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Message from the Executive Director

Change is in the air. March came in like a lion and hopefully it will go out like a lamb. I think this saying is generally used to refer to the weather, but it would be nice if it referred to our legislative process. Most of you have heard that there is a possibility of RESAs being eliminated. I have submitted in this newsletter the names of your legislators so that you may call or write a letter to support RESAs. It is imperative that we keep up with the happenings in the legislature that affect education and our RESA. We need to communicate with our elected officials on issues of vital importance. Thank you for your support.

David Warvel
RESA 4 Executive Director

2017 WV Legislation that impacts RESAs:

SB 181 – Eliminates RESAs
SB 420 – Eliminates RESAs
SB 530 – Eliminates RESAs
HB 2912 – Eliminates RESAs
HB 2711 – Eliminates RESAs (this bill is gaining a lot of traction)
HB 2524 – Keeps RESAs

RESA 4 Legislators

You can locate their office addresses, emails, and phone numbers at www.legis.state.wv.us

Senate	House	
Greg Boso – Nicholas	George Ambler – Greenbrier	Kayla Kessinger – Fayette
Kenny Mann – Fayette	Stephen Baldwin – Greenbrier	Shirley Love – Fayette
Ronald Miller – Greenbrier	Brent Boggs – Braxton	Tom Fast – Fayette
Douglas Facemire – Braxton	William Hartman – Pocahontas	Dana Lynch - Webster
	Jordan Hill – Nicholas	

RESA 4 Social Studies Fair

The RESA 4 Social Studies Fair was held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Webster Springs Elementary. Fayette, Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Webster counties participated, with 89 projects represented by 124 students. This was a Successful fair--- with a total of 35 projects scoring high enough to move on to the WV State Social Studies Fair competition which will be held at the Charleston Civic Center on Friday, April 21, 2017. All participants at the Regional Fair were winners! Special thanks to Webster Springs Elementary principal, Jeremy Pyle, fair coordinator Marjorie Stewart, and the entire staff for a wonderful fair!

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Points of Interest

Math Field Day and Science Fairs held in RESA 4.

See pages 1 & 7 for details!

RESA 4 Professional Learning

School and county level professional learning supported by the RESA 4 team occurs throughout the school year. Trainings during the spring semester include Number Talks, Instructional Practices Inventory, Professional Learning Communities, Total Participation Techniques, student engagement, book studies, co-teaching, and classroom management support and modeling.

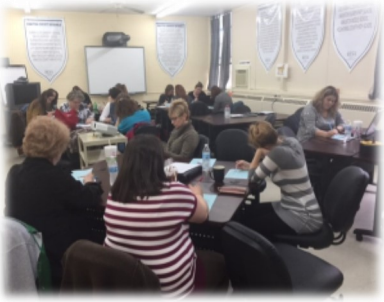
Number Talks training at Little Birch Elementary School

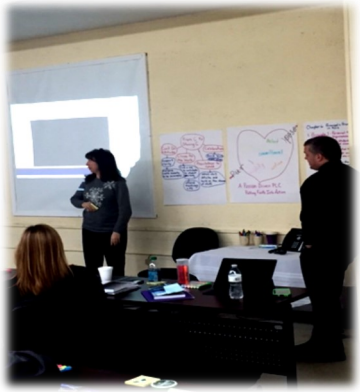
PBIS Schools Meet for Follow-up Training

March 23, 2017, twenty-five schools from across RESA 4 gathered at the Summersville Convention Center to deepen their understanding of PBIS as well as share updates on school level implementation. The goal of PBIS is to make schools effective and efficient and provide equitable learning environments for all students. Decreasing aggressive conduct and bullying can occur through improving culture and climate, building relationships with students and staff, changing academic outcomes and increasing prosocial behaviors. Academy plans are being made for the 2017-18 school year. If your school is interested in participating, please notify your county Special Education Director. Training for coaches will begin on June 22, 2017.

Instructional Coaches

Instructional Coaches and Technology Integration Specialists representing all RESA 4 counties continue to meet monthly at RESA 4 to network and engage in professional learning. Ongoing training targets coaching strategies, instructional strategies, brain strategies, technology integration, collaborative learning, teacher collaboration, student engagement, and professional learning communities. During February and March, coaches identified their personal learning styles, as well as those of the teachers they coach to better support communication within school professional learning communities.





Principals Learn More about ESSA & Creating a Climate of Collaboration

January 26, 2017, RESA 4 principals gathered at the third Principals' Institute of the year. Christine Miller, Executive Director from the WVDE Office of Student and School Support led the morning discussion to deepen understanding of ESSA including some new regulations and funding changes. The morning discussion concluded with exploration of the book, The Collaborative Administrator. Principals appreciated the afternoon technical assistance sessions including Policy 2419, Office 365, and WVEIS data mining.

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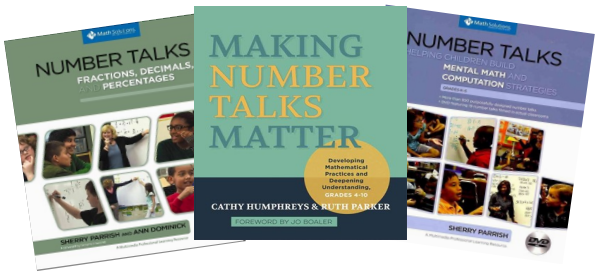
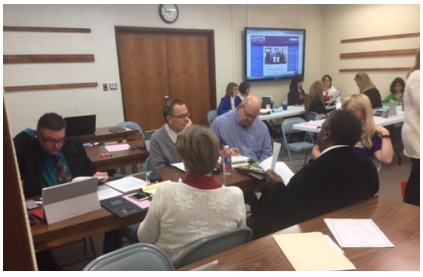
What is a Number Talk?

Number Talks training for Fayette County teachers

Saturday, January 7, 2017, teachers from across Fayette County along with Judy Pomeroy, Staff Development Director, and Dr. Sarah Lee, Special Education Director, gathered to explore this question. Through being actively engaged, participants gained the knowledge on what comprises a number talk, engaged mathematically, and practiced how to implement a number talk in their classroom.



What did teachers like about the Number Talks Training? "*The awesome textbook and DVD resource! Discussion between colleagues. Practicing the Number Talks. Delving into the effectiveness of Number Talks in groups. Videos, group work. The 'mock' classroom – a real world visual was great. Seeing examples and acting it out. Discussing across grade level with my co-teachers. Having opportunity to share and practice (explore) the material. I feel more comfortable with implementing Number Talks. Openness of discussions. Learning the different strategies for K-5. Additional strategies to scaffold learning. The videos and book for reference later on. Collaborating with coworkers. Seeing how effective Number Talks could be. Learning new strategies and new ways to teach. Being able to take materials home to study later.*"

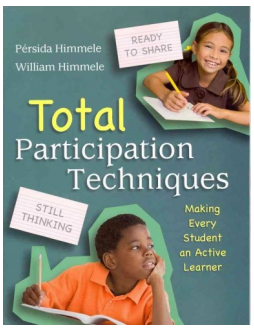


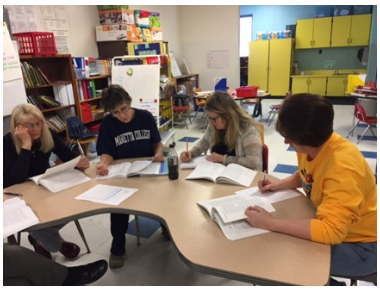
Principals Explore Resources to Improve Professional Practice

Principals meetings in Webster and Fayette County are no longer just a meeting to get updated information; they have become an opportunity for professional growth. Through a partnership with RESA 4, these principals have explored the leadership tenents shared in Todd Whittaker's book *Shifting the Monkey* and the practical implications from Eric Jensen's *Poor Students, Rich Teaching*.

Are Your Students Participating?

After reviewing instructional data, several schools determined students were not as engaged as they could be. Therefore, the ongoing professional learning communities have decided to explore the techniques shared in Total Participation Techniques. Teams read about, practice, and/or view classroom videos of these techniques and plan for classroom use. After trying the techniques, teachers have collaborative discussions concerning the implementation and results before moving to the next section. If you want to know more about how these techniques support classroom instruction, talk with an educator at one of the following schools: Little Birch Elementary, Meadow Bridge Elementary, Rosedale Elementary, or Mt. Hope Elementary. You can also contact one of your county's instructional coaches.





21st Century Community Learning Centers

Braxton County High School

The 21st CCLC SUCCESS (Schools Utilizing College and Career Education for Student Success) After School Program has been offering a series of "Dining with Diabetics" classes in conjunction with the WVU Extension Service. Ami Cook, WVU Extension Agent, has been teaching the adult/community members through cooking lessons. Healthy eating and healthy choices for diabetics as well as non-diabetics has been the focus of the classes.

Apple Spice Snack Cake

Yield: 12 servings

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 piece (46g)
Servings Per Container 12

Amount Per Serving

Calories 130	Calories from Fat 50
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 5g	8%
Saturated Fat 0.5g	3%
Cholesterol 20mg	7%
Sodium 105mg	4%
Total Carbohydrate 18g	6%
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%
Sugars 2g	
Protein 2g	

Vitamin A 0% • Vitamin C 2%
Calcium 2% • Iron 6%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less Than	65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less Than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less Than	300mg	300 mg
Sodium	Less Than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Calories per gram:
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

Ingredients:

Cake:
1/4 cup canola oil
3/4 cup Splenda Granular
1 Tbs. molasses or brown sugar
1 large egg
3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. allspice

Topping:
1 Tbs. Splenda Granular
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Nonstick spray

Method

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8"×8" baking pan with nonstick spray.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the oil, Splenda, and molasses or brown sugar, egg, applesauce, and vanilla.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and allspice.
4. Stir the dry mixture into the wet mixture, mixing just until blended. Spoon batter into prepared pan.
5. In a small bowl, combine Splenda and cinnamon for topping and sprinkle evenly over batter. Bake for 20 minutes until the center of the cake springs back lightly when touched.

Equipment

Small, medium, and large bowls
Wire whisk
Mixing spoon
Spatula
Measuring cups and spoons
8"x 8" baking pan

Recipe adapted from *www.childrenwithdiabetes.com*

Webster County High School

The adults and community members in Webster County have had the opportunity to participate in courses offered through the 21st CCLC SUCCESS program as well. Parents and community members were able to receive instruction and participate in a crocheting class offered by Rachel Isabell, a parent of a WCHS student. In addition, another component in which students enjoy participating in is Performing Arts. Mr. Jamie Jarvis is pictured working with students on songs from *The Lion King.*

Valley High School

Students in the SUCCESS program at Valley High School are enjoying the STEM component of the Afterschool Program. They have designed, built, and tested various vehicular robotic projects. The instructor has guided the conversation of editing their design based on the test run of their vehicle to assist with any redesign necessary for improved performance. Great work students! The SUCCESS students at Valley High School also have the opportunity to participate in math tutoring, homework help, counseling, positive youth behaviors, archery, weightlifting, and various enrichment offerings.

RESA 4 Schools Recognized for Exemplary Graduation Rates

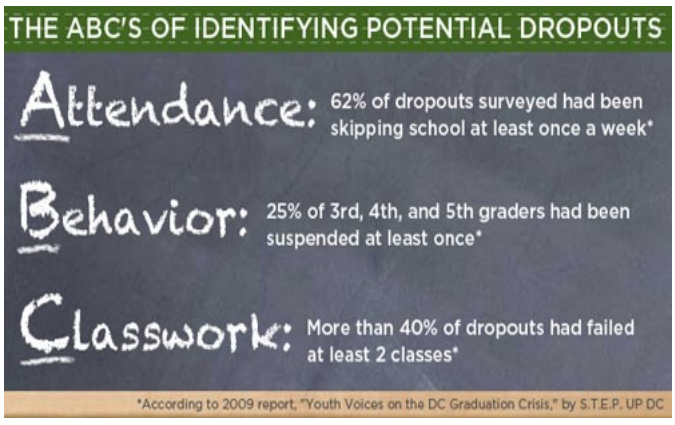
Greenbrier East High School, Nicholas County High School, Richwood High School, and Webster County High School were recognized for having graduation rates of 90% or higher in the 2015-2016 academic year. A ceremony celebrating this accomplishment was held on February 10th at the Capital Rotunda in Charleston. Congratulations to each of these schools for their outstanding achievement!

FLASH Training Held at RESA 4

RESA 4 recently hosted a curriculum training for nurses, counselors, and health teachers called FLASH (Family Life and Sexual Health). The training was presented by Camille Ramsey, Selina Vickers, and Anduwyn Williams on Thursday, March 16th and Friday, March 17th at RESA 4. FLASH is an evidence and research based curriculum that is to be used to teach sexuality education to elementary, middle, and high school aged students. The FLASH curriculum is a tool that can assist those who teach sexuality education to teach it with ease and a better understanding of age appropriateness, how to answer difficult questions, and how to best deliver medically accurate information.

WEST VIRGINIA GRADUATION 20/20

Graduation 2020 schools are invited to send a team to the 2017 Kid Strong conference on June 21-23. Schools will learn more about the WV Graduation 2020 program and have an opportunity to share what they are doing with other schools across the state. Plans are being made to include guest speakers as well. If you have questions about WV Graduation 2020 or Kid Strong, please contact your county special education director or RESA 4's WV Graduation 2020 specialist, Rena Robinson at ryrobins@k12.wv.us or (304) 872-6440 x 222.



WVEIS NEWS

WVEIS County Contacts - now is the time to book us for your WVEIS training/in service needs for FY18. Many of you have begun the scheduling process for FY18; if not, call and we can help you get started.

The summer WVEIS Data Conference is scheduled for July 19-21, 2017, at the Waterfront Place in Morgantown; make plans now to attend.

Remember the great resources offered on the WVEIS support page:
http://wveis.k12.wv.us/wveis2004/support.htm
Keep track of due dates for various collections here (or see below for the next few due dates):
http://wveis.k12.wv.us/wveis2004/calendar.htm

Collection Name	Start Date	Due Date	Submission Notes	Staff Involvement	Instructions
Special Education Initial Timelines Audit	Mar. 26	Apr. 7			Special Education Initial Timelines
Third Quarter Work-based Experience	Apr. 1	Apr. 6	Data include hours that are non-paid and off-site.	Work-based Experience Coordinator	
Special Education Annual Desk Audit	Apr. 1	Apr. 30		Special Education Director	
Proposed Budgets	May 1	May 30	Districts must submit proposed budgets for the upcoming school year to WVDE no later than May 30.	CFO/CSBO	

Please call or email with questions or concerns: Karen Turner, WVEIS Director, 304-872-6440, ext. 215, *keturner@k12.wv.us* or Nicole Workman, WVEIS Specialist, 304-872-6440, ext. 214, *nlworkma@k12.wv.us*

cpi
nonviolent crisis intervention

CPI training provides an emphasis on early intervention and nonphysical methods for preventing or managing disruptive behavior. CPI's disengagement skills are also demonstrated and practiced in this seminar to prepare staff to safely remove themselves and others from a dangerous situation. Over 75 school staff members have taken training this school year. The final day for training at RESA 4 for this school year will be **May 23, 2107** beginning at **9:00 am.**

Please register by emailing
Paula Hamilton
pdhamilt@k12.wv.us
or calling 304-872-6440 x 213

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:

Sherri Sparks-Francisco
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RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day

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

Braxton County Schools and WVU Tech hosted the 2017 RESA 4 Regional Math Field Day in two separate competitions this year. The Grades 4-9 Competition was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Flatwoods Days Inn Conference Center. The Senior High Competition was held on Friday, March 3, 2017 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 22, 2017 at West Virginia University.

The winners are as follows:

	Grade Four			Grade Seven	
	Name	**County**		**Name**	**County**
1	Luke Parcell	Fayette	1	Hunter Gohill	Nicholas
2	Owen McCallister	Braxton	2	AJ Copenhaver	Braxton
3	Mollie Pack	Greenbrier	3	Brandon Johnson	Nicholas

	Grade Five			Grade Eight	
1	Samuel Keeney	Fayette	1	Lauren Keplinger	Braxton
2	Cameron Little	Greenbrier	2	Adam Perrine	Nicholas
3	Tyler Broyles	Nicholas	3	Justin McCullough	Greenbrier

	Grade Six			Grade Nine	
1	Alex Kagan	Greenbrier	1	Peyton Pack	Greenbrier
2	Isaac Pyle	Webster	2	Christopher McCullough	Greenbrier
3	Eli Calloway	Fayette	3	Peter Gonzalez	Greenbrier

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Child and Adult Care Food Program—CACFP

Vickie Johnson
CACFP Coordinator
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On January 31, 2017 the WVDE Office of Child Nutrition held its Family Day Care Home Program Sponsor Meal Training. Topics covered included new CACFP meal patterns, which will be implemented October, 2017. USDA recently revised the meal patterns to ensure children have access to healthy, balanced meals throughout the day. Under the new meal patterns, meals will include a greater variety of vegetables and fruit, more whole grains, and less added sugar and saturated fat. Also discussed were the steps for ensuring food items were nutritious and good practices for promoting health and wellness.

This premier family child care record keeping software has been upgraded so it is accessible through any internet connection: Mac, any modern mobile phone or tablet, laptop, and Kindle Fire. This online software program is most commonly used by child care providers to complete their Food Program paperwork and electronically submit claims to their participating Food Program sponsor. KidKare contains built-in CACFP approved meals, ingredients, preplanned menus, as well as easy-to-track meal counts and attendance records.

Please visit our website or contact our office for additional information.

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Senior High Competition					
1	Jacob Hise	Pocahontas	6	Prahalath Anbu	Greenbrier
2	David Bishop	Greenbrier	7	Ty Dawkins	Webster
3	Logan Hylton	Greenbrier	8	Heath Cottrill	Braxton
4	Shannon Brunzo-Hager	Greenbrier	9	Leonardo Arvan	Greenbrier
5	Richard Dorsey	Nicholas	10	Colton Massey	Pocahontas

A medallion was presented to the top scoring sophomore student, Colton Massey, Pocahontas 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 and to Flatwoods Days Inn & Conference Center and WVU Tech for allowing use of their facilities for the events.

MEDICAID UPDATE

We've almost made it through another school year, and I'm sure everyone is ready for summer. Medicaid billing still continues on year round, and we have an upcoming meeting in Martinsburg in April to learn of any new updates or changes to the program. I am very happy that cost settlement monies have started to come in for some of the counties. I still have a few I'm waiting on to see if they get any funds, but so far we have received back over $200,000 in reimbursements between three counties. This money could not have come at a better time. It's almost the end of the fiscal year, and the counties can use any money they can get.

We will also be getting a few new procedure codes for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy billing, and this will only affect the assessments and re-evaluations. A new billing form for those two services will most likely be updated, and I will pass that info along to the counties or let them know where to find it online. I'm very thankful for all the great people that I get to work with, and I look forward to the upcoming obstacles and challenges ahead.

Misty Carpenter
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SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR TRAINING

Substitute bus operator training classes have been recently conducted in Fayette, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties.

During February and March six students were tested and certified in Fayette County. Greenbrier had two students certified and Pocahontas, one.

If you would like any information about our training program, please contact:

Paula Hamilton
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DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

The RESA 4 Technology Department has been very busy over the past several months, working with Nicholas County in getting their new schools up and running after the floods. We assisted in the installation of fiber, cameras, and telephone cables in all of the flooded schools. RESA 4 also installed a large theater system at Smoot Elementary. As always, the RESA 4 technology staff is available to our counties at their request and can help with routers, networks, computer repair, printer installation and repair, as well as smartboard and projector installation and repair.

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