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Update

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WRESA is providing professional development for more teachers and more subject areas. Some new trainings being provided are:

- Biology, Social Studies, Writing, Math, and Science for Grades 9-12 teachers
- Health & PE for Grades K-12 teachers
- Law Update for School Board Members
- One-Day Global Awareness Conference for Grades 6-12 Teachers & Administrators

Of course, there are many professional development opportunities for elementary and middle school teachers. We also have online courses available. Our computer program training is available online throughout the year. A certificate of credit will be awarded after each session.



Inclement Weather Policy

WRESA will be announcing cancellations due to bad weather on the WLOS-TV 13 School Closings. The information will *also be available on our phone system as part of the answering attendants message*. Hopefully this plan will help with some of the confusion on bad weather mornings.

Registration and Session Information

As you have already noticed, the *WRESA Update* has a new format. The **training sessions are listed by date**. 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. **If your finance office needs a copy of your registration form to accompany your emailed confirmation/invoice for payment requests, please print a copy of the completed registration form before you submit your online registration.**

WRESA Vacancy Announcements

- Grant Coordinator (Part-Time)
- Middle Grades Coordinator (11 or 12 month position)

Position information, qualifications, responsibilities, salary, benefits, application procedures and deadlines can be found at www.wresa.org.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS JANUARY - MAY 2008

January 15, 22, & 29 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training Presenters: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator, April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan, and Jan Webster, High School Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 1/8/08
January 30 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Reading Newspapers Along with Children's Literature: Making Connections Between Fiction and Non-Fiction (Grades K-5) Presenters: Sandra Cook, NC Press Foundation and Newspapers in Education, and Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 1/22/08
February 4 & 18 (2 day training) 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Practices for Improving Biology Comprehension and Succeeding on the EOC (Grades 9-12) Presenter: Dylan King, Biology Instructor, Henderson County Schools Registration Fee: \$70 Registration Deadline: 1/22/08
February 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Exploring Effective Strategies That Check for Comprehension: Writing Strategies for All Subject Areas (Grades 9-12) Presenters: Karen Sumner, Henderson County Schools, and Jan Webster, High School Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 1/31/08

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS JANUARY - MAY 2008

February 21 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Teaching to Poverty Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 2/7/08
February 27 (onsite) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. -- followed by March – May 20 (online)	The Five Components of Scientifically Based Reading Research (SBRR) for Elementary Grades Facilitator: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 2/15/08
February 27 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Making Math Meaningful in Middle School (Grades 6-8) Presenter: Sheila Brookshire, Mathematics Instructor, Enka High School Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 2/15/08
February 28 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Using Calculator-Based Laboratory (CBL) Equipment (Grades 6-12) Presenters: From NC State University, Science House Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 2/13/08
March 3 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Get Moving with Health and PE (NC NASPE Workshop – Grades K-12) Coordinators: Kim Ballard and Johanna Chase, NC Department of Public Instruction Registration Fee: TBD Registration Deadline: 2/22/08
March 4 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Project WILD Workshop Presenter: Lindsay Green, Regional Education Specialist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Registration Fee: None Required Registration Deadline: 2/22/08
March 4, 11, and 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Mentor Training Presenters: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator, April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan, and Jan Webster, High School Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 2/20/08
March 6 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Engaging Middle School Math Students (Grades 6-8) Presenter: Mellissa Howell, Transylvania County's TOY Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 2/22/08
March 7 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Law Update for School Board Members Presenter: David Hostetler (formerly of PEP) Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 2/22/08
March 12 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Inquiry in the Science Classroom (Grades 9-12) Presenters: From the NC State University, Science House Registration Fee: \$60 Registration Deadline: 2/26/08
March 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	One-Day Mentor Refresher Presenter: April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 2/26/08
March 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Countdown to the NC Reading EOG for Grades 3-8: Make It Take It Games & Activities for Quality Instruction Presenter: Kathy Bumgardner Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 2/28/08
April 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Incorporating Technology and Creativity into the High School Social Studies Classroom: Creative Projects, Review Techniques, and Assessment Strategies that Engage Students! Presenter: Cindi McFadden, Polk County Schools Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 3/20/08
April 3-4 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Reading First Training: Essential Components of Effective Reading Instruction for Grades 2 & 3 Presenter: Sharon Hopper, NCDPI Certified Reading First Trainer Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 3/3/08
April 11 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: 3/24/08
April 15 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Linking Literacy to Character, Leadership and Citizenship (Grades 6-12) Presenter: Sandra Cook, NC Press Foundation and Newspapers in Education Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 4/1/08
April 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Schools Working Together to Build A Community From Within (Bullying) Presenter: Rick Spurling, Mitchell County Schools Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 4/11/08
May 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Integrating Reading, Writing and Math (Grades K-5) Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$75 Registration Deadline: 4/10/08
May 6 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Global Awareness Conference: Resources to Bring the World to the Classroom (Grades 6-12) Presenters: The Center for International Understanding, Center for Global Initiatives, LEARN NC, World View, Folkmoort and other international organizations Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 4/10/08
May 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	High School Math Through Hands-On Instruction Presenter: Sheila Brookshire, Mathematics Instructor, Enka High School Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: 4/19/08
May 8 June 24 (repeat) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Early Planning for Successful Retirement Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator and April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 4/24/08
Throughout School Year (online)	Go to our website for a listing of the computer classes that are offered online throughout the school year.



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