

Note of Thanks from RESA 4

This is a time when we all get ready for state tests while fighting the urge to be outside in the beautiful, warm weather. The end of the school year is quickly approaching and it is an exciting time. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate and recognize students for their accomplishments throughout the school year with the presentation of scholarships to seniors and awards that are handed out to many deserving elementary, middle school, and high school students at academic award programs.

This is our favorite time since it involves publically recognizing the students for many achievements that they have earned in school. With all the challenges that students face as they grow older, it is great to see smiles as they are given the classic hand shake and a certificate or plaque for their accomplishments.

As we close out the 2015 – 2016 school year, we must also recognize service personnel, teachers, and administrators for all their support and guidance to make every school a rich, educational environment. Thank you to all for providing a place for our kids to learn and grow into great citizens of tomorrow.

Thanks again for your support,

RESA 4

A special thanks goes to the Alternative Certification Committee. We are very blessed to work with so many wonderful people. I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to those who helped with providing their input in regards to the Alternative Certification Program. A special acknowledgement goes to Dr. Keith Butcher for his leadership and guidance.

Sincerely,
David Warvel



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WVCPD Training for RESA 4 Counties



RESA 4 worked in conjunction with the West Virginia Center for Professional Development to provide all six counties with mentoring and coaching training during the first two weeks in April. The four day training that laid the foundation for the Alternative Certification program. The participants can now use this training to support, supervise, induct, and mentor those who will participate in the Alternative Certification program. This partnership with the West Virginia Center for Professional Development is part of ongoing



efforts to support those who are choosing to enter into the teaching profession.



READY ROSIE

ReadyRosie is an early education tool that is currently helping schools and communities across the nation deepen and scale their parent engagement efforts by leveraging the power of video modeling and mobile technology to meet and equip parents where they are. ReadyRosie has hundreds of brief videos in English and Spanish that model everyday interactions in familiar environments with real parents.

Anyone working with children 6 and under in Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas and Webster counties can sign up for a free account. Find out more about the program by visiting their website!

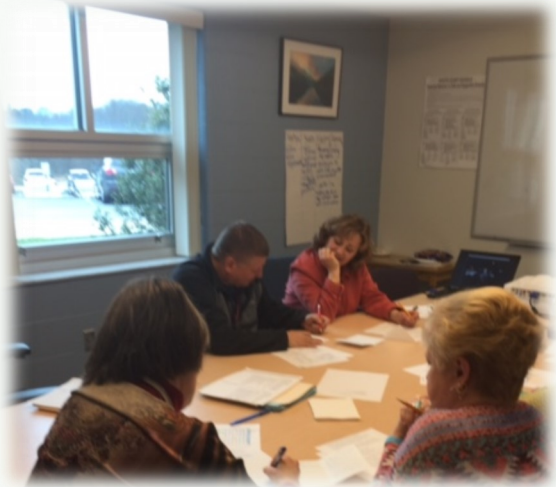
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Professional Learning at RESA 4

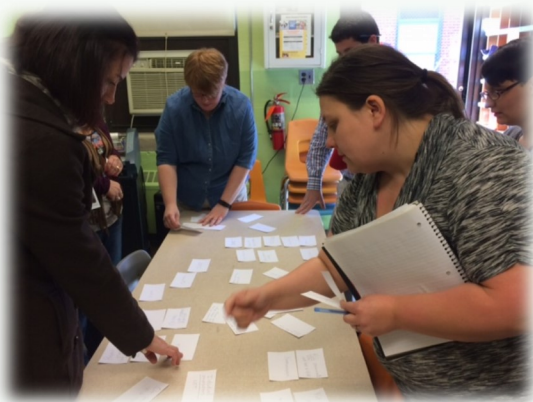
Ongoing professional learning and technical assistance to impact student learning continues to be a priority at RESA 4. The RESA 4 Professional Learning Team and Staff Development Council collaborate to identify needs and make decisions related to professional learning offerings. Instructional coaches and technology integration specialists attend regional trainings monthly. Instructional Practices Inventory training followed by ongoing support at the school level occurs throughout the school year. Other trainings and support include: co-teaching, professional learning communities, school culture, instructional strategies, data analysis, literacy, mathematics, PBIS, CPI, substitute teacher training.



Webster Springs Elementary, RESA 4 catalyst school, studies assessment data targeting achievement in mathematics during a PLC meeting. The school has reimagined time to create a schedule for teams to collaborate.



New River Elementary teams engage in collaborative conversations to deepen understanding of co-teaching strategies.



Teachers at Rosedale Elementary School in Fayette County collaborate during Professional Learning Community training.



RESA 4 instructional coaches and TIS learn effective strategies to implement technology in classrooms during a follow-up session with Mark Moore.

21st CCLC SUCCESS

Success indeed! The SUCCESS (Students Utilizing College and Career Education for Student Success) After-school Program at BCHS (Braxton County High School), and Mountaineer Food Bank work together for a school based food pantry. The Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway delivered a truck load of supplies to BCHS on February 11th. Students and staff from the SUCCESS program and BCHS unloaded all of the supplies to be distributed to students that could benefit



from having additional nutritional meals for the week-end. Mountaineer Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and is sponsored by Baltimore Life Insurance, WV Feed to Achieve, and Kroger. BCHS is the first pilot high school program for weekend food distribution in Mountaineer Food Bank's service area. This is a partner program to the backpack program found within elementary schools. This is a great opportunity for school to assist in the physical needs of their students. If you would like more information on getting a school based food pantry started at your high school, please contact Lisa Cunningham at Mountaineer Food Bank at (304) 364-5518 or lisa@mountaineerfoodbank.com. For more information about 21st CCLC programs, please contact:



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Schools in Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Webster counties have been focused throughout the year on ways to implement measures that will encourage students to stay on track for graduation and ultimately graduate on time. Teams from each school will be attending the KidStrong Conference in Charleston on June 21-23 to begin preparing for next year. Year two will focus on expanding existing transition efforts such as student-focused planning, student development, family involvement, and inter-agency collaborations. For more information, please contact:

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THE ABC'S OF IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL DROPOUTS

Attendance: 62% of dropouts surveyed had been skipping school at least once a week*

Behavior: 25% of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders had been suspended at least once*

Classwork: More than 40% of dropouts had failed at least 2 classes*

*According to 2009 report, "Youth Voices on the DC Graduation Crisis," by S.T.E.P. UP DC

Department of Technology

The RESA 4 Technology Department has been very busy within our counties. The computer repair staff has completed several jobs the last few months including fiber and internet drops at Alderson Elementary and camera installs at both Summersville Elementary and Greenbrier West High School. The department will continue to be very busy with many TV and camera installations upcoming. The Technology Department continues to serve our counties with router support, managing the substitute calling system, and network support.

Contact Aaron Williams at 304-872-6440 ext. 202 with any requests or questions.



RESA 4 Substitute Teacher Training Program

Would you like to be a substitute teacher? RESA 4 offers monthly online classes and testing.

If you have any questions about the RESA 4 Substitute Teacher Training program, please feel free to contact:

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Campaign for Grade Level Reading Foundations of Early Literacy

RESA 4, in partnership with WVDE, has partnered with six elementary schools: Glade Elementary School, Hacker Valley Elementary School, Webster Springs Elementary School, Green Bank Elementary School, Hillsboro Elementary School, and Marlinton Elementary School to become a part of the Foundations of Early Literacy collaborative. This collaboration will assist early learning (Pre-K-3) classroom educators with the implementation of high-quality, developmentally appropriate classroom instructional methods that focus on the foundational components of literacy. Increased student achievement will be the outcome of the utilization of high-quality instruction methods that focus on these foundational components of literacy. The focus will be on the increased achievement of all students through the use of Support for Personalized Learning to support high-quality instruction and interventions.

Two members of each participating school's Leadership Teams will participate in the Foundations of Early Literacy Professional Learning Institute in June. This will begin the year-long training and technical assistance process to support schools in improving reading proficiency by grade 3. RESA 4 welcomes the participating Pocahontas and Webster County elementary schools to this collaborative learning experience.



MyOn... Coming to a Classroom Near You

RESA 4's Departments of Special Education and 21st Century Community Learning Centers are pleased to announce a pilot project made available through a partnership with myOn®, a Capstone Company. Select RESA 4 schools in schools in Braxton, Fayette, Nicholas, and Webster Counties came together to receive initial training with the program on March 22, 2015. Both teachers and students have enthusiastically embraced interacting with the digital texts offered through the online library's 10,000 enhanced digital books with multimedia supports.



Teachers from BCMS, SMS, and CMS received Kindle readers for student use.



Students enjoying the multimedia reading experience.



RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day

Pocahontas County Schools and WVU Tech hosted the 2016 RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day in two separate competitions this year. The Grades 4-9 Competition was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, WV. The Senior High Competition was held on Friday, March 18, 2016 at WVU Tech in Montgomery, WV.

Students competing in this year's events range from the 4th grade to the 12th 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 compete in WV State Math Field Day on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Fairmont State University.

The winners are as follows:

Grade Four:

1. Samuel Keeney, Fayette County
2. Avery Rosencrance, Fayette County
3. Kelsie Carte, Fayette County

Grade Seven:

1. Lauren Keplinger, Braxton County
2. Adam Perrine, Nicholas County
3. Joel Banks, Fayette County

Grade Five:

1. Alex Kagan, Greenbrier County
2. Alex Dempsey, Fayette County
3. Tyler Carr, Braxton County

Grade Eight:

1. Peyton Pack, Greenbrier County
2. Christopher McCullough, Greenbrier County
3. Allison Copenhaver, Braxton County

Grade Six:

1. AJ Copenhaver, Braxton County
2. Phillip Setterlund, Webster County
3. Lane Martin, Braxton County

Grade Nine:

1. Colton Massey, Pocahontas County
2. Taylor Tegtmeyer, Pocahontas County
3. Caden Phipps, Nicholas County

Out of the six competing counties, Greenbrier County received the trophy for the Highest County Average, Grades 4-9 Division.

Senior High Competition:

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| 1. Junho Choo, Nicholas County | 6. Aidan Payton, Nicholas County |
| 2. Prahalath Anbu, Greenbrier County | 7. Logan Hylton, Greenbrier County |
| 3. Man Kwan Tsai, Nicholas County | 8. Shupeng Chen, Nicholas County |
| 4. Shannon Brunzo-Hager, Greenbrier County | 9. Nathanael Arthur, Webster County |
| 5. Jared Whitt, Greenbrier County | 10. Marilyn Creager, Pocahontas County |

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A medallion was presented to the top scoring student, sophomore Junho Choo, Nicholas County. Greenbrier County received the trophy for the Highest County Average, Secondary Division.

Event competitions were coordinated by Nicole Workman, 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, grading and scoring the competition exams. We would like to thank everyone involved with making this year's Regional Math Field Day a success: a special thanks goes to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and WVU Tech for allowing use of their facilities for the events.

School Climate Survey Window Currently Open

In December 2011, the West Virginia Board of Education enacted [Expected Behaviors in Safe and Supportive Schools](#) to provide a framework for developing optimal learning conditions for both students and school staff. Implementation of the policy calls on school districts and schools to establish a process to gain school-wide input from students, staff, parents and community, and to build a commitment to school climate/culture improvement. Although it is up to schools to decide how to gain the input, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) offers the **West Virginia School Climate Surveys** for that purpose at no cost to districts or schools.

As part of the data-driven planning process, schools may conduct three interrelated surveys: 1) *Student* (separate versions for elementary students and for middle/high students); 2) *School Staff*; and 3) *Parent/ Caregiver*. These surveys are conducted online and provide critical information about the learning and teaching environment, the health and well-being of students, and supports for parents, school staff, and students. The WVDE offers two opportunities each school year for schools to participate in the surveys; the first in the fall semester followed by a second opportunity in the spring semester. The WVDE also makes every effort to provide schools reports of their survey results in as short a time as possible after the close of each survey window.

During the spring semester of the 2015-2016 school year the surveys will be open between **February 29** and **May 13, 2016**. Below are links to resources for schools interested in participating. A guidance document is provided which contains detailed information needed to plan for, schedule, and successfully administer the surveys. To participate schools must register. A link is provided to the online registration page which will be open from **February 1** through **May 6, 2016**. It is also important that school staff, parents, and students have an opportunity to see survey questionnaires prior to participation. Links to printable pdf versions to each questionnaire are listed. Finally, for the student surveys parental informed consent is an important and necessary step. Generic parental consent forms are contained in the appendix of the guidance document, however links to both pdf and MS Word format versions also are provided below.

For more information, please visit:

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/wvscs/>

or contact Jody LeRose at jody.lerose@k12.wv.us



MEDICAID UPDATE

The ICD 10 billing issue has finally been resolved, so we are now able to bill for all of our billing services again. This is great news because, previously, we could only bill up through the end of September 2015 and were holding all the new billing. I'm hopeful that the counties should start getting some reimbursement money deposited into their accounts now.



I would like to thank the Fayette County Board of Education office for their generosity in hosting a nurse's training session for their county as well as for any other county in RESA 4 that wanted to attend. Terry Riley from the state department



**Terry Riley, Coordinator,
Office of Special Education**

conducted the training, and I think we had four out of six counties represented by nurses. RESA 4 also hosted a Medicaid training and had the Special Education Directors and county personnel to attend. They had a chance to ask questions about Medicaid and anything new that has been going on. If any county would like to request a training with Terry Riley, they can contact me and we will get something set up for them.

Misty Carpenter, Medicaid Specialist

**WVEIS
Points to
Ponder**

WVEIS CONFERENCE DATE CHANGE

The 2016 WVEIS Annual Data Conference at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown WV will now be held on the days of July 20-22, 2016. Watch your Office 365 email or the WVEIS website at WVEIS.K12.WV.US for more details as the date gets closer. Call or email with any questions or concerns:

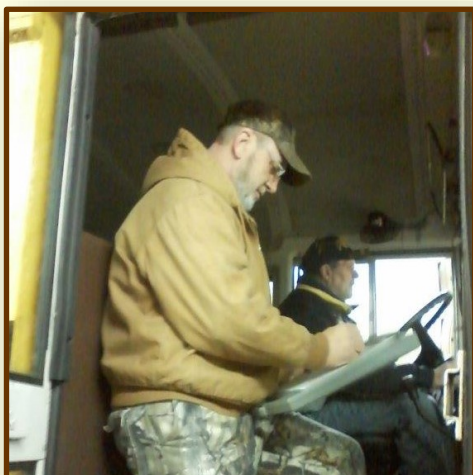
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RESA 4 Substitute School Bus Operator Training Program

Since July 1, 2015, 27 students from five counties have successfully completed our bus operator training program and received their state certification. Currently, there are ongoing classes in Fayette, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties. If you would like any information about our program, please contact Paula Hamilton, 304-872-6440 ext. 213, or email pdhamilt@k12.wv.us.



EXAMINER TERRY MCGUIRE AND BRAXTON COUNTY STUDENT, KEITH ERWIN



EXAMINER GEORGE BROOKS AND BRAXTON COUNTY STUDENT, FRANKLIN REXROAD, II

The Child and Adult Care Food Program

In the month of April we have conducted two make-up trainings for anyone who was unable to attend the first round of required annual training for child care providers in our six counties. This year's training was entitled, "**Discover MyPlate**"—an exciting educational journey through the world of nutrition and health—developed under the USDA Team Nutrition initiative.

These ready-to-go and interactive lessons help children become food-smart as they practice counting, reading, writing and more.

These lessons are designed to help change eating and physical activity behaviors through role-playing, observational learning, positive tasting experiences, and skill-building.

Any provider who has yet to receive this training will have one final opportunity to attend during the month of August.

It's an education that will last a lifetime!

Minute Menu, our business management software for all aspects of the child care food program, has announced plans to hold a training session at our RESA in Summersville on July 27-28, 2016. All CACFP sponsors statewide are invited to attend. This training is provided by WVDE Office of Child Nutrition. For additional information contact Vickie Johnson, CACFP Coordinator, 304-872-6440, ext. 211.



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