

Hello and Happy Fall to All,

Hopefully, everyone is settling into a wonderful new school year. We know it takes time to get teachers and students into a school day routine, but once that is learned, the day does flow better. Enjoy the cooler weather and the beautiful signs of fall among us. Before we know it, this season will be changing. Stop and enjoy each day and remember to take deep breaths and be happy! Don't forget your Pre-K Specialist is available to help and support you in your Pre-K classroom. We also have resources on the Pre-K teacher webpage at:

<http://www.decal.ga.gov/Prek/Teachers.aspx>



The 11th annual Georgia Pre-K Week event virtually brought together people from across the state to celebrate the importance of Georgia's Pre-K Program to the lives of the state's youngest learners. We had great participation again this year. Over 500 programs registered and participated in the fun-filled week. Thank you for a great celebration! The videos of legislators and special guests on the Voices website will remain available until the end of the month. If you haven't visited the website, there are many book

recordings your children will enjoy. You can access the website at <https://georgiavoices.org/2021-georgias-pre-k-week-videos/>

Congratulations to our 2022 – 2021 Pre-K Teachers of the Year! The public school winner is Stephanie Curington from Kings Chapel Elementary School in Perry, and the private center winner is LaNita Carey from Jackson Creek Academy in Lilburn. We appreciate the hard work of all our Pre-K teachers and are happy we get to celebrate some of our best!

Work Sampling Online (WSO) Reminders

Make sure you have entered all your students into WSO. If you have not yet entered your students, instructions for creating a class and adding students can be found under the 'How To' tab using the link provided below for WSO Support.

To obtain the Student ID for students who enrolled after September 3rd, contact your director/principal for an updated copy of the PANDA Roster Report. If you have any problems entering students, [click here to submit a Help Ticket](#). Select the option 'I have a problem with adding a student'. If a record already exists, we will transfer it to you.

All students should have a Developmental Checklist in WSO for Period 1. If you have not created your Checklists and need assistance in getting started, refer to the link below to access the online WSO Training Manual and available resources.

If you are a **NEW** GA Pre-K Lead Teacher and have not entered WSO data because you have not yet attended *2021-2022 New Lead Teacher Training*, contact the Pre-K Specialist assigned to your program for guidance in meeting the Pre-K requirements for assessment.

WSO Resources and Support:

- Recorded Webinar: Getting Started in WSO
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZgTckCbCIQ>
- Recorded Webinar: Collecting Quality Evidence
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ll300b74_g
- WSO Training Manual, WSO 'How To' files, and a WSO FAQ are all available to you at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/Prek/PreKChildAssessmentProgram.aspx>.

- For assistance from our Assessment Team, [*click here to submit a Help Ticket.*](#)

Using Assessment for Planning Instruction Webinar – learn how to use assessment data to intentionally differentiate instruction.

Tuesday, October 19, 1-2 p.m.

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83879873825?pwd=ZFl1SWNWRWhzRjVpQWJWbSsoZ1NLUTo9>

Meeting ID: 838 7987 3825

Passcode: WSO8500

Thank you for all you do to ensure the children in your Pre-K classroom have a successful Pre-K experience!

Sincerely,

Georgia's Pre-K Team