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New Year Brings New Changes

New Staff

As we move closer to the new calendar year, there are three new additions to the English Language Arts division of Curriculum and Instruction.

In November, Laura Hooven and Stephanie Sanders joined the English Language Arts staff as Program Specialists. Laura recently worked in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as an ELA/Literacy Instructional Coach in Washington County. Prior to that position, she served as an ELA teacher at Evans High School in Augusta, Georgia. Stephanie Sanders previously served in Fulton County as a Title I Lead ELA Specialist. In that lead role, she supported Title I schools and Title I ELA instructional coaches.

In January, Carolyn Waters will join our ELA staff as the Program Manager. Carolyn is retired from the Cobb County School District with over thirty years of experience as both a classroom teacher and an ELA instructional leader. During her tenure as the 6-12 and High School Literacy/English Language Arts Supervisor, she provided leadership and support for many ELA teachers, including the roll out for GPS and CCGPS. Carolyn is eager to bring her wealth of experience and support to her new position as ELA Program Manager.

We are very fortunate and honored to have the expertise and experience from these new team members. Their contact information is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

Young Georgia Authors

The Georgia Council of Teachers of English (GCTE) will be facilitating the Young Georgia Authors' contest again this year 2013-2014. Information will be posted on the GCTE Web site. The GaDOE will also include communication on the ELA Program Page as soon as updated GCTE Guidelines are posted.

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GCTE Web Page link:

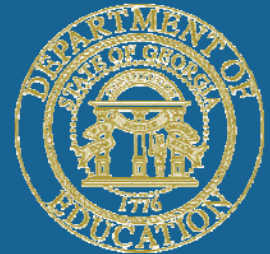
<http://www.gcte.net/home.html>

2014 ELA Summer Institute

Our new ELA team is working to plan the 2014 ELA Summer Institute. With the help and support from our state RESAs and Georgia teachers, we will be able to provide useful professional learning and instructional supports in ELA.



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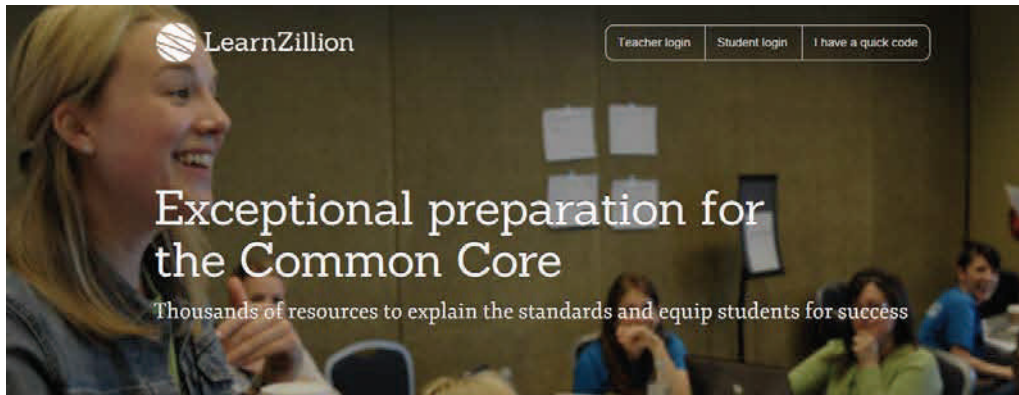
Dr. John D. Barge,
State School
Superintendent

*"Making Education
Work for All Georgians"*

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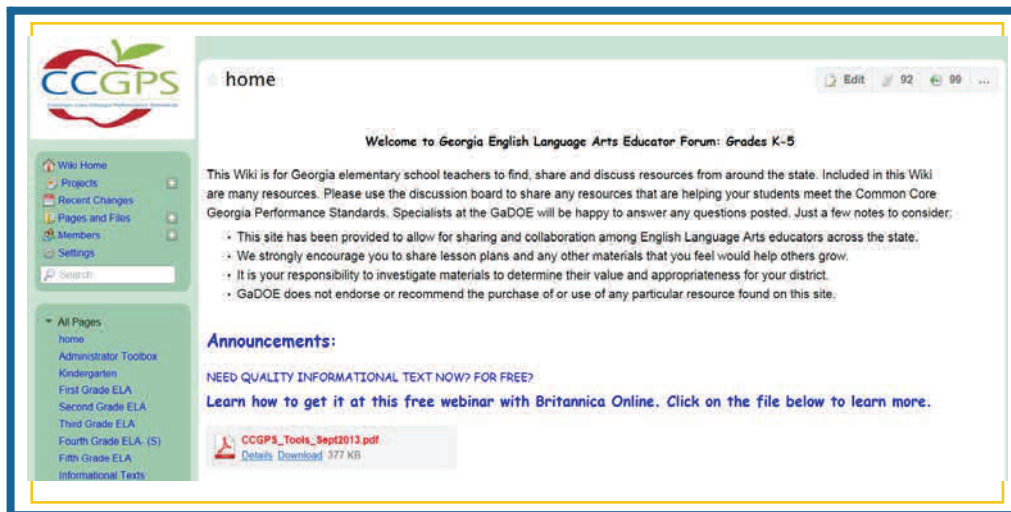
Most of you have probably already heard about LearnZillion. This resource provides a wide range of teacher-created lessons to address the standards. This month, LearnZillion has added new resources to its site.

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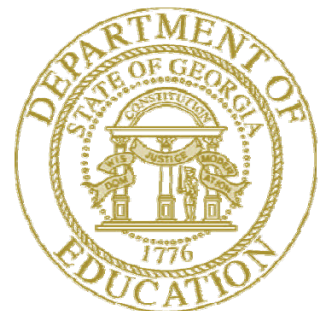
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GeorgiaStandards.Org ELA Page:

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