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General Information

Superintendent Announces 2009 Georgia Teacher of the Year Finalists

At the State Board of Education Meeting on February 14, 2008, Superintendent of Schools [Kathy Cox announced](#) the 10 teachers who were chosen as finalists for 2009 Georgia Teacher of the Year. This was a challenging task to narrow it down to a top ten since there were over 140 outstanding teachers who were in the running. "I want to offer my sincere congratulations to each of the finalists. I know that any one of them would make an excellent Georgia Teacher of the Year," said Superintendent Cox. "I'd also like to congratulate all of the district-level teachers of the year. Each of them is a shining star in their community and around the state." The

Georgia Teacher of the Year will be selected on May 9, 2008 at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. You can [listen to the official announcement](#) of the finalists recorded at February's State Board of Education Meeting.

>> [Read the official GaDOE press release](#)



>> [View larger photos of teacher finalists.](#)



Have you heard? GSO now has a podcast! Listen to the monthly installment of the GSO to GO Voices Podcast

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Tell Us Your Story

We are always interested in hearing how GeorgiaStandards.Org helps teachers, parents, and students. If you have a success story you'd like to share with us, please let us know.

Send stories to: [Kathy Politis](#)



Plant the Seed for Caring with Georgia Read More

[National Arbor Day](#) is on April 25, 2008. Why not celebrate Arbor Day in your classroom with Mary Perdue, Georgia's First Lady? How you ask? Well, this month's [Georgia Read More video](#) features Ms. Perdue reading the book, *Miss Twiggley's Tree*. Miss Twiggley, who lives in a tree, is shy and afraid of the world around her. She manages to put aside her fears by providing shelter and aid to her neighbors who confront a flood. The theme of thinking of others in a time of an emergency is also addressed in this book that is written and illustrated by [Dorothea Warren Fox](#). With this resource, you can lead a class discussion in the importance of caring for a willow tree or each other. A [vocabulary list](#) from this classic story can also be downloaded.

The Georgia Department of Education has implemented a literacy program aimed at third grade students called the "[Georgia Read](#)

[More](#)" program. The concentrated efforts of the [Library Media Services Department](#) have resulted in this award winning [series](#). This program encourages children to read, supports parent-child interaction, and promotes literacy and libraries. Simply select from the many videos of dignitaries and celebrities reading a children's book aloud to a group of students. Each video supplies a link to a vocabulary list that accompanies the story and some of the videos are also available in Spanish. Included with most books are a Lexile score and links to author websites.

> [Watch Miss Twiggley's Tree Video read by Mary Perdue](#)

Congress in the Classroom

The Georgia Performance Standards emphasize the importance of learning about the United States Congress through the K-12 Social Studies curriculum. In third grade, Georgia students learn the names of the legislative branch, which includes Congress ([SS3CG1](#)). Fourth grade then expands on government studies by analyzing the challenges first faced by Early America ([SS4H5](#)). More specifically, fourth graders identify the three branches of the U. S. government as outlined by the Constitution; describe what they do, how they relate to each others' checks and balances and separation of power and how they relate to the states. Then in high school, American Government/Civics students explain the differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate with emphasis on terms of office, powers, organization, leadership, and representation of each house ([SSCG9](#)).

In that case, teachers teaching U.S. history, government, civics, political science, or social studies will be interested in [Congress in the Classroom](#). This award-winning education program is developed and sponsored by [The Dirksen Congressional Center](#). [Congress in the Classroom](#) is dedicated to the exchange of ideas and information on teaching about Congress. Along with sessions about Congress, the 2008 program will pay special attention to the upcoming congressional and presidential elections. This educational event will be held Monday, July 21 through Thursday, July 24, 2008 at the [Hotel Pere Marquette](#) in Peoria, Illinois. For more information about the Congress in the Classroom 2008 workshop you can visit [this page](#) or you can access the [online application here](#).



> GPS Tags: [SS3CG1](#), [SS4H5](#), [SSCG9](#)

GSO Data Points

Year-To-Date (As of 1/2008)

Visitors to [GeorgiaStandards.Org](#)
500,890

Unique Visitors
226,291

Page views for all visitors
2,312,722

Average Time on Site
4 minutes 49 seconds

Number of Units that are
Approved and Searchable in GSO
1,386

Number of Georgia Educators
trained on GSO
5,011

Educators signed up to have
access to GSO Unit Builder
13,308

Number of GSO Teacher Groups
1,216

Number of GSO Training Videos
211

GSO Proudly Partners with Verizon Thinkfinity

[Thinkfinity](#) (previously known as Marco Polo) was been a Top Pick ever since the [GeorgiaStandards.Org](#) site went live in August 2006. As of March 2008, GeorgiaStandards.Org has proudly partnered with [Verizon Thinkfinity](#) in order to provide educational resources for classroom use. Using [Thinkfinity.org](#), teachers will find primary source materials, interactive student resources and grade-specific research lists to help them tailor materials for each student's instructional needs. [Thinkfinity.org](#) also provides educational and literacy resources for parents and after school programs. All of Thinkfinity.org's 55,000 standards-based K-12 lesson plans, student materials, interactive tools and reference materials are endorsed by the nation's leading education organizations to ensure that content is accurate, up-to-date, unbiased, and appropriate for students. Start exploring now! [Thinkfinity.org](#) makes it easy for educators to enhance their classroom instruction.

Adobe School Innovation Awards



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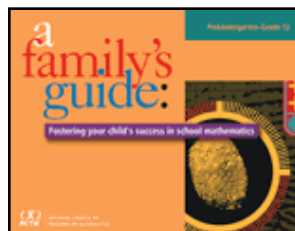
Your students now have a wonderful opportunity to show off their skills in the areas of web development, video editing or graphic design. [Adobe](#) believes that engaging learning experiences are the foundation of a great education. By working with technology as part of a project-based curricula or in vocational tracks preparing learners for the future, students more easily develop the essential, lifelong digital communication skills they will need in virtually all their academic and professional pursuits.

Adobe is currently running the 2008 Adobe School Innovation Awards competition. High school students in accredited private and public schools in North America can submit their innovative and creative projects to win exciting prizes including a trip to the annual National Education Computing Conference (NECC) in San Antonio, Texas, at the end of June 2008. The theme is My Community – My Planet – My 21st Century. High school students (ages 14–19) can submit entries in three categories: Web Design and Development, Film and Video, and Graphic and Print Design. Category award winners as well as one grand prize winner for best overall submission will be chosen. Please consult with the [Adobe School Innovation Awards webpage](#) for more information. Teachers will be happy to learn that many of Adobe's tools can be downloaded and used for creating entries. The following Adobe programs can be downloaded for a free 30-day trial:

- [Adobe Acrobat 8](#)
- [Adobe After Effects CS3 Professional](#)
- [Adobe Audition 3](#)
- [Adobe Encore CS3](#)
- [Adobe Flex 2](#)
- [Adobe GoLive 9](#)
- [Adobe Illustrator CS3](#)
- [Adobe InDesign CS3](#)
- [Adobe Photoshop CS3](#)
- [Adobe Premiere Pro CS3](#)
- [Adobe Captivate 3](#)
- [Macromedia Director MX 2004](#)
- [Adobe Dreamweaver CS3](#)
- [Adobe Flash CS3 Professional](#)

Math Resource for Parents

The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\)](#) is offering a free and fully downloadable signature publication for parents of school-age children. [A Family's Guide: Fostering Your Child's Success in School Mathematics](#) is a great download that you can share with the parents of your students. There is also a supplement titled [Families Ask](#) that goes along with the [Family Guide](#). On page 10 of the [Family Guide](#), there are twenty questions and comments that parents can use to support math homework. You can also go to the [Illuminations webpage](#) where these two documents are hosted. [Illuminations](#) is designed to provide standards-based resources and provide materials that support the vision for school mathematics set forth in [Principles and Standards for School Mathematics](#). [Illuminations](#) is part of the [Verizon Thinkfinity](#) program.



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Children's Book Talks Available Through Podcasts



[Just One More Book](#) is a podcast series that is available three times a week that brings you the best in children's literature. The [Just One More Book about page](#) puts the website's premise into simpler terms by stating, "Each weekday morning, we take a few minutes out of our morning coffee ritual to discuss one of our many favorite children's books. We also feature weekly interviews with authors, illustrators and experts and enthusiasts in the areas of children's literature and literacy as well as listener-submitted audio reviews." How often do children say, "just one more book" with stories that are read to them? As a teacher, you might be saying "just one more podcast" as you start to listen to the many podcasts that are available on this site. [Just One More Book](#) has over 300 author interviews that you can listen to directly from the website or download episodes into iTunes. Is there a book you want to share? Then call [Just One More Book](#) at 206-350-6487 and leave your message about a book and it may be posted in an upcoming podcast. Here are a few listener submitted reviews that you can listen to about books ([example 1](#), [example 2](#) and [example 3](#)).

Continuing Education

GPB Streaming Course for PLUs and Much More!

Do you know that as a Georgia teacher you have free access to GPB Streaming? GPB Streaming houses thousands of hours of educational video content and is a long time Top Pick on



GeorgiaStandards.Org. This video content can be used for professional learning or in your classroom with students. Teachers will need to [sign-up for the GPB Streaming service](#) to access video resources such as teaching tips, interactive training, project demonstrations and courses for credit. Discovery Education has joined forces with several accredited universities to offer high quality, online graduate courses on integrating digital media in education that features Discovery Education streaming.

GPB Streaming offers teacher courses at some of the ETTCs for PLU credit that are half-day and day-long workshops. ETTCs that have offered the GPB Streaming workshops for PLU credit are the [Macon State ETTC](#), [Albany State ETTC](#), [Valdosta State ETTC](#), [Kennesaw State](#)

[ETTC](#), and [Columbus State ETTC](#). Video streaming in the classroom can address all learning styles and allows teachers to differentiate instruction. GPB Streaming courses are appropriate for elementary, middle, and high school teachers as well as district-level instructional technology specialists who want to access rich resources for the classroom. Content is correlated to the Georgia Performance Standards, and participants will create a media-enhanced presentation which addresses a range of student learning needs while increasing student motivation, interest, and information retention in the classroom. For more information, you can contact GPB Education's TIE Network Manager, [Katherine Aiken](#).

- > [Sign-up for GPB Streaming](#)
- > [Sample GPB Education Workshop Agenda](#)

Thinkfinity Professional Development Coming in Fall 2008

Targeting the needs of educators, Georgia will begin to offer Thinkfinity Professional Development courses in the fall of 2008. Courses will be made available through our [state network of ETTCs](#). A customized professional development program will feature Thinkfinity's rich resources aligned to the Georgia Performance Standards and easily shared within public and private groups.

The GSO Thinkfinity Professional Development program is designed to:

- Provide teachers with the tools and materials necessary to locate and effectively use online resources.
- Help educators work with their peers to create useful instructional plans.
- Meet educators' needs for high-quality training with measurable results.

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To Be, Or Not To Be

Early this summer, teachers of grades 4-12 have the opportunity to earn five Professional Learning Units (PLUs) by registering for [No Fear Shakespeare](#), a class which is accredited by the Georgia Department of Education.

Learn the newest techniques behind making Shakespeare fun for your students in a casual, relaxed environment. Teachers of grades 3-5 will become acquainted with Shakespeare's stories and explore innovative ways of introducing them to young students. Teachers of grades 6-12 will have the opportunity to blow off the dust of the pages and look at Shakespeare's material differently, making the work more relevant to today's older students. Georgia Shakespeare's professional staff will help make sure your student's eyes don't glaze over at the mere mention of the "bard," ensuring that they achieve the building blocks necessary for future education. [Click here](#) for more information.



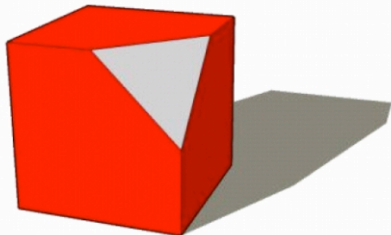


Grade 7 Teachers Get the X, Y, and Z Axis at Macon State College ETTC Website

One of the fundamental goals of the [Macon State College ETTC](#) is to promote the use of a variety of technologies to improve student achievement. Instructional technology specialist [Jerry Bunch](#), a [Macon State College ETTC staff member](#), has an outstanding tutorial series to teach [Slices and Shadows - Unit 7](#) in the 7th grade math GPS framework. To demonstrate, Jerry uses [Google Sketchup](#) a free program that you can download. Mr. Bunch believes [Google Sketchup](#) to be an invaluable instruction and assessment tool for teachers. This [Macon State College ETTC online tutorial](#) (scroll down a little) addresses the geometry of 3-dimensional objects, specifically by using 2-dimensional plane figures. This GPS unit has students create 3-dimensional objects by transformations of 2-dimensional plane figures. Students also explore 2-dimensional cross-sections of cylinders, cones, pyramids, and prisms. Here are direct links to all the tutorial segments of the Slices and Shadows unit:

- [Getting Started](#)
- [Draw a Cube](#)
- [Rectangular Slice](#)
- [Shadows of a Cube](#)
- [Equilateral Triangular Slice](#)
- [Cross-Sections of a Cylinder](#)
- [Create a Prism](#)
- [Cross-Sections of a Sphere](#)

Slices and Shadows making a rectangular slice

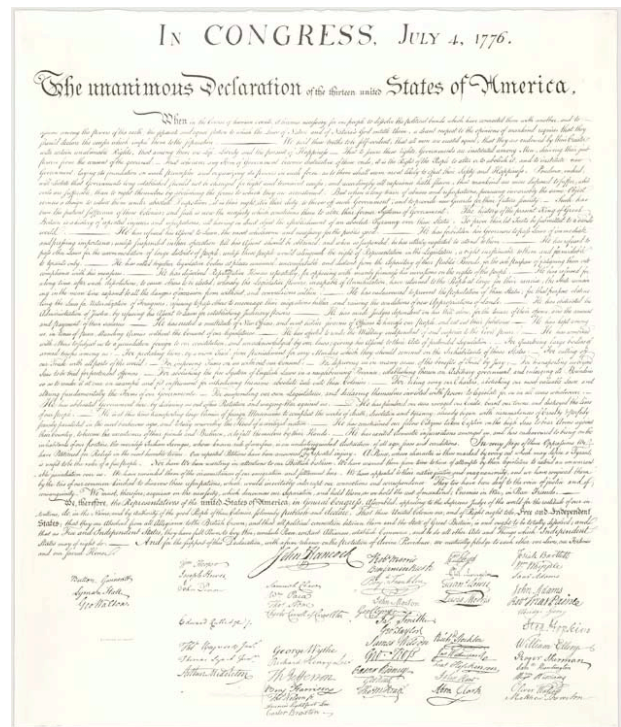


Summer Workshops – Using US Documents in the Classroom



Democracy Starts Here.

The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) preserves and makes available to the public the permanently valuable records of the United States Government. Millions of records can be accessed in the formats such as documents, maps, drawings, photographs, films and sound recordings that have captured the American experience of government since 1774. [Starting in June 2008](#), teachers will have the chance to be immersed in the study of government records such as the [Declaration of Independence](#), the [Constitution](#) and the [Bill of Rights](#) at various summer workshops for educators. The staff of the [National Archives and Records Administration](#) will show teachers how to use historical documents in the classroom. Participants will learn how to do research in historical records, create classroom material from records, and present documents in ways that sharpen students' skills and enthusiasm for history, social studies, and the humanities. Workshops are offered in many US cities. Information on the workshop overview with location details and how to apply can be [accessed here](#).



2009 Georgia Teacher of the Year Finalists



Leanne Maule

School, District: Cartersville High School, Cartersville City

Subject Taught: English, Language Arts, British Literature



Clay Hildebrand

School, District: Smokey Road Middle School, Coweta County

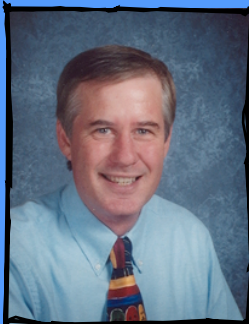
Subject Taught: 6th Grade Math & Literature



Gina Coss

School, District: Sedalia Park Charter Elementary School, Cobb County

Subject Taught: 5th grade, Early Intervention Program



Christopher Spraggins

School, District: Columbus High School, Muscogee County

Subject Taught: Honors Chemistry, AP Biology, Physics



Aletha Snowberger

School, District: Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Richmond County

Subject Taught: AP World History



Daniel Petritz

School, District: Conyers Middle School, Rockdale County

Subject Taught: Science



Tracy Wilson

School, District: Americus-Sumter County High School, Sumter County

Subject Taught: Special Education



David Curtis

School, District: Callaway High School, Troup County

Subject Taught: AP Physics, Chemistry, Biology



Dwight Stafford

School, District: Performance Learning Center, Walton County

Subject Taught: Business Education and Information Technology



Stephanie Shelton

School, District: Washington County High School, Washington County

Subject Taught: English/Latin

Celebrating April	communicate	collaborate	connect
	<p>4 1968 - Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.</p> <p>12 1966 - The Braves played their first regular season game in Atlanta Stadium.</p> <p>15 1947 - Georgia native, Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American to play in a major-league baseball game for the Brooklyn Dodgers.</p>	<p>19 1979 - Georgia legislature declared Ray Charles's version of "Georgia on My Mind" to be the official state song.</p> <p>21 1732 - King George II of England signed a charter establishing the trustee colony of Georgia.</p> <p>For more Georgia facts in April visit The New Georgia Encyclopedia.</p>	<p>Downloads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > April calendar template > Earth Day Teacher Page <p>Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > New GSO Content > Ocean creature video > New Georgia Encyclopedia <p>Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > National Poetry Month > Autism Awareness Month > Mathematics Awareness Month

April in Georgia History



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April is a [month full of history for Georgia](#) and [The New Georgia Encyclopedia](#) has many articles celebrating these important events.

April EDSITEment Calendar of Special Events



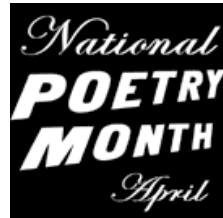
The [April calendar](#) from EDSITEment is a month full of holidays, special events, lesson plans and websites for teachers.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Prevent child abuse and neglect by celebrating [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#) in April. The [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) is an excellent source of information in protecting children and strengthening families. [This site](#) is a service of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Access the [2008 resource packet](#) or read about the [history of National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#).

National Poetry Month

For over a decade, the [Academy of American Poets](#) has been bringing everyone together to celebrate [National Poetry Month in April](#). How can you take part in the linguistic festivities? [Sign-up for a Poem-A-Day](#) that will be e-mailed to you daily during the month of April or by listening to [poetry through podcasts](#), that's how. While you are at it, visit the [Shel Silverstein website](#) to watch exclusive Shel Silverstein animations, play games and read poetry of course. Keep your students in the know about poetry by book-



marking the [Glossary of Poetic Terms](#) and [The Life and Works of Famous American Poets](#) on all your classroom computers. [Scholastic.com](#) has some great poetry resources for K-5 teachers, as well.

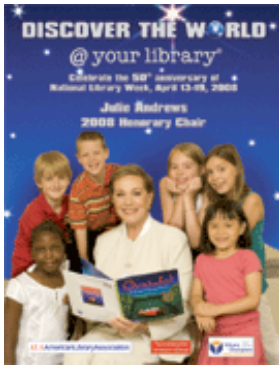
> More Poetry Links: [Jack Prelutsky Webcast](#), [Poetry Writing](#), [Nikki Giovanni](#)

Autism Awareness Month

[National Autism Awareness Month](#) is in April and the [New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community website](#) has links to learn more about autism. There are links to age related concerns arranged by [early intervention \(0-3 years\)](#), [school age \(3-21 years\)](#), [transition \(14-21 years\)](#) and [adults \(21+ years\)](#). [The Kids' Quests on Autism](#) is for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The site is intended to get kids to think about people with disabilities and some of the issues related to daily activities, health and accessibility. Wired magazine recently published [an interesting article \(The Truth About Autism: Scientists Reconsider What They Think They Know\)](#) on some of the latest findings on autism.



School Library Media Month



School library media centers have much to celebrate in April. [School Library Media Month](#) and [National Library Week](#) (April 13-19) both occur this month. The [American Association of School Librarians](#) even has public service announcements that you can use as part of your school's broadcast system every day in April. The recordings are of author [Carmen Agra Deedy](#) promoting libraries. The PSAs are available as MP3s in the durations of [10 seconds](#), [15 seconds](#), [20 seconds](#) and [30 seconds](#). Here are more [ideas and tips](#) to celebrate at your media center.

Mathematics Awareness Month

The American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics have selected [Math and Voting as the theme](#) for this year's [Mathematics Awareness Month](#). [MathAware.Org](#) is even having a \$500 video contest on [What Math and Voting Means to You](#). [TeacherVision's Math Page](#) has many creative math lesson ideas, activities and printables that you can use. Teachers should also look at the [math teaching and learning links](#) available through [Federal Resources for Educational Excellence \(FREE\)](#). [FREE](#) has many [Algebra](#) (24), [data analysis](#) (23) and [geometry](#) (18) resources that you can use in your classroom. And just in time for Mathematics Awareness Month, eighth grade teachers can visit the [mathematics framework page](#) on [GeorgiaStandards.Org](#) to view the recently posted [eighth grade GPS video webcasts series](#).



> More mathematics links: [GeorgiaMath.Org](#), [National Library of Virtual Manipulatives](#)

Sky Awareness Week

The week of April 20-26 is the celebration of [Annual Sky Awareness Week \(SAW\)](#). This year's theme is "THE SKY- Where Meteorology Meets the Heavens and the Earth!" For seventeen years, many organizations have celebrated SAW. This list includes [The National Weather Service](#), [The National Weather Association](#), [The National Science Teachers Association](#), the [National Science Foundation](#) and [The Weather Channel](#). Also consider taking a look at [NASA's 'SCOOL Project \(Students' Cloud Observations On-Line\)](#) since they will be conducting their IOP (Intensive Observation Period). Want to [participate with your students](#) during Sky Awareness Week? How about [voting on a favorite cloud](#)? Since fourth grade teachers will be investigating how clouds are formed with students, science GPS Standards [S4E3](#) and [S4E4](#) have you covered. [GeorgiaStandards.Org](#) also has two units that will go well with SAW, one on the [water cycle](#) and the other on [cloud creation](#).

> More Sky links: [Cloud in the Bottle](#), [Observing Weather](#), [Flickr Cloud Photoset](#)



National Week of the Ocean

National Week of the Ocean is a yearly event (April 6th - April 12th) that is sponsored by the [National Week of the Ocean, Inc](#). This South Florida-based organization is dedicated in helping kids learn to understand, protect and use the ocean wisely. Some schools organize marine celebrations through the sampling of seafood, posters and photographic competitions along with arts and crafts aquatic projects. If you are looking to get wet with a great ocean [blog](#) or [podcast](#) to celebrate National Week of the Ocean, then head (or foot) on over to [Cephalopodcast](#). Then watch David Gallo show [incredible footage of amazing ocean creatures](#) from the [Ocean Research & Conservation Association](#).

> More Ocean Links: [Amazing ocean creature video](#)

Earth Day

April 22 is the day that millions of people and governments in 175 nations observe [Earth Day](#). Are your students curious on how this worldly event came to be? Visit [History Highlights](#) at [Environlink](#), an environmental organization tracking environmental information since 1991. Also, check with [Education World](#) to see what Earth Day classroom activities you can do with your students. Last but not least, [EarthDay.net](#) has a useful [PDF download](#) for teachers to print and use as a handy reference for Earth Day. High school teachers teaching US History can also cover social studies [GPS Standard SSUSH24](#) where students are responsible for explaining Earth Day and the creation of the EPA. And if you ever wanted to measure your students' [environmental footprint](#), then the [Zerofootprint KidsCalculator](#) will come in handy.



> GPS Tags: [SSUSH24](#)

Celebrating April

GSO Posters

GeorgiaStandards.Org posters are available to all Georgia school systems. This year's GSO poster features Georgia teacher of the year Emily Jennette pictured alongside teacher of the year finalists Anthony Stinson and William Haskin. Contact [Kathy Politis](mailto:Kathy.Politis@doe.k12.ga.us) for more information for your school posters.

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GeorgiaStandards.Org Provides Quick Access to:

- Georgia Performance Standards
- Model units, lessons, performance tasks
- Student work samples and teacher commentary
- Resources aligned to the GPS
- Teacher tools and web links
- Best practice videos
- Professional learning opportunities

All of the above plus:
The ability to create and manage Public or Private groups for online collaboration

An Online Builder for creating performance-based units, tasks and assessments aligned to the GPS

Contact Kathy Politis for more information: (404) 651-5664 - Kpolitis@doe.k12.ga.us

April GSO to GO Calendar Template

Download the [April calendar](#) template now.



Illuminate GPS Professional Learning Sessions for April

Talking About Learning and Kids

K-8 Math TALKs

Password = math

Grade	Time	Date	Link
K	4 p.m.	Apr 28, 2008	Link
3	4 p.m.	Apr 29, 2008	Link
6	4 p.m.	Apr 24, 2008	Link

2008 Testing Newsletter

Superintendent Kathy Cox states, "A good testing program, combined with a strong curriculum, can pave the way for targeted, focused instruction that will help Georgia improve student achievement like never before in our history." And with that message in mind, educators who need to know more about the state's testing program, should download the [2008 Testing Newsletter](#). This comprehensive newsletter is prepared by the Office of Standards, Instruction and Assessment. The [newsletter](#) covers the following testing topics:

What Georgia educators need to know about Georgia's Testing Program

A Message from the Superintendent:

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Other GaDOE News

New GSO Content

[Click here](#) to view the new content that was added to GeorgiaStandards.Org.

April Media Matters

A [newsletter](#) for people who love Library Media Centers. You can also access the [Media Matters archives](#).

GaDOE Press Releases

[Click here](#) to access media information for encouraging K-12 education in Georgia.

GSO Press Releases

Read all the [latest news](#) regarding Georgia Standards.

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