

## RESA 4 Leads the Way for Professional Development

The recent Education Efficiency Audit for West Virginia stated, "Data for 2010-11 showed that the 8 RESAs provided nearly half (47 %) of the total professional development sessions offered in conjunction with the state Master Plan – making them the largest vehicle for professional development in West Virginia." The WVDE, local districts and RESAs are working together to maintain and improve RESAs as centers of excellence for teacher quality and professional development. We here at RESA 4 welcome this collaboration with local districts and the WVDE.

Counties will see this collaboration at work in the near future. RESAs will now play an integral part in future Chief Instructional Leaders meetings. We at RESA 4 are forming RESA-led teams for participation in the 2012 Teacher Leadership Institutes. Professional development for the implementation of policy 4373, Growth Model and Next Generation CSO's will be led by RESA. We have held follow-up meetings for Kindergarten Next Generation CSO's for TLI participants, and we are ready and able to assume our role and responsibility for delivering professional development as the "rollout" continues for grades 1 - 12.

RESA 4 will continue to offer ongoing professional development to equip teachers with the information they need to improve student achievement which is our goal for all professional development.



Working with John Strebe



Thinking about Common Core Standards

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## Technical Assistance Group

The RESA 4 Technical Assistance Group provides professional development and ongoing support to promote and enhance 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning. Assistance is provided at the classroom, school and county levels. Grant programs meet the needs of numerous students and teachers. RESA 4 communicates with WVDE to align and support initiatives.

RESA 4 works long term with schools to identify and study school culture. The first step is completion of a culture typology using the instrument developed by Jerry Valentine, followed by reflection and planning. Ongoing sessions are based on the work of Terrence Deal and Kent Peterson.

Professional development for student engagement which fosters higher order thinking supports implementation of the Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI). The IPI, designed by Jerry Valentine, is used to "develop a school-wide picture of student learning practices that could serve as the basis for faculty reflection and instructional improvement." Additional trainings to support teachers as they study instructional practices are as follows:

- Classroom Management
- Cooperative and Collaborative Learning
- Co-teaching for Inclusion
- Differentiated instruction
- Formative Assessment
- Instructional Coaches
- Learning Styles
- Professional Learning Communities
- Strategies and Techniques for Total Student Engagement
- Team Building



Instructional Coaches Collaborate

## WVEIS - Points to Ponder

- ◆ Don't forget to check the resources available at <http://wveis.k12.wv.us/>; here you can find:
  - WVEIS Data Collection Dates (click on 'Calendar')
  - Documentation for many of the programs used in WVEIS (click on 'Support')
  - Links to WVDE, government, RESAs and various other sites (click on 'Links')
  - Access to WVEISWeb (click on 'WVEISWeb')
  - Link for signing on to WVEIS on the Web (WOW) on the home screen in the News Flashes column
- ◆ A few of our counties are already working in FY2013, so be aware of what fiscal year you are working in and for what purpose if you have multiple years' worth of assignments.
- ◆ Remember that WVEIS on the Web is where all new programs/updates are being rolled out, so if you are still a 'green' screen hold-out, you need to contact your WVEIS County Contact and/or the WVEIS Department at RESA 4 for assistance in learning WOW.
- ◆ Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) submittals are upon us. Be certain that your teachers are defined with the correct employee ID (STU.240) and that they are assigned to a valid course code for which they are endorsed to teach in the master schedule. **DO NOT USE the 4 digit endorsement code as a course code.**



In alignment with "Let's Move!", America's move to raise a generation of healthier kids, the West Virginia Department of Education supports and promotes the participation of students in daily physical activity, and is committed to supporting a healthy school environment. Let's Move! WV is dedicated to solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Combining comprehensive strategies with common sense, Let's Move! WV is about putting children on the path to a healthy future during their earliest months and years.

Given the significant amount of time students spend at school, it is a key place for kids to get a portion of the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity each day. Schools can undertake a combination of strategies and approaches to help children be more physically active and participate in an additional 15 minutes of daily moderate to vigorous physical activity. There is a Let's Move! WV Physical Activity Resource Guide available on-line on the Office of Healthy Schools Website: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/>

RESA 4 Regional School Wellness Specialist, Cara Phillips, trained 16 Health Occupation Students of America from Webster County High school to train all classroom teachers Pre-K-8 in the Let's Move activities by modeling it in the teacher's classrooms with their students. The schools included: Webster Springs Elementary, Glade Elementary/Middle, Hacker Valley Elementary, and Diana Elementary. It was a major success. The administration, staff and students were very enthusiastic

about the program, and will continue to implement the extra 15 minutes of physical activity into their classrooms daily. Plans are already made to train high school students at Greenbrier West and Greenbrier East High Schools on January 24<sup>th</sup> who will then in turn train the Pre-K-8 teachers in their classrooms. Braxton County will receive training through their PE and Health teachers on February 20<sup>th</sup>; and Fayette, Pocahontas, and Nicholas Counties are also receiving the **Let's Move** Training.



Webster Springs Elementary on 12/22/11

## Kindergarten Training

RESA 4 is offering additional training for kindergarten teachers and Teacher Leadership Institute participants who are implementing the WV Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives.

On **February 10, 2012**, kindergarten teachers from all RESA 4 counties will engage in professional development activities to support their classroom practice. Presenters for the event are **Donna Ream**, Greenbrier County Director of Elementary Education and **Tony Nichols**, Nicholas County Early Childhood Coordinator. Teachers who will be presenting and sharing their work are **Lori Cox, Vicki Bickford, Debbie Gray, Theresa Dennison and Teresa Brown.**



## RESA 4 SCIENCE BOWL



Left to Right: Marissa Fletcher, Gretchen Weber, Zach Dillard, Rebecca Barker, Emily Stasny, and Erin Norris

and competitive spirit during the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Science Bowl sponsored by RESA 4 on November 8, 2011 at the Summersville Amory.

Fifty-two students representing teams from Fayetteville High School, Greenbrier East High School, Meadow Bridge High School, Midland Trail High School, Nicholas County High School, Oak Hill High School, Richwood High School and Webster County High School participated.

Mike Holstine from the National Radio Astronomy Observatory served as the competition's moderator, and Stephen Beer, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Morgantown, WV served as the official timekeeper. Christine Plumley, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, and Judy Pomeroy, RESA 4, served as judges this year.

The results for this year's competition are Richwood High School earning a first place finish, Oak Hill High School taking second place and Greenbrier East High School securing third place in the RESA 4 Regional Science Bowl. The two top-scoring teams will advance to compete in the West Virginia Regional Science Bowl at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in Morgantown on February 4, 2012.

**S**tudents representing Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Webster counties displayed their knowledge

## RESA 4 Bus Driver Training

### New School Bus Driver Training Taking Place in RESA 4

A process for training new school bus operators that has been in the works since September has become a reality. RESA 4 is now coordinating the training for new school bus operators in our Region. There are currently three classes in operation. Braxton, Fayette and Nicholas Counties are the first to use the RESA 4 training.

According to the Public Works efficiency audit, the time and cost for counties involved in training applicants to become a bus driver is extensive because most counties used current employees to oversee the training. This process required overtime

for the counties and sometimes caused a delay in training drivers for as much as six months, because these trainers held classes in addition to their regular jobs.

RESAs 1 and 7 conducted a pilot bus driver training program last year. According to the Executive Director of RESA 7, "the pilot reduced the training and testing time from 4 to 6 months to 4 to 6 weeks and reduced training and testing costs by 20% without sacrificing the quality of the training provided."

RESA 4 is excited to offer this training for our local districts. "It is another valuable service we can offer the counties in our service area," stated A.J. Rogers, RESA 4 Executive Director.





RESA 4 Employees hit the pavement to participate in WV Physical Activity Day.

More than 80,000 students in West Virginia schools celebrated **West Virginia Physical Activity Day on Thursday, January 19th.**

Students participated in a popular line dance called the Cupid Shuffle at 1 p.m. to call attention to the importance of physical activity.

Statewide activities coincided with the introduction of the Active 2015: WV Physical Activity Plan on the same day at the Capitol Rotunda. The plan supports healthy living and quality of life for every West Virginian.

RESA 4 was one of at least 32 community agencies or schools that participated in WV Physical Activity Day throughout the six counties in RESA 4. Employees, including Director A.J. Rogers, walked around the community to show their support. RESA 4 encourages you to make your school a Let's Move! WV school. This only takes an additional 15 minutes of physical activity in addition to physical education and recess. Consider another school-wide activity or promote activity breaks in the classroom. A resource guide is available for additional ideas online at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/>.



## Medicaid - Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has entered into discussions with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to address CMS' request for our state to redesign the School Based Health Services (SBHS) program. DHHR has contracted with Public Consulting Group to assist in the discussions with CMS in designing the SBHS program. As part of the designed SBHS program, a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) process is required to determine the Medicaid reimbursement for the delivery of Medicaid eligible school-based services.



### What is the purpose of the time study?

The Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) is designed to identify the portion of time spent by direct service and administrative staff in providing the direct medical services covered under the Fee for Service (FFS) program. The direct services percentage derived through the study will be used to apportion costs on the annual FFS cost report between direct service provision and all other activities.

**We're on the Web (Click Control + Link)**

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## News from the Child and Adult Care Food Program

### Create A Healthy Eating Environment

As we turned the page on a new decade, our efforts have focused on implementing one of the most progressive child care nutrition standards in the nation. Leap of Taste - WV Child Care Nutrition Standards ensures that child care centers comply with nutritious food guidelines for beverages, milk, fruits & vegetables, meats and meat alternatives, and grains and breads.

### Empowering Child Care Providers

The Leap of Taste campaign, launched in the summer of 2010, was designed to bring nutrition standards to life by empowering child care providers to play an important part in introducing children to healthy food. By providing nutritious food and teaching children how to make healthy food choices, the nutrition standards are helping child care centers lay a healthy foundation for our children's future success.

### The Parents' Role

Research shows that parents are often their children's most important role model. Children who see parents enjoying healthy foods and being physically active are more likely to do the same. Parents can really help give their children good eating habits by eating together with their children, serving healthy food they like combined with a few new foods now and then, and letting the child decide how much to eat will help them develop healthy, nutritious eating habits that last a lifetime.

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#### Telephone 'Help Desk' Lines

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To see our scheduled trainings visit our staff calendar at the link below (click control + link):

[RESA 4 Calendar](#)