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# Update

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## Dr. Jan Webster New WRESA Director

*I am excited about the opportunity to work with you as the new director of WRESA. Our goal is to provide top quality professional development to the educators in the western region. In order to accomplish our goal, we welcome your input. Please feel free to contact us with names of presenters or desired topics. We want to help you provide the strongest instruction for our students in western North Carolina. Have a great year and we hope that you will join us for some of our sessions.*

*Dr. Janet S. Webster*

## Thank You from Roger Metcalf...

*After 42 years in public education I am leaving it to the younger folks. I believe that it is in great hands and that teaching and learning will continue to get better and better.*

*I thank the WRESA staff for allowing me this space for a few "thank yous" and maybe a few challenges. It has been a wonderful way to make a living. I have enjoyed my 42 years and believe that I have been blessed to be part of this profession. Literally thousands of students and colleagues have been a part of my life. I thank you one and all. I will not attempt to single folks out. I would surely leave someone out and certainly would not mean to. But to the folks in Buncombe County and Asheville City, I thank you for allowing me the pleasure of being an employee in your systems. And to all those in the region, I feel a part of you also. Thanks for inviting me in.*

*Your WRESA staff is wonderful. They are dedicated, hardworking, intelligent folks who want to make this region better. Dr. Jan Webster will be a grand leader for them. I hope you will continue to support them and Jan as you have me.*

*And now to all of you a special thank you for your friendship through the years. Friendships last forever. That is a really good thing. Please let me know if I can be of service to you.*

*Roger Metcalf*

## Principals' Council Meetings (Grades K-12)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**September 17, 2008  
December 3, 2008**

10 a.m. – 12 noon

**WRESA – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Small Conference Room**

*A great opportunity to share best practices and keep up-to-date with the latest information. For more information contact Andy Peoples, Buncombe County Schools, 828.658.3059 or Travis Collins, Haywood County Schools, 828.646.3445.*



## Celebrating The Career of Roger Metcalf

*Everyone is invited to attend a reception for Dr. Metcalf on September 18, 2008, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at WRESA. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 828.418.0011.*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS SEPTEMBER - JANUARY 2009

September 9, 2008 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>DR. JEAN FELDMAN'S "Razzle Dazzle" Centers &amp; Activities for Reading, Writing &amp; Math! (Grades PreK, K &amp; 1)</b> Presenter: Dr. Jean Feldman, Nationally-Known Consultant, Author & Musician Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 9/4/08
September 9 & 10 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>NC School Executive Principal Evaluation Process</b> Presenters: Dr. Jan Webster, Director, & Shirley McGee, Retired Administrator, Henderson County Schools Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 9/4/08
September 16 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Literacy Infused Make It and Take It Projects (Grades K-6)</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 9/9/08
September 17 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Different Brains: Learning Disabilities in the Regular Ed Classroom (K-12)</b> Presenter: Carlann Scherping, Polk County Schools Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 9/11/08

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September 18 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Administrators' Training: Human Resource Leadership - Expectations for Staff and Students from a Legal Perspective</b> Presenter: Chris Campbell, Roberts & Stevens PA      Registration Fee: \$65      Registration Deadline: 9/11/08
September 23 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators: Measurement</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 9/16/08
September 24 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Curriculum, Content and Your Calendar-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science</b> Presenter: Linda Walker, Buncombe County Schools      Registration Fee: \$45      Registration Deadline: 9/17/08
September 26 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Break by the Lake 2008, for Student Support Services Personnel</b> To be held at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Harrell Center Auditorium, Waynesville, NC Regular Registration Fee: \$50      Student/Retiree Registration: \$25      Onsite Registration: \$60
October 2 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Early Planning for Successful Retirement</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 9/26/08
October 3 9 a.m. -3 p.m.	<b>Research Based Strategies in Word Study for Reading &amp; Writing for K-12</b> Presenter: Alana Morris, Language Arts Program Director, Aldine Independent School District, Texas Registration Fee: \$125      Registration Deadline: 9/19/08
October 7 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Administrators' Training: Strategic Leadership - Designing and Leading Change</b> Presenter: Chris Hitch, Kenan Flagler Business School      Registration Fee: \$65      Registration Deadline: 9/30/08
October 9 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Starting Out Strong—Everything You Need to Know to Get Organized for a Successful School Year (New Teachers)</b> Presenter: Karen Sumner, Teacher-On-Loan      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 10/2/08
October 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Life Beyond the Writing Test: Reviving Writing Workshop at Grades 3-5</b> Presenters: Lisa Gibson, Nicole Kintz, and Sandra Wells, Asheville City Schools Registration Fee: \$75      Registration Deadline: 10/06/08
October 14 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators: Number and Operations</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 10/7/08
October 15 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Defining Algebra I Learning Targets &amp; How to Use Web Based Resources Wisely</b> Presenter: April Dockery, Asheville City Schools      Registration Fee: \$45      Registration Deadline: 10/8/08
October 15 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>TPAI Orientation for Teachers/Peer Observers Training</b> Presenter: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 10/8/08
October 16 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>World Language Lessons Go High Tech</b> Presenter: Lisa Welch, Macon County Schools      Registration Fee: \$45      Registration Deadline: 10/9/08
October 21 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Project CATCH (Caring for Aquatics Through Conservation Habits)</b> Presenter: Lindsay Green, Regional Education Specialist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Registration Fee: None Required      Registration Deadline: 10/14/08
October 22 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	<b>DR. JAY SMINK - Dropout Prevention Conference: Effective Strategies for Increasing Graduation Rates</b> Registration Fee: None Required, Limited Registrations      Registration Deadline: 10/15/08
October 28 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Classics in the Chat Room: Facilitating Group Discussion Through the Technology of Online Discussion Boards</b> Presenter: Laura Mayer, Buncombe County Schools      Registration Fee: \$45      Registration Deadline: 10/21/08
October 29 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Teaching to Poverty</b> Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer      Registration Fee: \$60      Registration Deadline: 10/22/08
November 5 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	<b>DR. LYNN CANADY – Grading Assessments That Promote Student Retention</b> Registration Fee: None Required, Limited Registrations      Registration Deadline: 11/24/08

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November 5 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	<b>Aquatics Project WILD Workshop</b> Presenter: Lindsay Green, Regional Education Specialist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Registration Fee: None Required    Registration Deadline: 10/27/08
November 6 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators: Algebra</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 10/30/08
November 6, 13 & 20 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Mentor Training</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & Karen Sumner, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 10/30/08
November 7 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Geography Activities for North Carolina &amp; the United States, Grades 4-5</b> Presenter: Steve Pierce, NC Geographic Alliance Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$45    Registration Deadline: 10/31/08
November 12 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Digital Storytelling with PhotoStory</b> Presenters: Chesley Huskins & Sarah Justice, Transylvania County Schools Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 11/6/08
November 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Administrators' Training: Instructional Leadership - Data-Driven Decisions Using EVAAS</b> Presenter: Gus Gillespie, Principal's Executive Program    Registration Fee: \$65    Registration Deadline: 11/6/08
November 13 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Foundations of Mathematics, Grades K-12</b> Presenter: Chris Cain, Mars Hill College    Registration Fee: \$45    Registration Deadline: 11/6/08
November 14 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Transforming Technology in 4-12 Language Arts Classrooms</b> Presenter: Amanda Riddle, Buncombe County Schools    Registration Fee: \$45    Registration Deadline: 11/7/08
November 18 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators: Data Analysis and Probability</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 11/11/08
November 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>LESTER LAMINACK - Reading Aloud Across the Curriculum: How to Build Bridges in Language Arts, Math, Science &amp; Social Studies</b> Registration Fee: \$135    Registration Deadline: 11/12/08
November 20 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Project WILD</b> Presenter: Lindsay Green, Regional Education Specialist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Registration Fee: None Required    Registration Deadline: 11/13/08
December 3 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	<b>MARCIA L. TATE, Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites!</b> Registration Fee: \$100    Registration Deadline: 11/26/08
December 5 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Early Planning for Successful Retirement</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 11/28/08
December 9 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Making the Connections: Proven Literacy Interventions for ELLs</b> Presenter: Alisha Das, Harnett County Schools    Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 12/2/08
December 9 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Curriculum Alignment</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 12/2/08
December 9 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Administrators' Training: Micropolitical Leadership - Discovering Your Staff's Strengths</b> Presenter: Dave Coley, New Schools' Project    Registration Fee: \$65    Registration Deadline: 12/2/08
December 11 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Reading and Writing To Learn</b> Presenter: Karen Sumner, Teacher-On-Loan    Registration Fee: \$35    Registration Deadline: 12/2/08
December 11 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators: Geometry</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 12/4/08
December 16 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Interactive Math Technology K-5</b> Presenter: Renee Peoples, Swain County Schools    Registration Fee: \$45    Registration Deadline: 12/9/08
January 8, 2009 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Math Partners Training for K-5 Educators: Problem Solving</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator    Registration Fee: \$50    Registration Deadline: 12/29/08
January 12 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Making Sense of the Equals Sign! (Grades K-5)</b> Presenter: Marta Johnson, Buncombe County Schools    Registration Fee: \$45    Registration Deadline: 1/5/09

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January 16 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Follow-Up Session for Primary Writing Training (Using Lucy Calkin's Primary Writing Kit)</b> Presenters: Nancy Costello & Sandra Wells, Asheville City Schools Registration Fee: \$60      Registration Deadline: 1/9/09
January 22 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>KATIE WOOD RAY - Conferring in the Writing Workshop</b> Registration Fee: \$100      Registration Deadline: 1/15/09
January 27 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Administrators' Training: Human Resource Leadership - Professional Learning Communities</b> Presenter: Parry Graham, Wake County Public Schools      Registration Fee: \$65      Registration Deadline: 1/20/09
	<b>ONLINE Courses</b>
November-January 2009	<b>Integrating Reading, Writing &amp; Math</b> Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35
September-January 9, 2009	<b>Classroom Practices that Make a Difference in Student Learning</b> Instructor: Dr. Jan Webster, Director      Registration Fee: \$35
January 12-February 26, 2009	<b>Book Study: Disrupting Class – How Disruptive Innovation Will Change the Way the World Learns</b> Instructors: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator & Karen Sumner, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$35
Throughout the School Year	<b>Computer Classes (Listing available on our website – <a href="http://www.wresa.org">www.wresa.org</a>)</b> Instructor: Charles George      Registration Fee: \$35

### Getting Ready to Retire and Have Questions??

***Do you have questions about your retirement? What do those different types of leave days really mean? How can you maximize your retirement process in your favor? What can you be doing now to prepare for your retirement?***

WRESA has our very own retirement consultant, Robert Ayers, to help you answer those questions. Your first place to look for answers would be attending a retirement workshop. In addition to the retirement workshops he has several times a year, he also will be available to answer your questions via email or phone. For those of you who need more in-depth assistance, he will be at WRESA periodically for one hour sessions. To contact Robert Ayers: [robtayers@yahoo.com](mailto:robtayers@yahoo.com) or 828-652-2696.

The first retirement workshop this fall will be offered October 2. A description and registration is in the WRESA Update. Mr. Ayers' first day of one hour meetings will be Oct 21 from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. There will be a \$25 fee for the one hour meeting. If you are interested in meeting with Mr. Ayers, please contact Tina Joyner at 828.418.0011, ext. 19 or [tjoyner@wresa.org](mailto:tjoyner@wresa.org). The next retirement workshop will be December 5.

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