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New Format for the WRESA Update

As you have probably already noticed, the *WRESA Update* has a new format. The training sessions are listed by date. The session title, time, presenter, grade level, registration fee and registration deadline are provided. To see the session description you will need to go to our website (www.wresa.org) and on the home page click on the session title. Registration for all sessions is online unless otherwise stated. Once you register you will be emailed a confirmation/invoice.

New WRESA Staff Member

Dr. Jan Webster is the new **Professional Development and Secondary Education Coordinator** at WRESA. Jan is on staff and willing to help you with any of your secondary education needs or questions. She has been working hard and will be **providing secondary educators with some excellent training opportunities included in this Update**. You can contact Jan at 828.418.0011, ext. 21 or email jwebster@wresa.org if you have questions or specific training needs.



*Access the WRESA Update information
and register online at www.wresa.org*

Western Region Fall Leadership Conference 2007

September 30 – October 2, 2007
Broyhill Inn & Conference Center
Boone, NC

Conference information has been distributed. You can access the information and register online at www.wresa.org.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

October 22, November 1 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Exploring Effective Strategies for Teaching the Algebra 1 Course of Study (Grades 8-12) Presenters: Math Educators from UNC-Charlotte Center for Math, Science, and Technology Education Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 10/4/07
October 22, November 1 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Exploring Effective Strategies for Teaching the Algebra 2 Course of Study (Grades 8-12) Presenters: Math Educators from UNC-Charlotte Center for Math, Science, and Technology Education Registration Fee: \$100 Registration Deadline: 10/4/07
September 11 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	TPAI Orientation for Teacher/Peer Observers Presenter: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/4/07
September 17 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Accelerated Reader Best Classroom Practices No Fee Required Registration Deadline: 9/5/07

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September 18 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Accelerated Math Best Classroom Practices No Fee Required Registration Deadline: 9/5/07
September 19 thru March 13, 2008	Western Region Administrators Training Institute Contact Jan Webster, 828.418.0011, ext. 22 or Kathy Carver, ext. 18 for more information.
October 3 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	NC Project Wild Presenter: Lindsay Green, NC Wildlife Resources Commission No Fee Required Registration Deadline: 9/19/07
October 4 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Reinforcing Good Writing Practices Based on “Writing On Demand” (Grades 6-10) Presenters: Jan Webster, Secondary Education Coordinator and Debbie Goodwin and Katha Bowman, Buncombe County Schools Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 9/10/07
October 8 thru December 31 (online)	Maintaining Direction Without the GPS System (Administrators) Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/1/07
October 11 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Science Safety Training (Grades K-12) Presenter: Linda Stroud, Science & Safety Consulting Services Registration Fee: \$75 Registration Deadline: 9/25/07
October 11 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	One-Day Mentor Refresher Presenter: April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 9/25/07
October 15 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	What Really Works? Sharing Best Practices for Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 (Grades 8-12) Presenters: Math Educators from across WNC Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 9/26/07
October 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. OR November thru December (online)	Reading in Every Subject: Using Picture Books to Engage Students in the Content Areas (Grades 3-8) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$95 Registration Deadline: 9/26/07 Online Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/15/07
October 19 & January 11 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Thinking Maps Training (For New Teachers In Schools Already Using Thinking Maps) Registration Fee: \$225 (WRESA Members) Registration Deadline: 9/27/07
October 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Teaching To Poverty Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 10/12/07
October 24 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Aquatic Project Wild Presenter: Lindsay Green, NC Wildlife Resources Commission No Fee Required Registration Deadline: 10/8/07
October 30, November 7, November 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training Presenter: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator, and April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 10/10/07
November 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Early Planning for Successful Retirement Facilitators: Bob Byrd and April Spencer Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 10/18/07
November 5 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reading and Writing in the Middle Grades: Moving Beyond the Book Report (Grades 4-8) Presenter: Lisa Gibson, Asheville City Schools’ Beginning Teacher Coach Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 10/19/07
November 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Beyond Bags and Boxes: Hands-on Activities to Help Make Learning Come Alive for Your Students! (Grades K-6) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator, and Tamara Houchard, Mitchell County Schools Registration Fee: \$65 Registration Deadline: 10/29/07
November 15-16	Introduction to The Paideia Seminar (K-12) Registration Fee: \$400 (11/1/07) \$500 (after 11/1/07) Registration Deadline: 11/1/07
November 19 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Thank Goodness for the Holidays! Teaching a Balanced Curriculum Around the Holidays (Grades K-5) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 11/2/07
December 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Putting Geography on the Map: Geography’s Place in the Curriculum (Grades 5-7) Presenter: Steve Pierce, NC Geography Alliance Coordinator Registration Fee: \$40 Registration Deadline: 11/27/07
December 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Children of Poverty: Now What? (Prerequisite: Must have attended “Teaching To Poverty” training session.) Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 11/26/07
January 8, 2008 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Celebrate Writing! How to Prepare Students to Succeed on the NC Writing Assessment (Grades K-12) Presenter: Carol Bennett, NCDPI Certified Writing Trainer Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 12/14/07
Throughout the School Year (online)	Go to our website for a listing of the computer classes that are offered online throughout the school year.