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Executive Director's Corner:

Welcome to another quarterly issue of the RESA Reporter. The end of school is almost here and Griffin RESA is gearing up for an exciting Summer. There will be dozens of professional development opportunities including workshops, courses, seminars and consortiums to provide resources and support to the staff members in our member school systems. We encourage you to look inside this newsletter and visit our website online at www.griffinresa.net for a list of all the offerings.

We are excited to announce...by popular demand, Stephens Peters is coming to our region. Stephen Peters, a national speaker, has spoken to organizations and school districts throughout the United States. Mr. Peters has been featured on such television programs as the "Oprah Winfrey Show" and "America, Amer-

ica". Mr. Peters has authored several books including Inspired to Learn: Why we must give children hope and Do You Know Enough About Me to Teach Me? He will both inspire and motivate us with "Capture, Inspire, Teach: Specific Strategies for Working with Students." Come ready to learn and grow as an educational leader! Additional information is available on our website.

In addition to direct support for school improvement, Griffin RESA provides indirect support with central purchasing services. To order school supplies and equipment online, please visit our website at www.griffinresa.net. If you have any questions, please contact us at Griffin RESA. Don't forget to bookmark our website so you can continue to take advantage of the opportunities offered.



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Pike County Youth Apprenticeship Students Tour Tencate

Pike County Youth Apprenticeship students took a tour of the local Tencate plant in Zebulon.

Tencate produces flame resistant fabric for many uses including military uniforms, race car driver suits and fire fighter turnout gear.

Mrs. Donna Andrews is Griffin

RESA's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator and serves Lamar, Pike and Upson Counties.

Pictured on the left is Mr. Mark Andrews of Tencate with Pike County students.



Griffin Regional Science Fair Winners

The 25th Annual Regional High School Science Fair was held at the University of Georgia campus (Experiment Station) in Griffin on March 1, 2007.

While their projects were being judged by about 50 volunteers, students were engaged in a number of enrichment experiences conducted by members of the UGA/Griffin faculty, staff and students.

The Griffin RESA Science Fair is a regional competition for 7 counties in the Griffin RESA region: Butts, Fayette, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Spalding and Upson.

There were also 24 special awards made available by vari-

ous agencies supporting science education.

Congratulations to the following overall 1st place winners who will advance to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, Mexico, on May 13-19, 2007:

Overall Individual Winners:

Stefan Coburn – Fayette HS
Alison Youmans – Spalding HS

Overall Team Winners:

Emma Kearney- McIntosh HS
William Kearney – McIntosh HS

See page 4 and 5 for a complete list of winners.

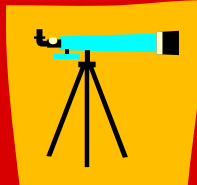
Interesting Science Facts

The speed of light is generally rounded down to 186,000 miles per second. In exact terms it is 299,792,458 m/s (equal to 186,287.49 miles per second).

- It takes 8 minutes 17 seconds for light to travel from the Sun's surface to the Earth.



- 10 percent of all human beings ever born are alive at this very moment.
- The Earth spins at 1,000 mph but it travels through space at an incredible 67,000 mph.



Griffin RESA Facts

Last year, Griffin RESA had 3,190 participants in courses and workshops.

Professional Learning Offerings for the Summer

Please visit our website for a complete list of classes, dates and times www.griffinresa.net

June:

- Georgia Performance Standards High School Mathematics Training
- Georgia Performance Standards for Math—ADMINISTRATOR Training
- Effective Teaching Strategies for Paraprofessionals
- Struggling Reader—Teachers K-8 (Elementary)
- Struggling Reader—9th—12th grade (Secondary)
- Middle Grades reading and Writing, Grades 4-8
- Identification and Education of the Exceptional Child
- Classroom Management
- Training for the Official SAT Online Course in High Schools
- Technology in the School Series—Using Microsoft Word in Schools
- Math Activities for Paraprofessionals
- The Teaching of Reading and Writing K-12
- Diversity Issues for Paraprofessionals

- Technology in the Schools Series: Using Microsoft Excel in Schools
- Special Topics in elementary Reading: Best Practices
- Role of the Paraprofessionals

July:

- Technology in the Schools Series: Using Microsoft PowerPoint in Schools
- Science in Schools Series: Habitats of Georgia
- Special Education Training for Paraprofessionals
- Exemplary Instructional Strategies for Elementary mathematics
- Georgia Teacher Evaluation Training
- Reading for Science Content:
- A Standards-Based Course for Grades 3—5 Teachers and Administrators
- Tips and Tricks in Science for paraprofessionals
- Georgia Leadership Evaluation Instrument Training (GLEI)

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RESA Business Services—Changing Seasons

With summer in the air, everywhere you look, things seem to be changing everyday. Along with the seasons, Griffin RESA is also undergoing some exciting changes that will help us to better serve you, our member systems!



Many of you in the bookkeeping departments may have noticed a recent change in our invoice format over the last couple of weeks. We are striving to move out of the 80's and into the 20th century with the implementation of our new laser invoice (as

opposed to the old dot matrix carbon invoices). These invoices are helping us to streamline some of our internal processes, enabling us to provide better customer service to you. Every effort has been made to ensure that the same useful data is included on your invoices for easier data flow, for us and your school system. However, with any change, there are always areas that can be improved with continued feedback and user requests.

We will be implementing a new

accounts receivable system soon, which will entail a complete overhaul of our forms and customer correspondence (invoices, statements, letters, etc.). We are hoping to have a new system in place before the summer season hits (this is our busy time of the year).

We will try to keep our invoices and statements as close to what you are currently receiving, provided we do not receive any form change requests. If you have any requests that we could look into including in our forms creation process, I

would ask that you please email me at jgarner@griffinresa.net. Although we cannot guarantee that all requests can be implemented, I would love the opportunity to see what you, OUR CUSTOMERS, need to make your jobs easier and hassle-free. After all, that is what we are here for!



We look forward to hearing from you!

Jay Garner
Finance & Business Manager

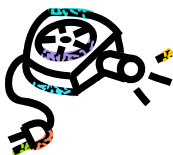
RESA Business Services –Cooperative Purchasing/Tech Repair

Don't forget that Griffin RESA provides cooperative purchasing and technical repair services to our 8 member school systems.

Our staff takes great pride in helping our schools in any way that we can to ensure that our kids are attaining the best education possible. We do this by providing great customer service in the following areas:

Cooperative Purchasing Warehouse – School supply warehousing and sales, online catalog, fast turnaround and delivery, and a great staff that is dedicated to customer service. Give Terry Beeson a call or logon to our website at www.griffinresa.net for more details.

Audio-Visual Repair – We service and repair many



different brands of AV equipment (cassette recorders, phonographs, overhead projectors, boom boxes, CD players, televisions, video cassette recorders, TV/VCR combinations, camcorders) and also provide knowledgeable phone support.



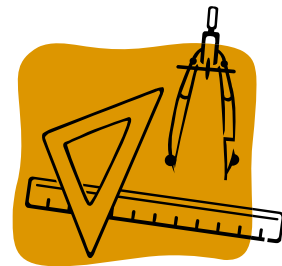
Computer Service – Our Dell certified technicians provide warranty

service on Dell computers as well as new computer setup, diagnostics, networking, computer troubleshooting, service and troubleshooting of most any type desktop printer and more!

Copier Service and Sales – Technicians specialize in smaller copiers with a capacity of up to 28 copies per minute. They provide repair services, and they offer a purchasing service that enables member systems to obtain new copiers

and copier parts and toner at discounted prices. The technicians service many brands of equipment, but specialize in Toshiba and Sharp machines.

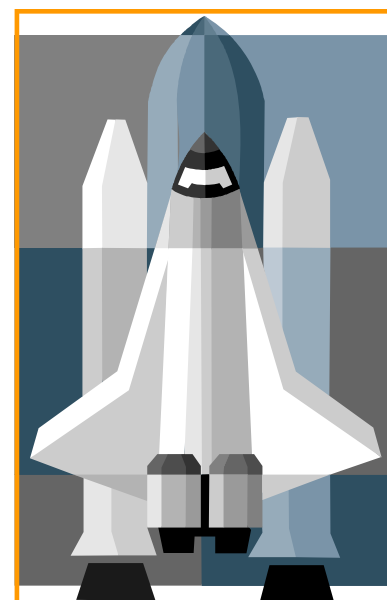
Log on to our website at www.griffinresa.net to use our online ticket system to place requests for service. Contact us if you need help or have any questions!



Regional Science Fair Winners



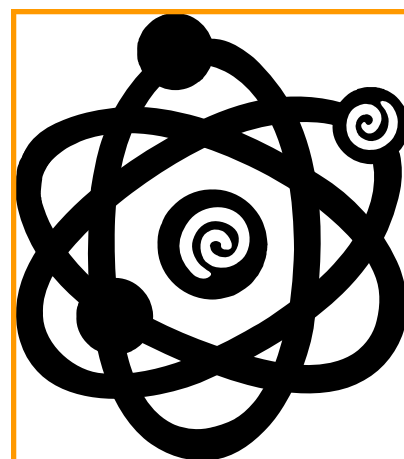
Andrew Griffith, Jake Hancock, Mitchell Watson	1st	Flat Rock Middle
Asad Abdulla, Christian Concepcion	1st	Fayette High
Ashley Stansell	1st	Cowan Road Middle
Brahma Natarajan	1st	J.C. Booth Middle
Brein Millea	1st	Starr's Mill High
Christopher Waters	1st	Indian Creek Middle
Elizabeth Turner	1st	Spalding High
Emilia Amalfitano	1st	Starr's Mill High
Haley Brannan	1st	Henderson Middle
Hannah Carley, Jessi Griffith, Lee-Ann Thompson	1st	Spalding High
James McClure	1st	Flynt Middle
Jenna Flitercroft	1st	Griffin High
Jennie Lee	1st	Fayette High
Jennifer Pippin	1st	Pike County High
Jeremiah Redman	1st	Jackson High
John Grimes	1st	Whitwater High
Kari Hudson	1st	Spalding High
Katie Runyan	1st	Starr's Mill High
Larissa Romanow, Jackie Roshelli, Courtney Stone	1st	J.C. Booth Middle
Lauren Hill	1st	Griffin High
Meg Matthews	1st	Taylor Street Middle
Ricky Brittian	1st	Kennedy Road Middle
Sarah Turner, William Ward	1st	Spalding High
Trey Barnett, Drew NeSmith, Aaron Sumner	1st	Pike County High
Tyler Van Dusen	1st	Henderson Middle
Wesley Chambers	1st	Indian Creek Middle
Zenia Zheng	1st	J.C. Booth Middle
Alison Youmans**	1st/INTERNATIONAL	Spalding High
Emma Kearney, William Kearney**	1st/INTERNATIONAL	McIntosh High
Stefan Coburn**	1st/INTERNATIONAL	Fayette High
Alexander Amalfitano, William Martin	2nd	Rising Starr Middle
Alicia Gutlon	2nd	Griffin High
Amanda Stansfield	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Amelia Putnam	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Austin Rooks	2nd	Griffin High
Blake Smallwood	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Brandon Lawrence	2nd	Griffin High
Callie Walker	2nd	Spalding High
Dan Andersen, Miles Flanders, Matthew Peeler	2nd	Pike County High
Emily Hearn	2nd	Spalding High
Erik Sylvain	2nd	Henderson Middle
Grace Murphy, Lisa Nguyen	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Hannah Kline, Erin Fountain	2nd	Henderson Middle
Henteves Jester	2nd	Griffin High
Jared Barber, Patrick Hollowed, Heather Kuprian	2nd	Pike County High





Regional Science Fair Winners

Jessica Heimann, Ashley Hughes, Allison Maloney	2nd	Whitewater Middle
Joey Mitchell, David Van Leuven	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Karen Anderson	2nd	J.C. Booth Middle
Kathryn Clark, Katie Valli	2nd	Rising Starr Middle
Kirk Swahlen	2nd	Pike County High
Lauren Cook	2nd	Cowan Road Middle
Magen Ballard	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Megan Poole, Abby Stephens	2nd	Taylor Street Middle
Melissa Greer, Robin Greer	2nd	Indian Creek Middle
Nicole Kawahata, Shannon Smith	2nd	J.C. Booth Middle
Payton Bosworth, William Ellerbee, Tyler Hoyal	2nd	Upson-Lee Middle
Rachel Kirkland, Marcie Thacker	2nd	Henderson Middle
Rebekah Livingston	2nd	Rising Starr Middle
Ricardo Rojas	2nd	Fayette Middle
Sarah Hearn	2nd	Taylor Street Middle
Sarah Negris	2nd	Griffin High
Sarika Reddy	2nd	Fayette Middle
Skylar Bragers	2nd	Pike County High
Taylor Trimble	2nd	Flynt Middle
Taylor Winslow	2nd	Cowan Road Middle
Tyler Jones	2nd	Taylor Street Middle
Abigail Thomas	2nd/Alternate	Indian Creek Middle
Camara Carter, Poonim Daya	2nd/Alternate	Flat Rock Middle
Justin Buchanan, Shawn McVicker	2nd/Alternate	Rising Starr Middle
Samuel DiRito	2nd/Alternate	Henderson Middle
Sonya Jooma, Sonika Reddy	2nd/Alternate	Fayette High
Alexandria Harvey, Stashia Hosford	3rd	Henderson Middle
Allison Williams	3rd	Starr's Mill High
Allyson Dalton	3rd	Flynt Middle
Alora Davenport	3rd	Griffin High
Ashlynn Edwards, Kayli Robinette, Hailey Thomas	3rd	Indian Creek Middle
Caleb Jackson, Nick Walter	3rd	Indian Creek Middle
Caroline Dallas	3rd	Spalding High
Caroline Garrett, Amy Ritchey	3rd	Indian Creek Middle
Catherine Lovin, Olivia Swint	3rd	Pike County High
Chaz Ellerbee	3rd	Upson-Lee Middle
Chris Eckhardt	3rd	Starr's Mill High
Jessi Geiger, Brooke Littlefield	3rd	Jackson High
Justin Durden, David James	3rd	J.C. Booth Middle
Kalin Jordan, Ashley Prince	3rd	Indian Creek Middle
Katherine Holmes	3rd	Griffin High
Kori Johnson, Alley Weathington	3rd	Griffin High
Maya Basu, Elizabeth Kwok	3rd	Cowan Road Middle
Omar Martinez-Uribe	3rd	Fayette Middle
Sarah Bakr	3rd	Flynt Middle
Tracy Davis, Joey Duffy	3rd	Jackson High
Tyler Fritz	3rd	Flynt Middle
Tara Bishop	3rd	Indian Creek Middle





Professional Learning Offerings for the Summer (continued from page 2)

August (cont.)

- Georgia Media Specialist Evaluation Instrument Training
- Capture, Inspire, Teach: Specific Strategies for Working with Students— Stephen Peters
- Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Instrument Training

'To be a teacher you must be a prophet - because you are trying to prepare people for a world thirty to fifty years into the future.'
Gordon Brown MIT

'The object of education is to teach us love of beauty.' (Plato, Ancient Greek Philosopher, 427 - 347 B.C)



The Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency provides a team of educators who serve education systems through both general and specialized skills and knowledge. Services are organized to meet the needs of clients in a flexible manner.

Griffin RESA serves eight member school systems: Butts, Fayette, Griffin-Spalding, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, and Thomaston-Upson. Collaborative efforts are realized through work with the following public post-secondary institutions: Griffin Technical College, Gordon College, Flint River Regional Library, and Flint River Technical College

Griffin RESA Organizational Philosophy

The mission of Griffin RESA is to provide educational leadership and support to its clients through a flexible delivery of diverse services. These services are based upon identified needs and established priorities of the member school systems as determined by the Board of Control and advisory councils.

It is the philosophy of this agency to employ professional personnel who possess the training, experience and expertise necessary to provide creative leadership in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating effective educational programs.

