

In the News

May 2009

CONGRATULATIONS:

Joan Davis for being recognized as "Master Teacher". Joan Davis, Metter Middle School 8th grade Math teacher recently received notice that she met the criteria for being recognized as a Master Teacher. The criteria is based on significant gain in student achievement in a two-year period. Joan stated the following about receiving this distinct honor, "I wasn't sure if I was going to meet the criteria and when I received the news that I had, I was ecstatic. Accolades of this type are few and far between. In my teaching career, this is definitely a high point."

Dr. Bigwood stated, "Several of our teachers are sustaining excellent levels of student achievement and I encourage you to apply for this distinction in 2010."

Congratulations to the Metter High School Business and Computer Science Department for becoming Industry Certified by the GA DOE! When a program becomes industry certified, it receives a "stamp of excellence", which represents the pinnacle of program quality. Only those Career Technical Education and Agriculture programs that have successfully undergone rigorous reviews by leaders from business and industry are recognized with this distinction and this is a FIRST for Candler County. Kudos to Brenda Deal and Pam Durrence, BCS instructors.

Congratulations to the following Retirees:

Charlotte Coursey (Metter Elementary)
Lana Lanier (Metter Intermediate)
Karen Sollars (Metter Intermediate/Middle) and
Josephine Parrish (Communities in Schools).

Gifted Education

Recently Lesa Brown, Jill Powell, Lori McGowan, Cadeisha Cooper and Suzanne Hunt were certified by the GA PSC to be instructors for the teaching of Gifted Courses. Having our own instructors teaching these courses will enable us to accommodate more of our teachers to readily become certified. Our initial goal is to have a minimum of two teachers per grade/subject area certified to teach gifted students. Lesa Brown stated, "This training will enable our teachers to provide more rigorous instruction to better meet the needs of these students".

Professional Development:

We remain committed to our mission of providing professional growth for all educators. Our training will likely result in continual gain in learner achievement. Thank you in advance for participating in past opportunities and I am encouraged by the school based plans that are in place for the summer of 2009 and throughout the FY2009-10 school year. Your participation will not only enhance our organization and learner achievement, it will enable you to acquire the PLU's necessary for certification purposes.

Thanks for the numerous contributions you have made for advancing learning for our boys and girls. My desire is that each of us continue growing in character and in our craft. Have a safe and happy summer.

Thanks, Tom Bigwood