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Calendar Of Events

October

- 1 Recycling Day; a commemorative holiday
- 10 Leif Erickson Day; Columbus Day, a legal school holiday - ROE closed
- 10-14
National School Lunch Week
- 16-22
National School Bus Safety Week
- 21 Principal Appreciation Day
- 23-31
Red Ribbon Week
- 30 Standard Time returns; set clocks back one hour



Education Office Offers Conferences for Teachers

The Regional Office of Education, in cooperation with the Teachers' Retirement System, is scheduling telephone conferences in this area on Thursday, December 1 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in 15 minute time periods.

Members of the Retirement System who have questions about their benefits may request a telephone conference with a TRS counselor. If you would like to speak with a TRS benefits counselor, call the Regional Office at 815/625-1495 to complete a request for conference form. Request forms must be returned to the Regional Office no later than October 27.

Principal Appreciation Day

The Illinois Principals Association invites you to celebrate Principal Appreciation Day on Friday, October 21. Please remember the work and commitment of principals, assistant principals, and deans in your schools. Perform some act(s) of appreciation to acknowledge the leadership provided by these administrators.

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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 parent education program which provides developmental information and support to families with children birth to age 5. Personalized home visits, parent/child activities, toy lending libraries, developmental screenings, and a monthly newsletter are available free-of-charge to Whiteside County families. For more information, call Pat Rhodes at 815/625-1495.



NIU's Illinois Interactive Report Card

NIU, in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education, has developed an Illinois Interactive Report Card. Parents, teachers, school administrators, and citizens interested in the state of Illinois public education can begin to better understand school performance through the Illinois Interactive Report Card. The Interactive Illinois Report Card (IIRC) displays six years of Illinois Report Card data in a dynamic, easy-to-use format. The data from 2005 state testing is to be added as soon as it becomes available. In addition to providing academic performance information for all schools and districts in Illinois, the IIRC enables analysis of performance data, comparison of schools, and quick access to learning standards and other classroom resources. The site can be accessed at <http://iirc.niu.edu>.

ISEL

ISEL (Illinois Snapshot of Early Literacy), the quickly administered literacy test for kindergarten, first, and second grades, has been improved with sections on vocabulary and fluency being added for the fall administration. The original 8 subtest versions for K/1 and Spanish are still available. All materials for both the K/1 and the grade 2 enhanced versions and the original K/1 and Spanish versions are available on the website www.isbe.net/curriculum/reading/html/isel.htm.

Meeting The Challenge XVI: A Conference for You!

Meeting The Challenge XVI, a conference for K-12 teachers and administrators will be held at Sauk Valley Community College on Friday, January 6, 2006. The breakout sessions will focus on curriculum for the fine arts in the areas of dance, drama, music, and visual arts. This conference will also provide sessions of general interest to educators and is intended to benefit both the fine arts specialist and the regular classroom teacher. Registration flyers will be sent out in early November. Mark January 6 as a must-attend event.

26th Annual History Teachers Conference

Eastern Illinois University will be hosting the 26th annual history teachers conference on Thursday, November 3, on their campus in Charleston. It will feature workshop sessions, a vendor exhibit area, and a luncheon. Participants attending the conference may earn CPDUs toward their re-certification. A brochure may be viewed online at www.eiu.edu/~adulded/upcom.html, by clicking the "History Teachers Conference" link under conferences.

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Illinois Assessment Frameworks

The Illinois Assessment Frameworks are blueprints for the state assessments that will be administered, beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, to all students in grades 3-8 and grade 11. These frameworks are not intended to be content curriculum guides but instead provide districts with guidelines to what and when areas of the Illinois Learning Standards will be assessed. The framework for each subject consists of assessment objectives, at each grade level, linked directly to the Illinois Learning Standards. The percentage of questions on the state assessment for each objective will also be given. These assessment objectives will specify what is "fair game" (for every grade 3-8 beginning in 2005-2006 in reading and mathematics) for the state assessments.

The frameworks were first posted in October 2003, and educators have provided input and guidance on these documents. The revised Illinois Science Assessment Framework for grades 4 and 7, the revised Illinois Mathematics Assessment Framework for grades 3-8, and the revised Illinois Reading Assessment Framework for grades 3-8 reflect that input and are now online. You may download these revised versions at www.isbe.net/assessment/IAFindex.htm.

CE Credits Online: Registration Date Open-ended

CE Credits On-line has agreed to leave the registration date and ending date of courses open-ended to allow educators to register anytime for the graduate-level courses being offered at www.cecreditsonline.org. All registrations are at this website and will offer CPDU credit at its successful completion by the end of the course. If graduate credit is requested instead at that time, additional fees of \$40/semester hour to Humboldt State University will be required.

The courses are:

- Giving Directives That Students Will Follow (1 credit or 15 CPDUs)
- Stopping Disruptive Behavior (1 credit or 15 CPDUs)
- Conducting the Parent Conference (1 credit or 15 CPDUs)
- Foundations of Education: Building Effective Learning Environments (2 credits or 30 CPDUs)
- Coaching to Improve Teaching and Learning (2 credits or 30 CPDUs)
- Coaching to Improve Reading (3 credits or 45 CPDUs)

If you are interested in these classes, there is a flyer posted on the homepage of www.whitesideroe.org for you to obtain full information. Contact Betty Clementz if you have any questions.

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/Class 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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Workshop on ISAT/PSAE on November 2

ISBE is requiring by law, beginning no later than the 2005-6 school year, to annually test:

- All pupils enrolled in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in reading and mathematics; and
- All pupils enrolled in the 4th and 7th grades in the biological and physical sciences.

A workshop has been planned for November 2, at Deer Valley Country Club, in which Becky McCabe, ISBE Division Administrator of Student Assessment, will present an overview of the state testing for 2005-2006. Judie Steinhauser, ISBE Reading and Writing Consultant, Megan Forness, ISBE Consultant for Mathematics and Grade 2 Assessment of Reading and Writing, and Pam Stanko, ISBE Consultant of Science will address the Frameworks Assessment in each curricular area to share the changes in the state testing for the spring of 2006 in ISAT and PSAE. In addition, Dr. Carla Johnson and a team of core curricular teachers from Oswego CUSD #308 will follow with a presentation of how their district has increased scores through a program entitled OWL. This district, as the second fastest growing school district in Illinois, saw their problems in meeting AYP requirements, addressed them with many failed attempts, and finally reached success when PSAE scores increased 10% in the last year. Administrators and teachers will benefit from this workshop; 5.5 CPDUs will be offered. Registrations are now being accepted. For further information, please contact Betty Clementz at the ROE, 815/625-1495.

www.whitesideroe.org

The Whiteside Regional Office of Education website is filled with information for you! Professional development is the focus for this month.

The Teacher Needs Assessment survey is located at this site under the link on the left entitled TIS. All educators are urged to update their professional development needs now. This data dictates what professional development areas are of major concern.

The website www.iarss.org is the answer for all your professional development needs! The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools has created a website that hosts all the professional development workshops posted throughout the state. You may enter it through the link "Workshops" on the website of Whiteside Regional Office of Education. Click on Statewide Professional Development Activities. A map of Illinois pops up with the areas of the state highlighted. You may then select the area, and further selections will be included by individual county, as well as by category of content of workshops.

If you need CPDUs or graduate credit, this is the site for all your needs. Bookmark it, and you will be ready to find the professional development most tailored for your needs!

Computer Classes Begin October 4

The fall series of computer software classes are being taught by Nancy Slonneger in our Whiteside Regional Office of Education computer lab. Pre-registration is required with a minimum of three registrants for any class to be offered. The maximum number of participants will be 10 in a class. The registration form and full details of each class can be found at www.whitesideroe.org as well as in this newsletter. Flyers and registration information have been faxed to every building. These classes have been arranged to help teachers easily incorporate technology into their classrooms. Sign up now!

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Local School Wellness Policy: A Team Approach

“Local School Wellness Policy: A Team Approach” is a 2-hour live interactive satellite program to be broadcast from 2-4 p.m. on October 18. Those benefiting from this program would include child nutrition professionals, school administrators, teachers, and nurses, as well as parents and community partners interested in wellness policy development. Our regional office will host this broadcast in our meeting room; pre-registration required; call or email Mary Escamilla, as seating is limited. A tape of the program will be available after the broadcast.

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 became a law that requires every school district to develop and implement a local wellness policy by the beginning of the School Year 2006-2007. To view a brochure that describes the content of this satellite program, go to www.nfsmi.org. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Clementz.

Free Education Materials from the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR)

Excellent posters, CDs, and DVDs as well as free materials for the teaching of environmental sciences are available from the IDNR. You only need to telephone, use the website, or visit the local Sterling Office to get quality teaching tools about a variety of topics such as birds, fur bearing animals, butterflies, minerals and rocks, aquatic life, trees, and prairies.

A booklet with all of the listings of free IDNR materials and single copies of many of the items are available at the Sterling IDNR Office, in the business strip mall, west of McDonald’s on Route 2. The website, <http://dnr.state.il.us>, also provides a variety of resources and educational information that can be used by every grade level. You can also order by telephone at 217/524-4126 or fax: 217/524-4819.

Make use of this very good resource to help in this year’s classroom to learn more about nature.

Environmental Education Invitation for Whiteside County Schools

The Whiteside County Soil & Water Conservation District Education Program is available as a resource for your school to provide and promote educational materials and programs for conservation and environmental education.

Visits to your school can be a topic of interest to your students, or a current unit of study. Class visits will provide information about Illinois wildlife; insects; birds; prairies; trees; water and water conservation and quality preservation; soil types and soil conservation. Visits can be within your classroom, on the school grounds, or a near-by park with the length of the visit/content being appropriate to age and/or grade level.

Please contact Nancy Anderson, Education Coordinator, at 815/772-2124, ext. #3; by fax at 815/ 772-7973; or, e-mail: nancy.anderson@il.nacdnet.net. Program content, length of presentation, and materials are developed to meet Illinois Learning Standards with the intent to introduce students to hands-on learning about nature and all of our natural resources.

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Science, Math & Technology

By: Paul Cannon

Math and Science Partnerships Federal Grant Opportunity

The following information has been received from Dr. Randy Dunn, Illinois State Superintendent of Schools:

ISBE is again coordinating opportunities for K-12 teachers of mathematics and science to expand their content expertise in mathematics, sciences, and engineering through the NCLB Title II, Part B, competitive grant program. Request for Proposals (RFP) are available at http://www.isbe.net/curriculum/math_science/rfp.htm.

To identify the needs of Illinois K-12 teachers of mathematics and science more effectively, ISBE asks that you complete (approximately 10 minutes) the on-line survey, found at <http://www.isbe.net/curriculum/Default.htm>. **ISBE strongly encourages the completion of this survey by career and technical education faculty members as we move toward better opportunities for all students and teachers.** The insight into the professional development needs of our teachers will be most helpful in the designs of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnerships that will be funded in Illinois, and assisting you in making the choices for district opportunities. You will also be able to access the identified needs by concept, grade, discipline, and county (since they are submitted anonymously). A special section (an additional ten minutes) will be randomly added for some middle and high school respondents, which further probes their current knowledge and classroom applications associated with critical technologies and their connections in the sciences and mathematics of the 21st century. Also at this website you will have access to a pre-recorded web cast explaining all the details of this program. Viewing this web cast will require Real Player. If you do not have Real Player, a free version can be downloaded at the Real Player Web site.

Technology Resources to Assist Teachers

The availability of free resources from educational companies are becoming fewer and fewer so, take advantage of any “freebies” you can before they run out. Below are some helpful FREE resources that you might be interested in:

- **TeAch-nology.com**, located at <http://worksheets.teach-nology.com>, is a site with many free worksheets, but also offers on-line worksheet makers and graphic organizer generators such as, Crossword Puzzle Maker; Word Search Maker; and a Weekly Assignment Generator.
- **abcteach** at <http://www.abcteach.com> provides free printable sheets for grades K-8. Navigation is easy because the web pages are displayed in a very easy-to-read format.
- **Dosiety.com** focuses on mathematics and language arts for grades K-8 and offers printable worksheets as well as a very good collection of interactive educational modules. You can find this resource at <http://www.dositey.com>.
- **Easy Test Maker** makes it simple to create your tests with this free on-line test generator. Many different formats are available, such as: multiple choice; fill-in-the-blank; matching; short answer; and true/false questions. To find out more about, and to register for this easy test maker, check it out at <http://www.easytestmaker.com>.

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- **Cool Math Sites** <http://cte.jhu.edu/techacademy/web/2000/heal/mathsites.htm> for some really good math resources.
- **Color Theory:** At this web site, you will find several excellent activities, plus additional links, covering the color theory. *What is Color Theory?* Basically, it's having the knowledge to mix colors and put colors together in a way that is right for your artwork. It is an *Element of Art* (parts of a work of art - color, value, line, shape, form, texture, and space) that, along with the Principles of Design, helps you create and talk about art. Find this resource at: <http://members.cox.net/mrsparker2/intro.htm>.
- **At Sites For Teachers** <http://www.sitesforteachers.com/index.html> you will find endless resources for science, reading, math, social studies, and much more, as well as lesson plans, worksheets, activities, and clip art.

Haunted Physics

Northern Illinois University's Department of Physics will be sharing their "*Haunted Physics Laboratory Outreach Program*" with families and teachers in our area at Sauk Valley Community College on Saturday, October 22. NIU's Haunted Physics Laboratory is a family/teacher/student event with two large rooms filled with interactive physics demonstrations and another room where children make anamorphic drawings and kaleidoscopes to take home. The Haunted Physics Laboratory will be open from 1- 4 p.m. and is free to families. The program is supported by the American Physical Society, Northern Illinois Center for Accelerator and Detector Development, and the Department of Physics at NIU. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

NIU is also offering a teachers' workshop for elementary and middle school teachers. No specific science background is required, just an interest in getting your hands on some science concepts. The work will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on this same Saturday, October 22 and will offer teachers 7 CPDUs. Teachers will make kaleidoscopes, vortex generators, magnetic braking demos, and more during the morning session. After lunch, teachers will experience the Haunted Lab demos from the perspective of the learner and as a facilitator.

The fee for the workshop is just \$8 to cover the lunch cost. All materials that participants receive will be FREE, being provided through a grant from the American Physical Society.

Teachers, help spread the word about this event to the parents of your students and make plans to attend the workshop. You will not get 7 CPDUs any cheaper than this opportunity and it sounds like a fun experience. You can find additional information and registration materials at: <http://www.physics.niu.edu/frontier>.

A Celebration of Food

Did you know that October 8-14 is National School Lunch Week? What better time to learn about, and discuss, a favorite topic of students...food! Yes, food is a great common denominator among us; it's something we all need and enjoy every day. So, to celebrate food, glorious food, you'll find a few related lessons at <http://www.marcopolo-education.org/MarcoGrams/Oct2005.html>. Use the activities to get started, and then scroll down for more links and resources on this topic. Bon appetit!

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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.cecreditsonline.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 to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$135
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K-12	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 15

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.cecreditsonline.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 to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$135
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K-12	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 15

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.cecreditsonline.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 to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$135
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K-12	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 15

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.cecreditsonline.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 to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$190
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K-12	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 30

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.cecreditsonline.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 to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$270
Location: CE Credits ONLINE	Presenters: CE Credits Online	
Audience: K-12	Reg Deadline:	Potential CPDUs: 45

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Reading



4102 Coaching to Improve Reading

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$270, Code: COR-1700212-3 45 CPDUs, 3 credits Register at www.cccreditsonline.org. This course focuses upon the all-important coaching relationship in improving student reading achievement and the seven components of successful reading programs as the foundation of reading achievement: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing about the reading, and content area reading skills. Intentional best practice in each reading component is emphasized as the basis for the coaching interaction. Through learning activities, observations of teaching and practice and application of skills, participants learn how to establish a positive, respectful, caring, and confidential coaching relationship that allows each partner to grow and learn in a safe, collaborative, and guiding atmosphere with the common goal of increasing student reading achievement.

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



Standards Curriculum & Assessments

4110 ISAT/PSAE and Making AYP

Illinois State Board of Education Director of Assessment Division, Becky McCabe, and three ISBE consultants will address the components of the ISAT and PSAE for 2005-2006. Department chair persons and directors from Oswego CUSD #308, the second fastest growing school district in

Date(s):	11/2/2005	Times:	8:30 AM to 3:15 PM	Cost:	\$45
Location:	Deer Valley Country Club 3298 Hoover Rd , S. Rt. 40 Deer Grove, IL 61243	Presenters:	ISBE consultants and Oswego CUSD 308 staff	Potential CPDUs:	5.5
Audience:	K-12th administrators, Curriculum directors, and classroom teachers	Reg. Deadline:	10/26/05		

Illinois, will share their failures and successes in how to increase student performance and meet AYP requirements. In one year alone, PSAE scores increased by 10%.

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Technology

4105 Microsoft Office - Essential Concepts

Microsoft Office consists of six modules and is designed to provide teachers or anyone with the necessary skills to effectively utilize Microsoft Office as a potent tool. Participants will learn to effectively integrate this software suite into their classroom, office, or home to boost student learning or work efficiency. Participants will enhance their ability to use and effectively integrate the word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation tools of Microsoft Office. Participants will finish their study with a better understanding of the difference between using Microsoft Office as a productivity tool and as an integration tool as well as how to keep their computer running smoothly.

Modules will include:

1. Introduction to Windows and Microsoft Office
2. Working with Microsoft Word
3. Working with Microsoft Excel
4. Working with Microsoft PowerPoint
5. Working with the Internet and Email
6. Keeping your Computer in Tip Top Shape

Date(s): 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8/2005
Location: Whiteside Regional Office of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St. Sterling, IL
Audience: K-12th
Times: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Presenters: Nancy Slonneger
Reg Deadline: 9/27/2005
Cost: \$150
Potential CPDUs: 12

4106 Do You Blog?

That's a question educators may be hearing quite often these days, and more and more are responding with a resounding "yes!" The reason? Teachers have discovered that technologies like weblogs (short for web log) —Web sites that are a snap to update and that students can easily use to publish to the Internet —can be powerful teaching tools.

You may already know what a blog is, but have you heard about Wikis? Unlike blogs, which cater to the individual journal writer, Wikis are designed to be collaborative. The software creates an environment in which authors are encouraged to edit their own and others' work.

Learn about these new technologies that will make your students enthusiastic learners and your job easier.

Date(s): 11/15/2005
Location: Whiteside Regional Office of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St. Sterling, IL
Audience: K-12th
Times: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Presenters: Nancy Slonneger
Reg Deadline: 11/8/2005
Cost: \$25
Potential CPDUs: 2

4107 100 + Tech Ideas and Resources for Teachers

Technology is not new. It has been used throughout history as we have solved problems using tools at hand. In days long ago, technology was used to move rocks; today we move ideas and information, in addition to rocks and rockets. This discussion of activities and web sites is intended to take some of the mystery out of technology and show how technology is fascinating, fun, and absolutely relevant to our lives.

Select from 170 projects for each day of the school year, or work through the collection at your own pace. Some of these ideas broaden the knowledge of teachers and some can be used with students, but all will spark excitement in the learning process.

Date(s): 11/22/2005
Location: Whiteside Regional Office of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St. Sterling, IL
Audience: K-12th
Times: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Presenters: Nancy Slonneger
Reg Deadline: 11/15/2005
Cost: \$25
Potential CPDUs: 2

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4108 Picture Students in Pixels: The Digital Camera in Education

Welcome to the world of any time, any place photos. Digital cameras allow any one to enjoy photography. Friendly, compact-sized models now make it especially easy in the classroom or in everyday life! Digital photography can put the camera in the hands of the learner without the financial consequences of wasted shots. Any classroom project can have a photographic component.

Teachers across the country and around the world are discovering the many valuable uses for digital cameras; uses that both engage students and make their own professional lives easier. If you can use a camera, you can use a digital camera... so, what are you waiting for? Included: more than a dozen easy activities for using digital cameras in the classroom.

Participants should bring a digital camera to class along with any necessary software, cables, memory cards, or other accessories.

Date(s): 11/29/2005 **Times:** 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM **Cost:** \$25
Location: Whiteside Regional Office of Education, 1001 W. 23rd St. **Presenters:** Nancy Slonneger **Potential CPDUs:** 2
Sterling, IL **Reg Deadline:** 11/22/2005
Audience: K-12th

Workshop Registration Advanced Registration is required for all ROE Programs

Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

School District Name and Number _____

Name of School _____ School Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

Workshop ID# and Title _____

Workshop Date _____

Location of Workshop _____

I will want to receive _____ CPDU credits _____ Graduate credit (If appropriate)

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.

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

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New Spanish-Language Activity Books Available From IDNR

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources education division now has nine Spanish-language versions of its activity books available. Each of these 24-page books can be ordered in an English version as well. There is NO COST for these items. To order, go to <http://dnr.state.il.us> and click on the "Kids & Education" button in the left side bar. From the next page, select the "online order form link." You will find these items in the "activity books" section. If you have questions, or have difficulty in ordering online, you can email kids@dnrmail.state.il.us, or you can call DNR at 217/524-4126. In addition to the link regarding the new activity books, links to a number of other resources for educational programs, contests and grant opportunities, and a monthly update link can be found at the IDNR Website.

Also New From IDNR

Educators throughout Illinois now have the opportunity to obtain instant notification about new products, scheduled workshops, and many other events and items from the IDNR through the IDNR Division of Education's electronic list server.

By participating in the list server, you will receive e-mail messages when new materials, such as posters and activity books, are available from the IDNR. You will also be made aware of upcoming workshops and special opportunities, like the series of online courses for graduate credit through the partnership of the IDNR Division of Education and the University of Illinois at Springfield. You will also have the ability to submit questions and discuss items of interest to the group.

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