

## RESA 4 Welcomes New Executive Director

RESA 4 would like to welcome our new Executive Director, Mr. David Warvel, effective February 17, 2014. Mr. Warvel hails from Ohio. Please do not hold that against him—he does have roots here! His wife's family is from West Virginia, and David and Babette married in Fayette County in 2001. The Warvels are blessed to have two wonderful girls who make life a little more enjoyable with no dull moments.

Mr. Warvel's teaching and administrative experience include elementary, middle, and high schools. All three levels of experience deepened his understanding of expectations and points of view held by staff within a school system. Add to that his service as school custodian during college. Before coming to RESA 4, Mr. Warvel was the superintendent of Bradford Exempted Village Schools in a rural school district in Ohio. He is excited to be our new director, and is ready to work in West Virginia.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mr. Chuck Nichols, recently retired from RESA 3, who kindly served as our interim executive director when A. J. Rogers retired last fall. Best wishes to him in his retirement!



*This picture was taken  
at a recent luncheon/  
meeting at RESA 4,  
with past and present  
directors attending:*

- A. J. Rogers
- Gus Penix
- Elmer Pritt
- Chuck Nichols &
- David Warvel

We look forward to working under the direction of Mr. Warvel and hope to aid in a smooth transition. RESA 4 is a powerful engine for education, and we are committed to provide high quality services to our six county school districts. We want to improve the lives of people with whom we work through leadership, training and support, with vision and commitment to respond to our ever changing world.



**Spring 2014**

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## ***Classroom Instruction That Works***

Twenty-eight teachers and academic coaches representing five RESA 4 counties attended a three-day workshop January 14-16, centered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement. The book reanalyzes and reevaluates the teaching strategies that have the most positive effect on student learning:

- Setting objectives and providing feedback
- Reinforcing effort and providing recognition
- Cooperative learning
- Cues, questions, and advance organizers
- Nonlinguistic representations
- Summarizing and note taking
- Assigning homework and providing practice
- Identifying similarities and differences
- Generating and testing hypotheses



Amy McDonald (Fayette), Susan Barrett (Nicholas) and Marsha Bishop (Fayette) work on a sorting activity.

Participants learned about new research that explains the impact that each of the nine teaching strategies has on student achievement, as well as some new insights about how and why some strategies work more effectively than others. Additionally, they discovered how all nine strategies relate to essential 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.

An Instructional Planning Guide was provided in the book that makes it easier for teachers to know when to emphasize each of the instructional strategies and use them to:

- Create an environment for learning that ensures an effective backdrop for every lesson.
- Develop your students' understanding by using their prior knowledge as scaffolding for new learning.
- Help students extend and apply knowledge and move beyond "right answer" learning to an expanded understanding and use of concepts and skills.



Mary Humphreys and Tina Campbell from Greenbrier County

The trainers for the workshop were RESA 4 staff members Judy Pomeroy and Dana Thomas.

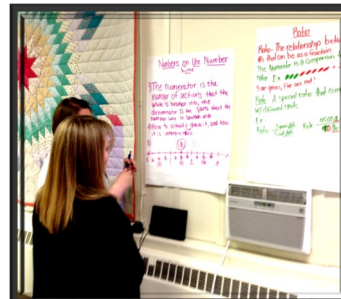
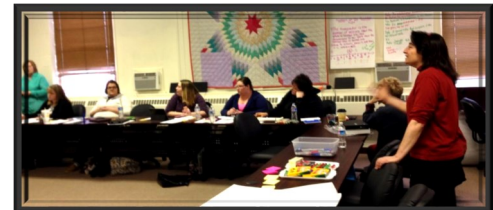
For more information about *Classroom Instruction That Works*, feel free to contact Judy at [jpomeroy@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:jpomeroy@access.k12.wv.us) or Dana at [dethomas@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:dethomas@access.k12.wv.us).



Annie Johnson, Marinda Locke and Donna Coombs from Braxton County



## Professional Development Snapshots At a Glance





## Special Education Department

Spring is finally upon us...I hope that you are as excited as I am about seeing the daylight hours extended each day and feeling the temperatures warm up. The Special Education Department at RESA 4 has been very busy over the past few months providing support to our schools in the six counties that we serve.

On February 10, 2014 RESA 4 was fortunate enough to host training for school leadership teams and county central office personnel titled "Moving Your Numbers". Dr. Christi Chambers was on hand to provide the exciting professional development opportunity that discussed and helped districts look at specific subgroups and how to use the individual student and school data to increase achievement opportunities.

Each county was represented and, even with the bad weather, 22 participants were on hand to take advantage of the professional development opportunity. We have also started providing Diagnostic Visits to some of our Support designated schools at the request of some of our counties. This process will hopefully help the district and the specific schools identify certain areas to center their work around, and in turn, hopefully increase the achievement levels of the students at each school.

As we move forward, I hope that everyone has a wonderful spring and an enjoyable summer.

**Scott Cochran**, RESA 4 Special Education Director



Spring has finally sprung, and with that comes new changes to Medicaid. We have successfully transitioned to our new billing web portal, and money is processing through it just like it did on the old site. This new portal makes it easier for us to track the status of a claim, see if it is processing, has been denied, or if it has been paid.

We also had our Medicaid Meeting at the end of April to discuss any changes that have come about, and many of our six counties have started receiving reimbursements for some of the IEP billing that was submitted. As the end of the fiscal year draws near, I am working hard at getting all of the counties' billing submitted so that it has time to process before the year concludes. I hope the weather gets nice so everyone can enjoy the upcoming summer months.

**Misty Carpenter**, Medicaid Specialist

## RESA 4 Hosts the 2014 College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday is a one-day financial aid awareness event coordinated by the College Foundation of West Virginia, the West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (WVASFAA), WV GEAR UP, USA funds, and a host of other college access organizations.

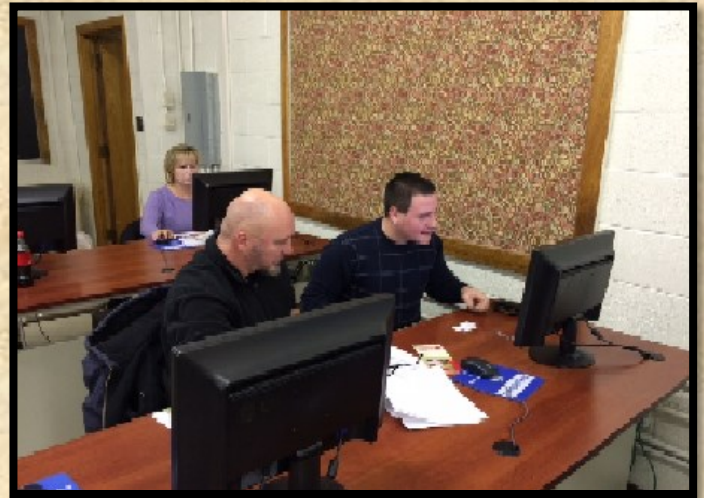
College Goal Sunday consists of a series of financial aid workshops coordinated at locations across the state. The primary goal of College Goal Sunday is to assist students and families with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For 2014, College Goal Sunday workshops were held at 25 locations from 1 to 4 p.m. on February 9. RESA 4 hosted and volunteered services as one of the new sites added this year. Each workshop provides at minimum:

- computers to allow participants to submit the FAFSA online;
- financial aid materials; and
- free one-on-one counseling with financial aid professionals.

This year the one-day event ended with 1,846 participants, including students and family members staffed by 387 volunteers over the 25 locations across the State. RESA 4 will proudly host the event again for 2015.



**Jason Luyster**, standing, is the **Regional Coordinator** for **GEAR UP**. Students and families from Nicholas, Webster, and Clay Counties participated in this event.



**The RESA 4 Technology Department** continues to serve the needs of its six counties. The department completed several projects over the past quarter, which included cabling jobs consisting of wireless drops in each classroom at Mt. Lookout Elementary School in Nicholas County, cabling a lab at Western Greenbrier Middle School in Greenbrier County, and cable installation for a camera in Braxton County to name a few. The Technology Department continues to maintain the Substitute Calling System and routers for each of our six counties. *Please contact Aaron Williams at 304-872-6440 ext. 37 with any requests or questions.*







## RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day

WVU Tech and Nicholas County High School hosted the RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day in two separate competitions this year. The Grades 4-9 Competition was held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Nicholas County High School in Summersville, WV. The Senior High Competition was held on Friday, March 7, 2014 at WVU Tech in Montgomery, WV.

Students competing in this year's events range from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and represented the counties of Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas and Webster. The top three winners from each grade level in the Grades 4-9 Competition and the top ten winners in the Senior High Competition received the opportunity to attend State Math Field Day on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Bethany College.

The winners are as follows:

### Grade Four:

1. Chase Hanson, Lewisburg Elementary
2. Jacob Perdue, Divide Elementary
3. Brad Lokant, Collins Middle School

### Grade Five:

1. Lauren Keplinger, Davis Elementary
2. Joel Banks, Fayetteville Elementary
3. Lanty Rose, Hillsboro Elementary

### Grade Six:

1. Peyton Pack, Eastern Greenbrier Middle
2. Marilyn Hosey, Frametown Elementary
3. Michael McGee, Marlinton Middle

### Grade Seven:

1. Gracie Cornelius, Eastern Greenbrier Middle
2. Parker Stout, Webster Springs Elementary
3. Quinten Jeckering, Summersville Middle

### Grade Eight:

1. Ty Dawkins, Webster Springs Elementary
2. Tate Mauzy, Collins Middle School
3. Prahalath Anbu, Western Greenbrier Middle

### Grade Nine:

1. Nathanael Arthur, Webster County High
2. Shannon Brunzo-Hager, Greenbrier West
3. Alex Sutton, Fayetteville High

Out of the six competing counties, Greenbrier County received the trophy for the Highest County Average, Elementary Division.

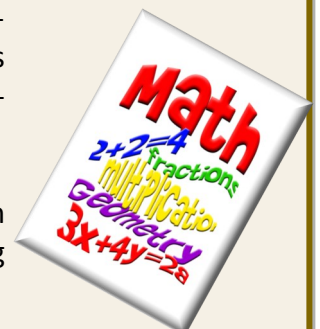
### Senior High Competition:

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| 1. Joe Sampson, Greenbrier East High     | 6. Ashley Dorsey, Nicholas County High    |
| 2. Jacob Suffridge, Richwood High School | 7. Lindsey Keplinger, Braxton County High |
| 3. Joel Bracken, Oak Hill High School    | 8. Brent Frame, Richwood High School      |
| 4. Kelsea Hower, Greenbrier East High    | 9. Sydney Giles, Oak Hill High School     |
| 5. Hannah Short, Nicholas County High    | 10. Mariah Wickline, Nicholas County High |

*A medallion was presented to the top scoring sophomore student, Joey Lokant, from Oak Hill High School. Greenbrier County received the trophy for the Highest County Average, Secondary Division.*

Regional Math Field Day events were planned by **Judy Pomeroy, Nicole Workman & Sherri Sparks-Francisco** of RESA 4 and the Regional Math Field Day Committee comprised of representatives of the six counties served by RESA 4. The Senior High Division exams were created & scored by WVU Institute of Technology. Each county provided personnel to assist with administering the test, grading and scoring.

We would like to thank everyone involved with making this year's Regional Math Field Day a success and to Nicholas County High School and WVU Tech for allowing use of their facilities for the events.



**The 2014 WVEIS Summer Data Conference** will be held on **June 17-19, 2014** at the Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center. The Data Conference will kick off at **1:00 p.m.** with the General Session. 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.

There will be a WVEIS County Contact meeting in conjunction with the WVEIS Summer Data Conference beginning at **9:00 a.m.** on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center.

Be sure to keep checking the WVEIS homepage at <http://wveis.k12.wv.us> for an upcoming link to register for the conference.

To make your room reservations, please contact Canaan Valley Resort directly at (877)441-4386. You must make your reservations by midnight on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. To ensure that you reserve a room in the WVEIS room block and at the guaranteed room rate (rates are subject to change based on Canaan Valley Resort's pricing policies for the WVEIS group rate), please tell them you are attending the WVEIS Data Conference.

*Please do not hesitate to call us if you need assistance of any kind. We are here to serve, and if we cannot answer your question, we will help you find the person who can!*

**WVEIS Staff – Karen Turner and Nicole Workman – 800-251-7372 or 304-872-6440 ext. 6**

*We hope to see you there!*

The 2014 RESA 4 Regional Social Studies Fair was a huge success! Thanks to **Pocahontas County High School Staff** for the hospitality! Special thanks to Wanda Hrabina and Francis LaBounty for the competition organization and the awards ceremony. **Judy Pomeroy, Nicole Workman and Sherri Sparks-Francisco** from RESA 4 facilitated the event.

The event was held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 with Fayette, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Nicholas, and Webster Counties participating. Pocahontas County High School's gymnasium was full of wonderful projects and students excited to present their projects to the judges. The judges volunteered from all over the RESA 4 district to help make this fair a success!

The competition had entries in Division I (grades 3-5), Division II (grades 6-8) and National History Day (grades 9-12), and categories including: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, State and Local Studies, U.S. History, and World History.

There are two types of projects. Individual - Only one person worked on the project and presented it alone; Small Group - Two to five students worked on the project and will present the project together.

Projects in a specific division / category / type competed only against other projects of the same division / category / type. Judging is based on the project's abstract, oral presentation, display and compliance of rules. There were 90 projects represented by 125 students competing this year. Only projects that received a 1st Place qualified to go to the WV State Social Studies Fair on Friday, April 11, 2014 at Charleston Civic Center.

To qualify for first place, the project must score at least 90%, even if it is the only project in that category. There were 33 projects that qualified to compete at the WV State Social Studies Fair.



Social Studies Fair student presentations.



### **Child and Adult and Care Food Program CACFP**

*The CACFP conducted three trainings for day care providers who missed the sessions on "Picky Eaters" last October. Attendees came from Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas and Webster Counties and were excited to learn innovative, fun strategies to get finicky eaters in their care to try new foods.*

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## Regional Wellness Update

The Regional Wellness Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at RESA 4. **Jody LeRose**, the Regional School Wellness Specialist, facilitated the meeting. **Karen Larson** presented on dangers and concerns of tobacco use, and showed models illustrating consequences of tobacco use. Karen discussed presentations available to the community, teachers, and students. Following Karen's presentation, **Greg Cartwright**, School Climate Specialist, presented on the school climate survey.



The school climate survey remains today for informing high schools about

use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, and extent of harassment and bullying among students. Greg shared with the group survey results from 2011-2013.



On Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Common Ground presented to K-2, and 3-6 grades at Flatwoods Elementary School. Common Ground is a partnership between the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Board of Education, and the United States Military recruiting organizations which serve West Virginia. **SFC Zachary King** presented on The American Flag, and Bullying Prevention. The students were engaged and enjoyed these presentations.



### RESA 4 Professional Development Team

During the 2014 spring semester, the RESA 4 Professional Development Team has provided multiple trainings targeting content and pedagogy at school, county and RESA levels. In-

structional Practice Inventory (IPI) training and technical assistance is ongoing. Trainings and continued support will occur during the 2014-2015 school year.

A list of available offerings for 2014-2015 will be distributed to county contacts by June 30, 2014. Please contact **Judy Pomeroy**, Staff Development Director, to request or schedule trainings.

RESA 4 is applying for two grants from the West Virginia Department of Education to establish afterschool programs at Ansted Elementary (Fayette County), Crichton Elementary (Greenbrier), Flatwoods Elementary (Braxton), Braxton County High School, Nicholas County High School, Valley High School (Fayette) and Webster County High School.

If you would like to provide input into the grant, or if you might be able to provide services to the after-school program at any of these sites, please contact **Mr. Dana Thomas** at RESA 4 by phone

(304-872-6440, ext. 27) or by e-mail to [dethomas@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:dethomas@access.k12.wv.us).

*The completed grant application will be available for public review after May 30, 2014.*



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**Single Book**

CATALOG No.

1028.14      **Learning-Driven Schools: A Practical Guide for Teachers and Principals** – A discussion of methods to plan, teach, and assess, which keeps focus on awareness of how much each student is learning. Chapters begin with an essential question, and conclude with a brief *What's the Point* section. (Barry Beers, 2006, ASCD)

**Book Sets**

**These books are being offered as single book sign outs, if preferred for individual study.**

CATALOG No.

1004.02      **A Handbook for the Art and Science of Teaching** - (Robert J. Marzano, John L. Brown, 2009, ASCD) **10 per set** - Described as “a roadmap to best practices” for effective teaching to enhance student achievement, this handbook is organized around ten “design questions” to prompt what should be addressed during a unit of instruction---questions such as (in part) *What Will I Do to: Establish Learning Goals...; Help Students Effectively Interact...; Engage Students; Communicate High Expectations...;* and other focus points. Twenty-five modules illustrate specific strategies with examples in elementary and secondary classrooms in all subject areas. Companion volume to Marzano’s *The Art and Science of Teaching*. All grade levels/subject areas

1004.05      **Never Work Harder Than Your Students & Other Principles of Great Teaching** - includes DVD, *Never Work Harder Than Your Students: the Journey to Great Teaching* - (Robyn R. Jackson, 2009, ASCD) **25 per set** – In her preface to this book, Dr. Jackson describes how, “It wasn’t so much what I did that made a difference, it was how I thought.” Not focusing so much on accomplishing a strategy, but why she was doing it; not so much on student inadequacies, but on sharing the value of learning. Dr. Jackson guides teachers toward thinking like a master teacher by describing how to pay attention to seven basic principles of effective teaching. Includes Appendix with helpful tools, such as, *Developing an Action Plan, and Guidelines for Forming A Study Group*. Grade K-12

1004.10      **Dealing with Difficult Parents and with Parents in Difficult Situations** - (Todd Whitaker, Douglas J. Fiore, 2001) – **10 per set** - The authors begin with emphasis on the value of parental involvement, and emphasis on cultivating that vital involvement through positive communication. They give educators the tools, in both spoken and written word (as well as demeanor), to maintain respectful control of multiple situations and encounters---examples included. The final section takes a compassionate look at the realities of today’s parent and suggests how to define and encourage involvement accordingly.

**Place loan request online; call 304-872-6440 /  
1-800-251-7372, ext. 17; or fax 304-872-6442**



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*Additional Resources Available*

1004.06 **Reading for Meaning: How to Build Students' Comprehension, Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Skills** (Harvey F. Silver, Susan C. Morris, Victor Klein, 2010, ASCD) *A Strategic Teacher PLC Guide* **15 per set** – Reading for Meaning examines how proficient readers use a specific set of thinking skills, which they apply before, during, and after reading. A model lesson including planning and organizer forms demonstrates use in variety of grade levels and content areas. Sample lessons guide the preparation of your own lesson, evaluation, and analysis of student response to lesson. *This guide is structured for professional learning clubs to support collaborative learning sessions in flexible ways (staff meetings, grade-level meetings, department meetings) where 10-12 hours can be committed to mastering a specific strategy.*

1004.16 **Learning by Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work - includes CD of reproducibles or, if 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, website to download reproducibles** (Richard DuFour, Rebecca DuFour, Robert Eaker, Thomas Many, 2006, 2010 Solution Tree) - **29 per set** – Thoroughly defines PLCs in terms of commitment to learning for all students and to job-embedded learning for each educator; the essential work of collaborative teams; and the assessment of results. The encouragement is to begin, get started. The handbook offers strategies for busy schools, references and resources. Chapter format includes Case Study, Here's How, Here's Why, Assessing Your Place..., Tips..., and Questions to Guide the Work of Your Professional Learning Community.

1004.18 **A Handbook for Classroom Instruction that Works, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** (Howard Pitler, Bj Stone, 2012, ASCD) **15 per set** – To be used in conjunction with the updated 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of ***Classroom Instruction That Works*** (Dean, Hubbell, Pitler, & Stone, 2012). Provides practical applications and examples of teaching strategies designed for immediate classroom application. Each strategy discussion includes: 1) Why This Strategy?; 2) Reflecting on My Current Practice; 3) Bringing the Strategy to life in the Classroom; 4) Rubrics and Checklists; 5) Tools, Templates, and Protocols. Use as self-study guide or with PLCs.

1004.19 **Classroom Instruction that Works: Research-based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** (Dean, Hubbell, Pitler, & Stone, 2012, ASCD) **14 per set** – Presents the *why and how* to effectively implement nine categories of strategies organized within a three-section framework: 1) Creating the Environment for Learning ; 2) Helping Students Develop Understanding; 3) Helping Students Extend and Apply Knowledge. A final chapter is devoted to instructional planning guidance aligned with each strategy section, with the intent to encourage incorporating all strategies. Research and studies update this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition with evidence supporting the effectiveness of strategies detailed here.

## Bus Operator Training Program

RESA 4 Bus Operator Training Program is currently conducting classes in Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties, with Nicholas and Webster Counties anticipating new classes beginning soon.

- Since July 1, 2013, a total of **35** students have been trained and certified in four counties, with **12** being certified in the months of March and April.
- A total of **82** students from all six counties have completed training and successfully passed certification examinations since RESA 4 began facilitating the training process.



**Bonnie Gendreau**, Braxton County bus driver student, during certification exam given by **Terry McGuire**.



**Terry McGuire**, administering certification test for **Chad Hoover**, Braxton County student, trained by **Fritz Deuly**.

Our thanks go out to our trainers and examiners who make this process a smooth operation at RESA 4. Serving as trainers and examiners are:

- **Fritz Deuly**, Trainer and Examiner, Braxton County
- **Terry McGuire** and **Leon Shrewsberry**, Trainers and Examiners; **Gary Hornsby** and **James Perkins**, Trainers, Fayette County
- **George Brooks, II**, Examiner; **Gary Hedrick** and **Herbert Shuck**, Trainers, Greenbrier County
- **Jimmie Ryder, Jr.**, Trainer, Pocahontas County
- **Roy Garvin**, Trainer, Webster County

Please visit the link <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam> to check for medical examiners certified in your area to administer DOT physicals. Utilizing certified examiners will be a requirement after May 21, 2014.



**Fritz Deuly** administering certification exam for Fayette County student, **Marvin Farley**, trained by **Leon Shrewsberry**.



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