep these sessions in place, but due to extenuating circumstances, cancellation or rescheduling becomes the only option. Also, if the interest is not there, evident by the registration forms, it is not feasible to have a workshop with only 3 to 4 participants. Please submit Pre-Registration Prior Approval Forms in a timely basis by faxing it to Helen Smith (229-336-2888). This procedure provides RESA with valuable information when preparing for each workshop. The form can be downloaded from our website under "Professional Learning." The website is www.swresa.org. All cancellations and rescheduled workshops are listed on the homepage.

November Dates:

Thursday, November 5, 2009

9:30 RESA BOC Meeting

Speaker: Susan Eckhart, GaDOE

Division of Special Education

10:00 SW GA SSA Meeting

Speaker: Pat Blenke, GaDOE

Virtual Learning

Thursday, November 12, 2009

State Board of Education Meeting



GEORGIA SCHOOL COUNSELOR EVALUATION PROGRAM (GSCEP) TRAINING

On **November 4, 2009**, from **8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**, Margie Jordan will provide GSCEP Training for area administrators. Participants will become familiar with the contents of the Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Instrument and Georgia School Counselor Duties & Responsibilities Instrument, the scoring system for these instruments and Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Program procedures. Registrants will participate in GSCEP simulation activities. This session will be held at the **SW GA RESA in Camilla**.

MATH 1 and MATH 2 STATISTICS CONTENT TRAINING

The MATH 1 STATISTICS CONTENT TRAINING will begin at **9:00 a.m.** from **3:00 p.m.** and will convene at **GLRS in Albany** on **November 9 & 10, 2009**. The MATH 2 STATISTICS CONTENT TRAINING will be on **November 16 & 17, 2009** at the same time and location as mentioned above. Participants in these two workshops will review the statistics content within the Math 1 and Math 2 frameworks respectively and apply what they have learned in a culminating task. Please bring a T183/84 graphing calculator with an updated operating system for both sessions.

GIFTED CONSORTIUM

Dr. Annette Eger, Director of Accelerated Programs and Gifted Education, will update teachers on the gifted standards and delivery models. Also, to be discussed are methods by which gifted students are identified. The first day of this two day workshop will be on **November 9, 2009**, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at **Southwest Georgia RESA, Room 702 in Camilla**. Day Two will be **March 10, 2010**.

NONVIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION

November 10 & 11, 2009 ♦ Frank McCoy, Jr. Ed. Ctr. ♦ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Nonviolent crisis intervention is a safe, non-harmful management system designed to aid educational staff in the management of disruptive and assaultive people. The program has the following primary objectives: 1) Training staff with the techniques effective in approaching and reducing the tension of an agitated person. 2) Focusing on alternatives if a person loses control and becomes violent. 3) Instructing staff on techniques to control their own anxieties during interventions and maintain the best possible professional attitude. 4) Providing nonverbal, paraverbal, verbal, and physical intervention skills to all staff to maintain the best possible care and welfare, as well as safety and security, for all involved.



*Southwest Georgia RESA will be closed
November 25-27, 2009 for the observance
of Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 8:00
a.m. on Monday, November 30th.
The entire RESA Staff wish you
a pleasant and
joyful Thanksgiving.*

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS IN THE K-8 CLASSROOM Measurement and Geometry/Data (Course 2)

The goal of this course is to assist K-8 math teachers to increase their knowledge of mathematical, instructional and assessment practices. Specific learning objectives for this workshop are to learn to effectively use the Georgia Performance Standards to encourage students to: 1) reason mathematically, 2) evaluate mathematical arguments both formally and informally, 3) use the language of mathematics to communicate ideas and information precisely, 4) make connections among mathematical topics and to other disciplines. Janna Beanblossom will be the presenter of this workshop which will be on **November 11 & 12, 2009** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at **SW GA RESA Room 704**.

TEACHING BIODIVERSITY IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

On **November 13 and 20, 2009**, science teachers will participate in a workshop with science content study for building concepts and principals in the Life Science classroom and practice inquiry in the classroom with GPS. Presenter Leslie Jones, VSU Assistant Professor of Biology, will provide methods for teaching difficult concepts and how to address misconceptions in science. Concepts will be the focus of this professional learning. Teachers will have the option to continue sessions in the school setting as follow-up for continuing credit. This workshop will take place at the **Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center in Pelham** from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** each day.

TEACHING MIDDLE GRADES SCIENCE THROUGH AN INQUIRY APPROACH

November 16 & 17, 2009 9:00-3:00 at Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center

Teachers will participate in and learn how to implement teaching strategies initially identified and developed from the Exploratorium Institute's Inquiry Professional Learning Modules. Michael Waldorf will share methods for implementing strategies for helping students interpret scientific explanations, evaluate and evaluate scientific evidence, reflect on scientific knowledge and participate productively in science. Teachers will receive standards-based science teaching resources.

ESOL ENDORSEMENT COURSE SPONSORED BY CASENEX - CANCELLED

The ESOL Endorsement Course for Non-Title III Consortium Systems, sponsored by CaseNEX, that was to begin on October 19, 2009 has been cancelled because of minimal participation. We plan to schedule another ESOL Endorsement Cohort to begin in January, 2010. Please check with your principals and teachers to see who may be interested in courses to begin at the first of the year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING - RESCHEDULED

Dr. Larry Green will provide School Council Training on **November 4, 2009** from **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** at the **Decatur County Schools Support Center**. The address is 507 Martin Street, Bainbridge. For detailed directions visit the Decatur County Schools website: <<http://www.dcboe.com/sc/index.php>>. Please register by calling Helen Smith at 229-207-0600.

NOVEMBER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

November 2-3 - AIMS (Grades 6-8) - **CANCELLED**

November 4 – Economics in Transition Latin America - **CANCELLED**

November 5 – Using Videos to Teach Public Policy - **CANCELLED**

Nov. 3	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Decatur, Miller, Seminole)	New Life Learning Center, Colquitt, GA
Nov. 4	9:00-12:00	School Council Training	Decatur County Schools Support Center, Bainbridge, GA
Nov. 4	8:30-4:30	GSCEP Training	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Nov. 6	9:00-12:00	Substitute Teacher Training (Thomas, Thomasville)	Thomas County Prof. Learning Center
Nov. 9	9:00-3:00	Gifted Consortium/Bonnie Marshall	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Nov. 9-10	9:00-3:00	Math 1-Statistics Content Training	SW GA GLRS, Albany
Nov. 10	8:30-3:30	Best Practices in Reading – Phonics	SW GA RESA, Room 708
Nov. 10-11	9:00-3:00	CPI Training	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Nov. 11-12	9:00-3:00	Building Mathematical Concepts in K-8 Classrooms	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Nov. 13	9:00-3:00	Teaching Biodiversity in Middle/High School	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Nov. 16-17	9:00-3:00	Teaching Middle Grade Science Through an Inquiry Approach	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Nov. 16-17	9:00-3:00	Math 2-Statistics Content Training	SW GA GLRS, Albany
Nov. 19	10:00	Transportation Directors' Meeting	SW GA RESA, Room 702
Nov. 19	9:00-3:30	TAPP Seminar (Year 1)	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center
Nov. 20	9:00-3:00	Teaching Biodiversity in Middle/High School	Frank McCoy, Jr. Educational Center