



Georgia Teachers of the Year Association

The Georgia Teachers of the Year Association will sponsor the following activities at the conference on May 19, 2018.

“Promising Practices”

Each System Teacher of the Year will share one successful practice used in his or her classroom. This opportunity to learn from others at your grade level (elementary, middle, or high school) has always been a highlight of the conference!

Please complete the attached form and email to Marc Pedersen, GTOY President, by **May 14, 2018**. You may mail **before** or **after** the conference. His address is MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us, and he will make certain that all practices are available for future use by honored teachers.

Please be aware that:

- AV will not be available for your presentation.
- You will verbally share your practice during a 6 to 10 minute presentation. Just relax and share with your peers!
- You may bring hand-outs if you like. Probably 30 copies will be adequate.

Gale Samuels Award

These financial awards (up to \$750 each) are given in honor of Georgia Teachers of the Year Association’s first Georgia Department of Education Liaison, who died of leukemia in 1998. During the May 19th conference, participants will learn about our most recent grant winners.

Applications for the 2018-2019 awards will be distributed at that time.

Judy B. Floyd Space Camp Award

Funds will be provided by the GTOY Association for one System Teacher of the Year to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. This award is in memory of Judy B. Floyd, another outstanding GDOE Liaison. During the upcoming conference, you will learn about our most current recipient.

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E-mail to MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us **no later than** May 14, 2018.

Name: Sonya Turner

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“Promising Practices Classroom Activity”

Title of Activity: National Fun Days

Recommended to use with this number of students: whole class

Content Area: can involve any subject areas Grade Level(s): all

Match to Georgia Standard(s): can be designed to align with any standard

Note: Use the remainder of this page and up to one additional page for describing the activity.

Fun, laughter, and the making of memories fill the room when we celebrate a fun and wacky holiday. All teachers know that relationships make a difference in the way students perform in school. This activity helps build relationships. I always align standards with the days we celebrate, whether it is by reading a related book or conducting a science experiment. At the beginning of each month I send home a note entitled "Let's Have a Fun-Filled" (depending on the month). I find out up-coming holidays by simply googling "Fun and Wacky Holidays". You can determine the length of each activity. For me, it is about 15 minutes in between lunch and recess, unless the day falls on a Friday; in that case we celebrate longer. I have attached an example of one of the months I used this year. The point is to simply connect with the students. Overall, I think it's time well spent and makes for very interesting, fun, and "wacky" teaching.