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Calendar Of Events

September

- 5 Labor Day; a legal school holiday - ROE Closed
- 11 Day of Remembrance; a commemorative school holiday
- 16 Mexican Independence Day
- 22 Autumn begins
- 23 American Indian Day

Do you want to continue to receive this newsletter?

If so, you must return the back page with your label on it to our office to remain on the mailing list for the 2005-2006 school year.

You may also respond by e-mailing Mary Escamilla at mescam@whitesideroe.org.



Welcome Back!
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Teacher Induction Workshop

All teachers new to Whiteside County were invited to a workshop on Tuesday, August 16. Thirty-five new teachers were introduced to the variety of services of the Regional Office and the requirements of the initial vs. standard certificate. In addition, "Classroom Management Strategies" and "Parent Conferencing Skills" were presented to provide information to ease the transition between being student and teacher. The Regional Office of Education would like to welcome these new professionals to our ranks.

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SERVICES

• **Laminating** - If you would like to laminate your school materials, you may use the laminating machine for \$.50 per foot. If you would like us to do the laminating for you, the cost is \$1 per foot.

• **Ellison Letter Machine** - You may use the Ellison letter machine at the office for \$2 per use. You may pick up the machine, use it off-site, and return it for a fee of \$10 per day.

PROGRAMS

• **Whiteside County Parents As Teachers** - Parents As Teachers is a school-based parent education program, available free of charge, for families with children birth through age 5. Services include personalized home visits, parent and child activities, toy lending libraries, developmental screenings, and a monthly newsletter. For more information, call Pat Rhodes at 815/625-1495.

• **Whiteside County Early Learning Partners Pre-K at-risk program (Jump Start)** is a prekindergarten program serving children ages 3-5 years residing in the East Coloma, Riverdale and Montmorency School Districts. The children attend school five days per week for 2 1/2 hours per day. Two classes, morning and afternoon, are offered each day with a maximum of 20 children per classroom. Parent/guardian conferences are held quarterly as well as several different parent/child activities. For more information contact our office 815/625-1495.

Have Legos, Will Loan

Remember the fun of playing with Legos? The Regional Office has classroom sets of Legos available to help teachers do hands-on activities in science/math. Classroom sets include:

- Simple Machines for grades K-2
- Motorized Simple Machines for upper primary grades
- Amusement Park with programmable software for grades 4 and above
- Power of Energy sets that illustrate the power of water, wind, and sun for grades 4 and above

These sets include lesson plans, diagrams of how to build the model, and experiments for each project. What an interesting method of showing each scientific concept, experimenting, predicting outcomes, and gathering data to experience science. Classroom sets may be reserved or checked out of the regional office by contacting Mary Escamilla at 625-1495. Make this the year that science is more than a textbook!

18th Annual Coal Calendar Art and Essay Contest

Thirteen posters and twelve essays will be selected to create the 18th annual coal calendar for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Posters and essays should express the impact of coal on everyday life in Illinois communities. The contest is open to students in grades 5 - 8. A teacher must send all student entries, with a student entry form attached to each, and the teacher entry form in the packet no later than March 6, 2006. Guidelines and forms are available by contacting Linda Dunbar, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Office of Coal Development, at 217/524-3820 or TTY at 800/785-6055 or by e-mail to ldunbar@ildceo.net. For further information, contact Betty Clementz at the Whiteside ROE.

Raising Student Achievement Conference (RSAC)

The Raising Student Achievement Conference is being sponsored for all educators in Illinois through the Regional Offices of Education in collaboration with ISBE. All schools in the state are approaching the same hurdles to make AYP meet the requirements of NCLB. This is a three-day conference that will address all components of the school improvement process with emphasis on classroom strategies to move all children forward. It will be held at Pheasant Run in St. Charles on December 5, 6, and 7. Full information (registration procedure, keynote speakers, administrator academies, and breakout sessions) is available at the website www.roeachievementconference.org. If ever there was a conference to attend, this is it. There will truly be something for everyone!

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Meeting The Challenge XVI: Fine Arts Conference

Plans are progressing for the sixteenth annual fine arts conference, hosted by the partnership of the Whiteside Regional Office of Education and Sauk Valley Community College, to be held on Friday, January 6, 2006 at Sauk Valley Community College. Three workshop sessions will be offered to registrants for hands-on activities and curriculum for visual arts, music, drama, and dance, in addition to sessions of general interest. This year, the conference will provide many sessions for the regular classroom teacher, as well as the fine arts teacher, to enhance the curriculum in these areas. Be watching for the flyer to arrive at your building in late October.

When Did You Last Update Your Needs Assessment Survey?

The needs assessment survey is on the www.whitesideroe.org website. The process is as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. It will take about 5 minutes to complete and will give the Regional Office the topics most needed for professional development workshops.

1. Click on Teacher Information System on the left-hand side.
2. Enter your last name and social security number at this safe site.
3. Click on Update Needs Assessment.
4. Complete the survey:
 - a) For each item rank your needs as 0 (no need), 1(some need), and 2 (great need).
 - b) Update the grade level of your assignment and preference of when you prefer to attend workshops.
 - c) Add any other topics not in the list that you would like to have presented and submit the names of any presenters you would like to hear.
5. Click on Submit.

This information is automatically sent to our regional office and evaluated. When we receive a number of surveys with similar areas of needs, that topic may be offered for a workshop.

All Whiteside County teachers are requested to complete this survey by September 30.

PROGRAMS (cont.)

- **Even Start Family Literacy Program** – Even Start is a comprehensive family literacy program that integrates adult education, early childhood education, parent education and parent/child literacy interaction. Families eligible for Adult Basic Education and who have a child ages birth to five years qualify for services. Even Start offers two different formats in order to meet the needs of eligible families. **Even Start Family Class/Clase Familiar** is for parents learning English as a Second Language and their young children ages birth to five years. This class meets Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. or Monday through Wednesday 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Wallace Education Center. **Even Start Learning Together Class** is for parents in need of improving basic reading skills or working on GED preparation and their young children ages birth to three years. This class meets Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. or Monday through Wednesday 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Wallace Education Center. This class has a special focus on teen parents.
- **Even Start Family Literacy Program** is a collaborative project between Head Start, Prevention Initiative, Parents as Teachers and the Whiteside Regional Office of Education. For more information on these programs, please contact Lois Meisenheimer at 815/625-1495.

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Changes to ISAT/PSAE Testing for 2005-2006

The following are changes to the regulations of NCLB:

All students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be tested in reading and mathematics in 2005–2006; science will continue to be tested at grades 4, 7, and 11.

1. Subgroup size will increase from 40 to 45 students.
2. Schools will be permitted to add 14% to the exam scores of students with disabilities.
3. A district will not make AYP if specific grade spans -- grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 — fail to meet testing targets. (Previously a district was labeled as not making AYP if any subgroup did not meet targets.)
4. Enrollment date for students to be included in the school test results has been changed to May 1.

There are three requirements to make AYP:

- The target scores in reading and mathematics must be 47.5% or more;
- Participation of students in all measurable subgroups must be at least 95%;
- In elementary and middle schools, the school must have an 89% attendance rate overall and for each subgroup; in high schools 69% of students must graduate from high school overall and within each subgroup.

State of Illinois Test Dates for 2005-2006

ISAT:	March 13-24, 2006
PSAE:	April 26-27, 2006
IMAGE:	March 13-24, 2006
ACCESS:	January 30-March 10, 2006 for speaking section of test
(ELLs only)	March 1-8, 2006 for all other ACCESS tests

IAA	First baseline collection: September 19-October 14, 2005
	Second collection: November 14-December 16, 2005
	Last collection: January 16-February 10, 2006

Grade 2:	March 13-24, 2006 (Only Title I-funded schools serving grade 2 as the highest grade participate in this assessment.)
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The writing component of the ISAT and PSAE tests will return in 2007 with the tests to be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. In the following year, 2008, grade 6 will be added to those grades. In 2009, grade 3 will be added to the previous grades.

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How Can I Find Professional Development Workshops?

The Whiteside Regional Office of Education website, www.whitesideroe.org, contains many items of interest to educators, parents, and community members. From the links on the left, click on **Workshops** to view a list of all to be offered. Each offering includes a description with information of the intended audience, the cost, time, and location. A registration form, which may be completed on-line and printed for submission in hard copy form, along with the fee for each workshop is also available.

The number of registrations received one week in advance will determine the status of each workshop. When the minimum number of registrations is reached, a confirmation postcard will be sent to each registrant. If the minimum number of registrations is not reached one week in advance of the workshop, the workshop will be cancelled, and a postcard will be sent to notify registrants of a cancellation. No refunds will be made after the registration deadline. Keep checking this link as new workshops will be added throughout the year.

Another website, www.iarss.org, has been made available for all regional offices to post their professional development activities. Click on **Professional Development** to access the state-wide list. For the activities that are the closest, including Whiteside County, click on the Area II portion of the map, and you will access a list of all workshops in the northwest corner of Illinois with registration information. This is 'one-stop shopping' for your professional development needs. This site will always be posting new activities as they become available.

CeCredits Online: Graduate Credit through On-line Courses

Do you want to take graduate level classes but can't find the time to travel to Northern or Western? Six graduate level classes will be offered to teachers in Whiteside County, with special pricing, through CeCredits Online. The price indicated is for the course and for CPDUs; an additional charge is added upon completion of the course if graduate credit from Humboldt State University is preferred to CPDUs. All registrations are through the website of www.cccreditsonline.org. There is no start or finish date of the course. You decide when it is convenient for you to complete your choice. Visit the website to see a sample of a course, the syllabus for each, and its requirements. Join the many Whiteside County teachers who have found on-line graduate courses to fill their needs for professional development.

Full information in a flyer will be distributed to principals for posting. Sign up today for one of these courses:

- *Giving Directions that Students Follow;*
- *Stopping Disruptive Behavior;*
- *Conducting the Parent Conference;*
- *Foundations of Education: Building Effective Learning Environments;*
- *Coaching to Improve Reading; and*
- *Coaching to Improve Teaching and Learning.*

Any questions, please contact Betty Clementz at the Regional Office of Education.

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FALL WORKSHOPS

Software Trainings Continue

Software training in Microsoft Office: Excel, PowerPoint, and Word, Microsoft Windows, and Internet are available in two sessions of two hours each for a total of four hours. There will be sessions for beginning computer users as well as for advanced users. In addition, there will be offerings in topics of interest to teachers: Digital Imaging, Desktop Publishing, and How to Find, Evaluate & Adapt Lesson Plans on the Web. These trainings will again be offered to educators and the general public in the first semester. The schedule of classes, with a short description and a registration form, will be faxed to each building for posting. Registration form and fees must be received one week in advance of the class. All classes must have a minimum number of three students, and the maximum number is ten. Nancy Slonneger will be the instructor. Look for the postings in your building of these trainings to help you use technology effectively. These workshops are also posted on the website: www.whitesideroe.org.

Reading First for Teachers of Grades K-3

Reading First is grade-specific literacy strategies to *Leave No Child Behind*. Reading First training across the US focuses on the five essential components of reading instruction: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics/Word Study, Vocabulary Development, Reading Fluency, and Reading Comprehension. Each strategy will be demonstrated and practiced. In addition, strategies will be presented which will aid in meeting the needs of special education and English language learner students.

Reading First for teachers of kindergarten and first grades will begin on Wednesday, September 14, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., and continue each Wednesday through November 2. Flyers for this workshop have been faxed to each building. All registrations should be sent with fee to the Whiteside Regional Office of Education by **Wednesday, September 7**. Reading specialists, special education, and all kindergarten and first grade teachers are encouraged to attend. Twenty-four CPDUs will be awarded for this training.

Reading First Academies for teachers of second and third grade include the same topics as addressed in the K-1 Academy, but additionally will address the areas of ELL students and differentiation strategies for those students who are not at grade level.

Reading First for teachers of second and third grades will begin on Thursday, September 22 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and continue through November 10. Flyers for this workshop have been faxed to each building. All registrations should be sent with fee to the Whiteside Regional Office of Education by **Friday, September 9**. Reading specialists, special education, and all second and third grade teachers are encouraged to attend. Twenty-four CPDUs will be awarded for this training.

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Conservation/Environmental Education for the New School Year

The Whiteside County Soil & Water Conservation Office is a service provided to every community by the United States Department of Agriculture. One of our services is to provide conservation and environmental information to the schools.

Our education program is free and available to every school at all grade levels to promote and provide the classrooms of Whiteside County with educational programs about the importance of conservation and maintaining the natural resources of Illinois and our nation. The program serves as an educational resource for the classroom with classroom visits, nature walks on or near your school grounds, field trips, visits to local parks, free resource materials, information in the development of your classroom units of study, source of professionals for specific conservation environmental issues, and any other service that our staff can provide to you for teaching this important topic.

Please contact Nancy Anderson, education coordinator, daily 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at 815/772-2124, #3; fax- 815/772-7973; or e-mail nancy.anderson@il.nacdnet.net for this new year of learning.

Education Resources for 2005-2006

The Soil and Water Conservation District has resources available for loan of two weeks (unless additional time is required) for a unit of study in the following areas:

- a. Butterfly Kit: grades 2-6 "how to" sheets of information about butterflies and their life cycles, growing classroom specimens, videos, books and booklets, a habitat garden, catching case, and an old but useable butterfly collection that provides close-up views of these beauties of nature;
- b. Soil: posters, lesson plans, videos, soil samples, and very good useable information;
- c. Water: groundwater flow model with a case and a plexi-glass sand model for water quality;
- d. Prairie: a notebook of very good lesson plans and CDs developed by the Peoria Forest and Nature Center;
- e. IDNR notebooks of lesson plans and activities on Illinois aquatics, birds, mammals, and trees.

The SWCD is available to help in your classroom for any program of interest to you or for support information and materialsplease let them know what they can do to help you and your students for this new school year.

The Department of Natural Resources is a very good resource for free materials for the schools of Illinois. Items are available by mail, free, and efficiently delivered to your classroom by contacting the office in Springfield. Materials are posters on insects, butterflies, animal tracks, tree uses, reptiles, mammals, etc.; CDs on birds, Illinois aquatics, bio-diversity, etc.; DVDs of Illinois furbearers; Schoolyard Habitat Grant; Illinois Tree Trunk; Illinois Wild Animal Mammal Trunk....and many other sources for specific and general education. This is free, quality information.

For a free brochure contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) at 217/524-4126 or fax- 217/524-4819. To order materials or request a catalog: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education>.

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Science, Math, and Technology

By: Paul Cannon

Welcome Back to Another School Year

As you begin this new school year, with new students and new opportunities, I want to not only welcome you back but also let you know that if there is any way that I can be of assistance, or serve as a resource person for you in the areas of mathematics, science, and/or technology integration, please call me at the regional office of education at 815/625-1495 or e-mail me at: pcannon@whitesideroe.org.

It is my intention to use the regional office's monthly newsletter to keep you informed of current information concerning math, science, and/or technology; useful Internet web sites; and in-service training opportunities that are available either through the our regional office in Sterling or through other regional offices and/or other institutions. **HAVE A GREAT YEAR**, and I look forward to serving you during this school year!

StarLab

StarLab is a multi-cultural, interdisciplinary tool for education. It consists of an inflatable dome, a projector, projection cylinders, optional accessories, and teaching resources. The STARLAB system is **NOT** just for teaching science. While it has great value in the area of science to teach such areas as astronomy, earth science, life science, physical science, geology, geography, and weather patterns, the StarLab system can also be utilized to teach multi-cultural studies, social sciences, and history. In mathematics, it can be used to teach measurement of distances, scale calculations, plotting coordinate systems, angular measurements, and estimation. In addition, there are also resources for teaching art, literature, and mythology. Simply stated, its uses are as limitless as the universe itself.

The Whiteside Regional Office has this great teaching resource, and many supplemental resources, available for check out to teachers within the county whom have received StarLab training. If you have not received the training, or if it has been some time since you went through the training process and you would like to use this resource, talk to your building principal about arranging a StarLab training for your building. Paul Cannon is the StarLab consultant at the Regional Office of Education. You can contact Paul at 815/625-1495 or by e-mail at pcannon@whitesideroe.org.

Teacher Planet Website

I would encourage you to check out the following website: <http://www.teacherplanet.com>. Once you are at this site, look to the left for the box that states: "Sign-up for Our Newsletter." If you follow the instructions and sign-up, you will receive a weekly newsletter that contains: monthly theme pages, teaching units, lesson plans, worksheets, educational cartoons, and much, much more. The newsletter is free and so are the other materials. It is worth your time to check it out.

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Teacher Resources Available on the Internet

A lot of **FREE** – Federal resources for science can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/free/s-scienc.html>. A large collection of science-related educational resources supported by agencies across the U.S., organized by topic area, can be found at this site.

The Illinois Science Teacher's Association (ISTA) has a great web site with a lot of information. You can log on this site at <http://www.ista-il.org>. When you are surfing this site, note the section entitled "**Resources.**" Under this section you can click on "Teacher Resources" for links to all kinds of Internet teaching resources.

Check out the **Science Spot** located at <http://sciencespot.net/>. From lesson plans to links to great sites for teachers and students, this site offers a wealth of resources for middle school science educators! The **Science Classroom**, located at <http://sciencespot.net/Pages/classroom.html>, offers lessons and links to online lesson plans that are aligned with Illinois Learning Standards, and these online lesson plan collections are organized by topic!

The Gateway, which is located at <http://www.thegateway.org/>, offers one-stop, any-stop access to high quality lesson plans, curriculum units, and other education resources on the Internet! Use their site search to find the resources you need at the click of a mouse!

Eduscapes, found at <http://www.eduscapes.com/>, is one of the best resources for incorporating technology into your classroom! Technology coordinators will want to check out this site as well. Be sure to check out **The Teacher Tap** link. This is a free, professional development resource that helps educators address common technology integration questions by providing practical, online resources and activities. Check out this link, located at <http://eduscapes.com/tap/index.htm>, for more information. Be sure to check this site often because they are continuously adding new resources on a regular basis.

Observational Astronomy and Telescope Use

On September 20 and 27 and October 4 (cloud date of October 11) from 6:30-10:00 p.m., an excellent astronomy workshop will be offered through the Two Rivers Professional Development Center located near Peoria. These sessions will be held at the Lakeview Museum in Peoria.

These workshop sessions will prepare participants in the basics of observational astronomy and how to use simple astronomical telescopes and binoculars. Instruction will be in the planetarium and outside using the museum's 10" Dobsonian telescopes. (Participants may also bring their personal telescopes and binoculars.) All participants will receive a planisphere that shows the locations of all the constellations at any hour of the night, any day of the year, and a list of easy target objects for small amateur telescopes. An extended session will be held at the Peoria Astronomical Society's Brimfield Observatory.

The entire workshop will be 11 hours in length and cost \$100. 15 CPDU's of continuing education credit will be available for teacher recertification. In addition, participation in these sessions will include the use of one of the Lakeview Museum's 10" Odyssey telescopes at their school for a month...available through the Museum's School Loan Program.

For more information and to register, please call the museum at 309/686-1000 x 113.

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NBPTS National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

If you are a teacher who has begun a new five-year cycle for recertification this spring, you may want to think about obtaining a Master Teaching Certificate offered through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). By completing the NBPTS process, you will be able to meet your professional development requirement for the next recertification cycle.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has developed a video http://isbe.net/news/video/nbpts_video.htm and a webpage <http://isbe.net/profprep/nbpts.htm> that will give you an overview of just what is involved. The web address for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is <http://www.nbpts.org/> and Illinois site <http://coe.ilstu.edu/ilnbpts/RC&LC/index.asp>.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has announced that it will pay \$2,000 of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) candidate application fee for a limited number of qualifying Illinois public school teachers seeking National Board Certification in 2005-2006. All interested teachers are asked to apply. Priority for the stipend will be given to teachers who meet the established criteria and have filed the completed ISBE application (**ISBE 77-32 (8/05)**) (found at <http://www.coe.ilstu.edu/ilnbpts/>) with the National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University on or before **September 15**.

If you are considering enrolling in this program, have read the information at the above websites, and still have questions regarding National Board Certification, contact Peggy Potthoff, NBCT Lead Coordinator for this area. Peggy is a master certificate holder and is a teacher in the Sterling district. She would be more than willing to help you better understand what is involved. You can reach Peggy by e-mail, margaretpotthoff@yahoo.com.

Internet Access in Public Schools

Internet access in public schools increased from 35 to 95% and classroom connections increased from 3 to 63% from 1994-99, according to "Internet Access in U.S. Public Schools & Classrooms: 1994-1999," a report released in February 2005 by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Although the statistics in this report provide information collected in the fall of 1999 about the extent of Internet access, major sources of funding for educational technology, and more, many of the links listed on the URL provide more current information. The site can be accessed on the Internet by typing the following URL: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2000086>.

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Upcoming Workshops

Instructional Strategies & Methods

4054 Giving Directives that Students Will Follow: CE Credits Online, 1st in series

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$135, Code: GD-1700212-3 15 CPDUs, 1 credit. Register at www.cccreditsonline.org Learn theory, rationale, and techniques for giving irresistible directives to students. This quick but powerful 4-step verbal tactic focuses attention on the student's responsibility for his or her own positive outcome.

Date(s):	Open	Times:	12:00 AM-12:00 AM	Cost:	\$135
Location:	CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters:	CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs:	15
		Reg Deadline:			

4055 Stopping Disruptive Behavior, 2nd in series

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$135, Code: SDB-1700212-3 15 CPDUs, 1 credit. Register at www.cccreditsonline.org. Learn a powerful, constructive technique for managing student behavior. This agile, verbal strategy causes students to examine their behaviors in the light of choice and consequence and may cut your discipline referrals in half.

Date(s):	Open	Times:	12:00 AM-12:00 AM	Cost:	\$135
Location:	CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters:	CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K-12th	Reg Deadline:			

4056 Conducting the Parent Conference, 3rd in series

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$135, Code: CPC-1700212-3 15 CPDUs, 1 credit. Register at www.cccreditsonline.org. Learn persuasive and effective strategies for difficult parent conferences. This 7-step interview will move parents toward becoming committed participants in the solution.

Date(s):	Open	Times:	12:00 AM-12:00 AM	Cost:	\$135
Location:	CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters:	CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K-12th	Reg Deadline:			

4057 Today's Classroom: Foundations of and Current Trends in Education

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$190, Code: FOE-1700212-3 30 CPDUs, 2 credits. Register at www.cccreditsonline.org. Create and maintain effective learning environments for students using important concepts in American education: history, governmental policies, and best practices in classrooms across the nation. Use research and learning theories to help students achieve. Topics of study included are: early childhood development theories, individual learning differences, research on factors that influence student motivation, traditional versus alternative methods of student assessment, and classroom management plans.

Date(s):	Open	Times:	12:00 AM-12:00 AM	Cost:	\$190
Location:	CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters:	CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K-12th	Reg Deadline:			

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4058 Coaching to Improve Teaching and Learning

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$270, Code: COA-1700212-3 45 CPDUs, 3 credits. Register at www.ccreditsonline.org. Learn processes of collaboration and communication that ensure quality outcomes for students. Establish mutual purpose/respect and how to use a variety of effective coaching communication skills. Maximize expertise, skills, and talents of coaching partners. Opportunity for reflection, practice, observation, analysis, and application of skills. Emphasis on intentional best practice, celebration of success, planning of future observational episodes, and relationship maintenance.

Date(s): Open	Times: 12:00 AM-12:00 AM	Cost: \$270
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 15

4101 How to Be an Effective Teacher - Fall 2005

Dr. Harry Wong's book, "How to be an Effective Teacher," has sold over a million copies. This book has been followed by a video series, "The Effective Teacher," which won the Telly Award for being the best educational, staff-development video of the past 20 years. The highly entertaining videos do a great job complementing units of the book along with group discussion. Fee includes a copy of Dr. Harry Wong's book, "The Effective Teacher." Can be used by regular education teachers to meet the 20% requirement for continuing professional development activities in the area of serving students with special needs in the least restrictive environment. Approved Administrators' Academy course 259.

Date(s): 9/1/2005	Times: 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Cost: \$65
Location: Whiteside Reg. Office of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling	Presenters: Bill Urban	
Audience: K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 6

Reading

4102 Coaching to Improve Reading

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$270, Code: COR-1700212-3 45 CPDUs, 3 credits All registration is through CE Credits Online, www.ccreditsonline.org.

Date(s): Open	Times: 12:00 AM-12:00 AM	Cost: \$270
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 45

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Reading First

4099 Reading First Academy: Kindergarten and First Grade

Reading First Academies present grade-level specific strategies to "Leave No Child Behind." Each grade-level training will focus on the five essential components of reading instruction:

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary Development
- Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension

Date(s): 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5
10/12, 10/19
Times: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Presenters: Cheryl Faber &
Betty Clementz
Cost: \$100
Location: Whiteside Regional Office
of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling IL
Potential CPDUs: 24
Audience: K - 1st, reading support
personnel, elementary administrators, Title
I, and special education.
Reg Deadline: 9/7/2005

4100 Reading First Academy: Second & Third Grades

Reading First Academies present grade-level specific strategies to "Leave No Child Behind." Second and third grade level training will focus on the four essential components of reading instruction:

- Phonics
- Vocabulary Development
- Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension

In addition, ELL and differentiation strategies will be included.

Date(s): 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13,
10/20, 10/27
Times: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Presenters: Cheryl Faber &
Betty Clementz
Cost: \$100
Location: Whiteside Regional Office
of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling IL
Potential CPDUs: 24
Audience: 2nd - 3rd, elementary admin-
istrators, reading support personnel, Title I
and special education.
Reg Deadline: 9/9/2005

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Workshop Registration Advanced Registration is required for all ROE Programs

Please use a separate registration form for each workshop.

Name _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

School District Name and Number _____

Name of School _____ School Phone (____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address _____

Workshop ID# and Title _____

Workshop Fee: \$ _____ (checks payable to Regional Office of Education)

Workshop Date _____ Location of Workshop _____

I will want to receive ____ CPDU credits ____ Graduate credit (only if offered)

Registration forms and fees for each workshop received in our office **at least one week in advance** of the first session of the workshop will determine if the workshop will be offered or cancelled. **No refunds will be given after that date.** Further registrations will be accepted until the maximum number is met.

Please fill out the registration form completely and mail to the address below by the registration deadline with the appropriate fee. If you need further information, call 815/625-1495.

**Whiteside Regional Office of Education
1001 West 23rd Street
Sterling, IL 61081**

For Office Use:

Fee is Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Cash : _____ Date Received: _____ Number: _____

Date Confirmation Sent: _____

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Life on the Mississippi: A New Century

This interactive hands-on workshop, targeting teachers of science and social science of grades 6-12, presented by Living Lands & Waters in cooperation with National Geographic, Evergreen, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, will examine the ecological and social changes that have manifested along the Mississippi River over the last 100 years. This **free** workshop will take place aboard the living land and waters floating classroom with river excursions to take place via aluminum plate boats...weather permitting. (A donation of \$10/person will be requested to cover lunch and refreshments during the day.)

Activities include entering a lock chamber at the lock and dam, examining live mussel shells, sampling for macroinvertebrates, talking with commercial fishermen, and viewing their fresh catch, etc.

The workshop will be offered three times and at three locations:

- September 9 in Dubuque, Iowa
- September 23 in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
- October 14-15 in St. Louis, Missouri (two-day event -- 1graduate credit available from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri for a fee of \$60).

Visit www.livinglandsandwaters.org to register or for more information. Each day of attendance will award 7 CPDUs. A river curriculum and many free materials will be given to each participant. For specific questions, contact Tammy Becker by phone at 309/236-0725 or by e-mail at tammy@livinglandsandwaters.org.

Athletes and Asthma Training

Athletes and Asthma training will be offered in two separate workshops on Wednesday, September 21 in a morning session from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon session from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Deer Valley Country Club. All school nurses, coaches, physical education teachers, athletic trainers, and athletic directors are encouraged to register. There is no cost, but since the number of participants/session is limited to 40, pre-registration is required and will be accepted in the order received. CPDUs will be awarded. This training will provide two resource packets of information to each participant that will address the signs and symptoms of asthma, proper management of asthma, and strategies for trigger avoidance. A flyer has been faxed to all schools. Register now before the sessions are full!

Illinois Alliance for Arts Education (IAAE)

IAAE yearly membership is September 1 – August 31. IAAE is an organization of art educators throughout the state who support and advocate for arts education for all children. Best known for their annual awards to outstanding individuals and organizations for promoting arts education and the poster contest for promoting Arts Education Week in March, the IAAE also provides workshops to its members for professional development credit. For more information, contact the Executive Director, Barbara Heimerdinger, at 815/756-7625 or by e-mail barbarah@tbcnet.com or contact Betty Clementz at the ROE.

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