

RESA 4 Project (WEEMS) **W**est Virginia **E**ndorsement for **E**lementary **M**ath **S**pecialists



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RESA 4 Project WEEMS teachers from RESA 4 and Clay County spent Saturday, May 4, 2013, engaged in the study of rich mathematical tasks.

Participants solved problems, discussed mathematical practices and analyzed student work.

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EDUCATOR EVALUATION AND ENHANCEMENT TRAININGS

On April 25, 2013, RESA 4 hosted professional development trainings for administrators and teachers. The day began with an overview of the educator evaluation system presented by **A.J. Rogers**, RESA 4 Executive Director.



Summersville Middle School was featured as a pilot school for the educator evaluation process. **Bethany King**, **Tammi Gregory** and **Beth Willison** shared their experiences from the viewpoint of the principal and teachers.

Following the school's presentation, **Michele Blatt**, WVDE School Improvement Executive Director, provided additional information and answered questions.



A kick-off event for the Educator Enhancement Academy was held in the afternoon. Attendees were teachers from RESA 4 who will become trainers for local summer academies, along with their instructional coaches and administrators. Participants engaged in activities with colleagues to gain an understanding of the goals of the academy, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders, and support options for ongoing training.

RESA 4 Conducts Final Literacy Academy Follow-Up

On Thursday, May 23, thirty teachers representing all six RESA 4 counties attended the final follow-up for the Literacy Academies that began in the summer of 2011. The academies have been funded with grant monies from the Doing What Works Clearinghouse and the Benedum Foundation. Over the past two years, 86 teachers have attended two or more of the 11 days of academy sessions; 8 from Braxton, 18 from Fayette, 25 from Greenbrier, 18 from Nicholas, 2 from Pocahontas, and 15 from Webster County.

The focus of the academies has been to provide middle and high school content area teachers with strategies to help them teach reading in their content areas.

Over the past two years, some of the books that have been provided to the participants have been Word Wise and Content Rich (by Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey), Teaching Reading in the Content Areas: If Not Me, Then Who? (by Rachel Billmeyer and Mary Lee Barton), The Comprehension Experience (by W. Dorsey Hammond and Denise D. Nessel), What Teachers Really Need to Know About Formative Assessment (by Laura Greenstein), and Total Participation Techniques (by Persida and William Himmele). The two books used for this follow-up session were Notice and Note (by Kylene Beers and Robert Probst) and Becoming a Reflective Teacher (by Robert Marzano).

The 30 teachers who attended this final follow-up session were rewarded with a multitude of materials for classroom use. Over \$20,000 in classroom supplies was distributed to those in attendance. RESA 4 would like to thank all of the teachers who have participated in the Literacy Academies over the past two years as well as the Doing What Works Clearinghouse and the Benedum Foundation for providing the funding to make the academies possible.



Matt Lemons and Laura Tuckwiller, teachers at Eastern Greenbrier Middle, share a Signpost from the book Notice and Note.



Some of the goodies participants received.



Participants listen to a group reporting out on their learning.



A small group carries some of their gifts to their cars.



These are the participants in the second summer of the literacy academies sponsored by RESA 4.

Special Education Department

Spring is finally here and summer is well on its way!
(Thank goodness).

The Special Education Department at RESA 4 has been very busy the past couple of months providing some valuable technical assistance and professional development to our six counties.

Some of the processes that we have been involved in with collaboration from the West Virginia Department of Education, Local Education Agencies and others organizations include the following:

- ◆ completed school specific culture typology
- ◆ provided the opportunity to serve on diagnostic visits teams for some of the identified Priority Schools in RESA 4
- ◆ provided Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training, provided Common Core Essential Elements (CCEE) training for our selected Special Education Teachers in RESA 4
- ◆ provided Support for Personalized Learning (SPL) for our middle school administrators in RESA 4
- ◆ held our annual Spring Pre-K Core Team meeting in April
- ◆ and had the pleasure of serving on a couple of Office of Special Programs compliance monitoring teams that visited some of our counties in RESA 4 this Spring.

It has been a very busy few months in our department here at RESA 4. Hope you all enjoy the warmer weather and have a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends.

Thanks
Scott Cochran
Special Education Director
RESA 4

To see our scheduled trainings visit our staff calendar at the link below
(click control + link):
[RESA 4 Calendar](#)





Mrs. Pritt's Second Grade Class Field Trip



Mrs. Pritt's second grade class from Hillsboro Elementary School recently enjoyed a trip into the Cranberry Limestone Station, Cranberry Glades, and the Visitor's Center. Rick Green of Cranberry Adventures packed the class into the limestone station with his wagon and mules. The students saw golden trout, fishermen, campers, wildflowers, and ferns. Once at the limestone station, Ryan Pritt and Randall Morgan, employees of the Division of Natural Resources, demonstrated the DNR's water treatment program. Students learned that limestone has to be ground up into very fine sand before it is distributed into the water. This helps to keep acid levels down where fish can live in the streams. After that Roy Moose took students on a guided tour of Cranberry Glades and presented a live snake show on West Virginia snakes. Here's what students said about the trip...

- Holden: "The funniest part was when we got to see the rat snake."
Waylon: "I liked driving the mules."
Robert: "I liked when I saw my daddy and drove the wagon over the bridge."
Gavin: "It was hard staying quiet so we wouldn't spook the mules."
Kaylee: "I loved the trip."
Cheyenne: "I liked playing on the rocks."
Virginia: "It was fun! I liked driving the mules and the limestone station was cool."
Annamaria: "I liked looking at the plants but I hated smelling the skunk cabbage."
Heidi: "I liked Jack and Clyde, the mules."



2013 WVEIS Data Conference

The 2013 WVEIS Data Conference will be held **June 26-28, 2013** at Snowshoe Mountain. The conference is designed for all levels and classifications of WVEIS users – from beginners to experts and from classroom teachers to county level administrators. You will learn about the latest happenings in the world of WVEIS as well as tips and tricks for utilizing the data available to you.

For room reservations, contact Snowshoe Mountain directly at (877) 441-4386.

To ensure that you reserve a room in the room block and at the guaranteed room rate (rates are subject to change based on Snowshoe's pricing policies for the WVEIS group rate), please provide the group name and code to the reservations agent:

Group Name: WVEIS
Group Code: 5103AM

You also need to register for the conference at:
<http://wveis.k12.wv.us/wveis2004/dataconference.htm>

We hope to see you there!

Contact the WVEIS Department (ext. 6) at RESA 4 if you have any questions.



Misty Carpenter, Medicaid Specialist,
busy fielding reimbursement calls

MEDICAID UPDATE

The Medicaid program is going well as we move towards the end of the fiscal year. We keep receiving billing information and reimbursing the counties for it.

I will soon be traveling to my counties to do audits. I have been lucky enough to enlist the help of other Medicaid Specialists on how to approach these audits and how to assist the counties when I am conducting them. I think doing these audits will be a step in the right direction for my counties as a way to help them understand if they are doing something incorrectly, or to really commend them for the things that are being done right. At the moment, there are still changes to the Medicaid program that are being debated, but nothing major has changed so far.



**Visit RESA 4 Resource Catalog Resource
Library Department at <http://resa4.k12.wv.us>**

BOOK STUDY 1004.08

The Master Teacher Series: Reading Comprehension – How America’s most accomplished teachers teach their students to understand what they read. – **includes 2-set DVD**
(John Schacter, 2006, the Teaching Doctors) **26 per set**

Designed for groups of teachers for reading, discussion, and viewing of research-based strategies proven to increase students’ ability to recall, draw conclusions, make inferences, and solve problems. Fifteen of the 30+ strategies are demonstrated by master teachers (DVD); all others have step-by-step explanations with visual storyboard examples. *All grade levels*

BOOK STUDY 1004.14

Pathways to the Common Core: Accelerating Achievement
(Lucy Calkins, Mary Ehrenworth, Christopher Lehman, 2012) **20 per set**

This book emphasizes individual responsibility to study the Common Core standards; and is a source to help teachers and school leaders grasp the central messages, hold discussions with colleagues, and make their own interpretations for implementation. Includes information as to “what the standards do and don’t” value or emphasize, research and practical tips, and activities designed for use in a study group. Offers valuable “practical suggestions for pathways toward achieving the standards.”

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1-800-251-7372, ext. 17; or fax 304-872-6442**

Department of Technology



The RESA 4 Technology Department teamed up with students from the Nicholas County Vocational School during its recent cabling job at the new Gauley River Elementary School. Students assisted the RESA 4 technicians by helping run and also terminate the cables. This project provided real life hands-on work experience during this partnership, which worked great for both RESA 4 and the students. RESA 4 hopes to continue to partner with counties by providing real world experiences for their students.

The Technology Department performed many different services for its counties over the past few months including cabling, network troubleshooting, router maintenance and installation, projector and smart board installations, WVEIS installs, and computer repair services.

“Call Me Maybe”

Schools from around the state were recently asked to grab their video cameras and creatively show -case their school using the song “Call Me Maybe” by pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen in a statewide Let’s Move initiative.

Schools that submitted a video were entered into a drawing for either a Bose Sound Dock or, courtesy of American Dairy Mideast/Fuel up to Play 60, an IMotion Sound Dock.



Collins Middle School

Statewide winners included: six elementary, six middle and six high schools. According to **Cara Phillips**, RESA 4 Regional School Wellness Specialist, a total of 27 schools sent in a video to the West Virginia Department of Education’s Office of Healthy Schools.

In RESA 4, **Webster County High School** and **Collins Middle School** in Fayette County won a Bose Sound Dock for their videos. **Burnsville Elementary** in Braxton County won an IMotion sound system.

Other schools in RESA 4 that participated included **Glade Elementary** in Webster County and **Cherry River Elementary** in Nicholas County.



Burnsville Elementary School

The final “state” version will be comprised of clips from all who entered and posted to the Office of Healthy Schools website in April. The WVDE’s Office of Healthy Schools will also cut a Let’s Move! WV Statewide “Call Me Maybe” video to be featured on Let’s Move! WV webpage. Schools are now being asked to participate in the spring challenge—the Sid Shuffle from “Ice Age” online video.



Webster County High School

RESA 4's Bus Operator Training Program

Each of RESA 4's six counties are experiencing success in our bus operator training program. Since July 1, **37** applicants have been screened, completed classroom and behind the wheel training, submitted all required documentation, passed physical, drug and alcohol tests, advanced to the certification examination process, and ultimately hired as bus operators for our counties. County breakdown of certification is as follows:

Braxton (1) Fayette (18)
Greenbrier (8) Nicholas (6)
Pocahontas (2) Webster (2)

Below are two recent Webster County bus operator students who were trained by **Roy Garvin** and certified during the month of April.



Fritz Deuly, Braxton County Bus Operator Trainer and RESA 4 Examiner, is conducting certification examination for Fayette County bus operator student, **Rebecca Chapman**.



Lisa Prather



Stephen Cowger

RESA 4 Examiners



George Brooks, Greenbrier County
Fritz Deuly, Braxton County
Terry McGuire, Fayette County
Leon Shrewsberry, Fayette County



CACFP ANNUAL TRAINING SESSION

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is required to furnish annual training for day care providers who are enrolled in our program. The training topic this year is “**Leap of Taste.**”

The new year for our program begins each October 1. This training was initially held last fall and some providers were unable to attend. Therefore, make-up trainings were held in three locations and counted as three hours of the required training for the State.



Vickie Johnson, CACFP Coordinator, providing instruction to day care providers at RESA 4



Missie Harris, CACFP Monitor, overseeing classroom instruction in Fayette County

We deliver Hope. Help. **Life.**

Welcome to the **ASPEN Project.**

- ◆ **1 million** people attempt suicide each year.
- ◆ One person completes suicide **every 16 minutes** in the U.S.
- ◆ Nationally, suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24; however, in West Virginia it is the **SECOND** leading cause of death for this age group.
- ◆ 90% of the individuals who die by suicide have a **treatable** mental illness or substance abuse disorder.
- ◆ Within a typical high school classroom, it is likely that **three students** have made a suicide attempt in the last year.



Webster County High School HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students were alarmed after learning these statistics, and decided to explore opportunities to make a difference.

Cheryl Green, WCHS HOSA Instructor, enlisted the assistance of RESA 4 RSWs **Cara Phillips** for guidance. Immediately, Cara

contacted **Hope Siler** of the Adolescent Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention (**ASPEN**) Project—a project specifically developed to provide a comprehensive base support for sustainability of suicide awareness, prevention and early intervention efforts.

Together, a plan was constructed for the senior HOSA students to undergo an intense Suicide Prevention Student Train the Trainer Course. The training was a huge success. Since the training took place, the Student Trainers have made presentations to all of the 9th-12th grade classmates and every 5th-8th grade student in the county. Students and teachers have been very impressed with the students’ knowledge, speaking skills, and organization.



Plans are being made to train the 2013-2014 senior HOSA students.

RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day

The RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day was split into two competitions this year. Grades 4-9 competition was held at the New River Community & Technical College in Summersville WV on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. The senior high competition was held at WVU Tech in Montgomery, WV, on Friday, March 22, 2013. The participants represented Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas and Webster counties.

The top three winners in grades 4-9 and the top ten winners in the senior high competition advanced to State Math Field Day held at West Virginia State University in Institute WV on **Saturday, April 27, 2013**. The winners are as follows:

Grade Four:

1. Lauren Keplinger, Davis Elementary
2. Joel Banks, Fayetteville Elementary
3. Bradley Lokant, New River Elementary

Grade Five:

1. Peyton Pack, White Sulphur Elementary
2. Riley Butcher, Panther Creek Elementary
3. Macy Ward, Summersville Elementary

Grade Six:

1. Colton Massey, Marlinton Middle
2. Quinten Jeckering, SMS
3. Gracie Cornelius, EGMS

Grade Seven:

1. Prahalath Anubharathi, WGMS
2. Jacob Hise, Green Bank Elem/Middle
3. Kyle Barker, SMS

Grade Eight:

1. Shannon Brunzo Hager, WGMS
2. Jared Whitt, EGMS
3. Stevie Price, Fayetteville High

Grade Nine:

1. Noah Allen, NCHS
2. Joey Lokant, Oak Hill High
3. Alex Sparks, NCHS

Out of the six competing counties, **Nicholas County** received the trophy for the **Highest Elementary County Average**.

In the Senior High Division, students in grades 10-12 from Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas & Webster counties competed together. A medallion is presented to the **top scoring sophomore** student and this year the award went to **Corrine Airgood from Pocahontas County**.

The top ten individuals in the **Senior Division** are as follows:

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| 1. Michael McGraw, Fayette | 6. Juan Castiblanco, Greenbrier |
| 2. Josh Sparks, Nicholas | 7. Shealyn Shafer, Nicholas |
| 3. Nathaniel Nicholas, Braxton | 8. Wesley Webb, Greenbrier |
| 4. Josh Lokant, Fayette | 9. Jacob Suffridge, Nicholas |
| 5. Jacob Ivey, Fayette | 10. Sophie Kemp-Sherman, Greenbrier |

Out of the six competing counties, **Fayette County** received the trophy for the **Highest Secondary County Average**.

*Regional Math Field Day events were planned by **Nicole Workman** and **Sherri Sparks-Francisco** of RESA 4, WVU Tech and by the Regional Math Field Day Committee comprised of representatives of RESA 4 and from the six counties served. The Senior High Division exams were created and scored by representatives from WVU Institute of Technology. Each county provided personnel to assist with administering the test, proctors, graders and scorers. We would like to thank everyone involved with making this year's Regional Math Field Day a success and to New River Community College and WVU Tech for allowing use of their facilities for the events.*

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