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Calendar Of Events

- 3 Illinois Statehood Day
- 7 Commemorative holiday honoring Pearl Harbor veterans
- 25 Christmas Day
Hanukkah

The Regional Office of Education will be **closed December 23 and 26** for the Christmas holiday. It will also be **closed** to the public from **December 27 through January 2** for major plumbing repairs. If you need to make an appointment to come in during this time, you may reach Gary Steinert at 815/441-5855.

Happy Holidays!!



Meeting The Challenge XVI: Fine Arts Conference For All

The 16th annual Meeting the Challenge Conference will be held January 6 at Sauk Valley Community College. This a great opportunity to attend a conference in our area that will provide K-12 curriculum and hands-on projects in the fine arts areas of music, dance, theatre, and visual arts! The emphasis this year is hands-on curriculum with an integrated curriculum theme. Jacque Bolger, Teacher of the Year 2005 from Hononegah High School, will be the featured luncheon speaker.

The theme this year is *Weaving the Fine Arts into the Core Curriculum*. Many of the break-out workshop sessions will focus on integrating fine arts projects into the core curricular areas as products, performances, and assessments. All will reflect the Illinois Learning Standards of the fine arts as well as the standards of the core curriculum. Sessions will include integration of science and geology, mathematics, literature, social science, reading, and physical education. These 90-minute workshops are offered to assist regular classroom teachers to prepare a fine arts unit of curriculum, as well as the fine arts teacher to enhance curriculum already in place. Recent national reports have supported the value of fine arts in the curriculum.

If you need a brochure, contact Betty Clementz at the Regional Office or access the full brochure at our website: www.whitesideroe.org. Mark Friday, **January 6, 2006** on your calendar as a workshop you should attend. Early-bird registration, with a reduction in cost, ends on Friday, December 9. There is definitely something for everyone!

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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.

• **Whiteside County Education Outreach Program** can help Whiteside County residents between 17-21 years of age, who are eligible to take GED tests, and meet low-income guidelines to obtain their GED and find a good job. The Whiteside Regional Office of Education administers this program through a grant from Partners for Employment. For more information, call 622-4950.

Enhancing Literacy Appreciation and Awareness

The Illinois Literacy Foundation, Borders Books Stores, Waldenbooks, and State Librarian/Secretary of State, Jesse White, are teaming up to fill the bookshelves of local literacy programs. They will unite efforts to raise money to enhance literacy appreciation and awareness. The 2005 Holiday Literacy Donation program enables local literacy entities to purchase merchandise and books to meet their literacy needs.

During this holiday season, Borders and Waldenbooks stores will be offering customers the opportunity to donate a dollar, or any amount of their choice, to help provide books for literacy efforts. Donations made at Waldenbooks in the Northland Mall, Sterling, will be spent by the local literacy program in the Waldenbooks store. Each local store has been partnered with a literacy program in its community. Whiteside County Family Literacy Partnership, administered by Gary J. Steinert, Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Whiteside County Regional Office of Education, has been selected as the recipient of local donations. The Family Literacy program is available to any eligible resident of Whiteside County. Family Literacy services include two center-based programs. *Learning Together Class* is for adults improving basic skills or preparing for a GED and their young children ages 6 weeks to 8 years. *Clase Familiar* is for adults learning English as a Second Language and their young children ages 6 weeks through 8 years.

“As State Librarian, who oversees literacy efforts in Illinois, I join and commend both organizations on their efforts,” White said. “Especially during the holiday season when giving is so important – to give the gift of reading is priceless.”

Beginning Friday, November 25, customers will be asked if they would like to add a dollar to their purchase to benefit literacy programs. The 2005 Holiday Literacy Donation program will run through Saturday, December 31.

The Illinois Literacy Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes literacy through partnerships with the private sector and corporate community.

Lego Kits Available for Check-out

Teachers may check out Lego kits for a two-week period of time from the Regional Office. The kits available are: Simple Machines, Technic I, Motorized Machines, Amusement Park, Duplo Simple Machines, Solar Energy, and Robotics. When the kits are received, there will be a full explanation of the return procedure to assure that all kits will be in usable condition. What a way to combine science, math, and technology into a hands-on inquiry and problem-based learning experience! All activities are aligned with the standards. This may be just what you need to “change the pace” for your students. Please contact Mary Escamilla at 625-1495 for reservation of kits for a two-week period of classroom use.

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Illinois ASCD Conference

The Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development is sponsoring its 25th Anniversary Statewide Kindergarten Conference on March 2-3, 2006 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel in Arlington Heights. A variety of keynote speakers, featured speakers, special programs, and over 60 concurrent session presenters will be part of the two-day program along with a wide range of exhibitors. The conference program and registration information is accessible on the Illinois ASCD web site at www.illinoisascd.org/calendar.html as well as on the ROE website at www.iarss.org/development.asp.

Gifted Education

The eleventh IAGC Convention is to be held in Chicago at the Chicago Marriott on February 5-7, 2006. For further information, visit the website of www.iagcgifted.org or call IAGC at 847/963-1892. This conference will assist educators in addressing the needs of the gifted/talented students in classrooms to guarantee that No *Gifted* Child Is Left Behind.

It Is Never Too Late

It is never too late to register for CE Credits On-line graduate courses. The courses are designed for individuals to complete at their own pace. Registration is open-ended for the starting date, as is the completion date for the courses. Register at www.ccreditsonline.org for one of the following courses being offered:

- Giving Directions That Students 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 (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)

Upon satisfactory completion of each course, participants receive the option of receiving the CPDUs, or for an additional cost, graduate credit from Humboldt State University. Visit the website of CE Credits Online to see sample lessons and course syllabi. If you have any questions, you may contact CE Credits Online directly or call Betty Clementz at the ROE.

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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November: Career Awareness Month

November was designated as Career Awareness Month in the state of Illinois. A poetry and poster contest was held for all students throughout the state with a focus on careers. Whiteside County distributed information to all building principals to encourage participation. The local winning entries in each age category were due at the Whiteside Regional Office of Education by Friday, November 18. Entries were judged at the county level, and winners are to be notified in the first week of December.

All winning entries will be forwarded to the state competition. If entries are selected as winning at the state level, they will be forwarded to the national competition. National winners will be announced in February, 2006. This competition was highlighted the week of November 14-18 as National Career Development Week. The theme this year was "My Career – My Community – My Future."

Reading First Academies Completed

Nine participants completed the 24-hour course of Reading Academy for kindergarten and first grade teachers. Sixteen teachers completed the Reading First Academy for second and third grade teachers. Strategies were modeled, and participants were assigned during the following week to test the strategies with their own students.

Five essential components of reading instruction were presented: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension, as well as special attention to ELL (English Language Learners) and differentiation techniques. To quote two of the participants, "At each class I was given MANY new ideas that I was able to utilize in my classroom." and "[This] training has really given me many activities and strategies to use to make reading fun." Another session of these trainings will be offered in the spring or summer.

Reading First Academies are the grade specific reading instruction being encouraged across the United States to meet the requirements of NCLB. What better way is there for a building and a district to show improvement in reading performance than to have a unified effort of all staff in the primary grades implementing and reinforcing the same reading instructional strategies that are known to produce successful readers!

Area II ISAT/PSAE Workshop on November 2

More than a hundred educators from around Area II gathered at Deer Valley Country Club to hear ISBE consultants share the structure and content of the ISAT and PSAE for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11. ISBE consultants from the Assessment Division were Megan Forness for mathematics, Judy Steinhauer for reading, and Pam Stanko for science. All elaborated on classroom activities which would prepare students for the format of the tests and the rubrics used in these state assessments. Each also stated that teachers are needed to help with the piloting and review of questions. Contact any of the three to submit your name to be one of the educators assisting with the assessments reflecting realistic grade level expectations.

The afternoon session was presented by the team of administrators and teachers of language arts and mathematics from Oswego CUSD # 308 who developed a program of reading across the curriculum known as OWL (Oswego Works for Literacy) for their high school students. As a result, the scores of their PSAE increased over 10% in one year. Their OWL program is being implemented in the middle schools this year. Their example of how to address a problem with professional development to focus a staff on a district-wide commitment to improvement was "proof in the pudding" that it can be done!

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“Be Water Wise!” Grades 3-8

The drought of the summer of 2005 and the growing national concern over water quality and the depletion of our local and national water supply is the basis of this program for grades 3-8. Nancy Anderson, SWCD education, and Phil Johnson, Dixon Park District, are available to present a program for the classroom that explains the history and the geology of the Rock River basin’s development and the rock and minerals that are a part of the geology of our region; the natural life forms that are a part of this beautiful river; and how the water quality of this river and the water supply of our region is endangered. It is a classroom program to inform the students about the importance of becoming stewards of our endangered resource, water.

Phil Johnson will use hands-on samples of rocks and fossils and explain about the life along this important water source from prehistoric times to the glacial period and into the watershed of our modern day Rock River. An important look at the history, geology, and water quality of this river, and also the water supply of our region, is the emphasis of this program. Water quality of this river and the conservation of our rural and community water supplies are presented for the students at their level to help them understand that the use and conservation of water is the responsibility of everyone. It is a job that has to be started now.

The length of class (30-50 minute presentations) and content is appropriate to grade level with visuals, hands-on materials, and activities to meet the needs of each individual class or group. Please contact Nancy Anderson if you are interested in a program at 815/772-2124, #3; fax 815/772-7973; or e-mail nancy.anderson@il.nacdnet.net This program will be available November – March, 2006.

Recycling and “WORMS” Resources for Your Classroom:

ISTEP, The Illinois Sustainable Education Project, is an agency of the state of Illinois for schools and the community to promote care of our environment. The project focuses on recycling resources and education materials, worms and composting as a very important environmental project for the classroom, and promoting energy efficiency through information about the new alternative energy resources now being developed within Illinois and our nation. Materials are free and adaptable for all grades.

ISTEP also maintains a supply of cases that feature recycled products, videos and books for use in your classroom. The “Case for Investigating the 4Rs” has been updated and may be reserved through Rebecca Enrietto at 217/785-7440 or by e-mail to renrietto@ildceo.net or check the website at www.ISTEP.org.

To reserve a vermin-composting case about worms and the value of composting, contact Brett Ivers at 217/524-5859 or bivers@ildceo.net, or it is available on the ISTEP website. The case does not contain the worms, bin, or bedding but does provide all the sources for these products to set-up your own classroom composting activity.

WHITESIDE COUNTY RECYCLING RESOURCE: Moring Disposal Company is a regional recycling business that supports education and recycling programs in our schools. Contact Denny Pate at 800/423-0759 or fax 815/938-2799 if you are interested in organizing a recycling program for your class. Moring Disposal will provide the collecting bins and will pick-up your recycled items. This company services much of Whiteside County and is very supportive of school recycling programs.

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Science, Math, and Technology

By Paul Cannon

55th Annual WCCTM Mathematics Conference

“Mathematics for All and All for Mathematics,” is the theme for the 55th annual WCCTM Mathematics Conference to be held on March 30, 2006 at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

This conference, on teaching and learning mathematics, is for teachers of mathematics in grades K-16. Dr. Jim Lewis of the University of Nebraska, a leader in mathematics and mathematics education and Dr. Melfried Olson of the University of Hawaii, retired from WIU, will be the featured speakers for the conference.

The conference break-out sessions will feature exciting classroom activities and lessons for grades K-16, including sessions on technology and technology integration into mathematics curriculum.

In addition, there will be a vendor area for exhibitors and publishers, a “full-service luncheon,” door-prizes, and enriching professional development and networking. CPDU credits will also be available.

Additional information about the speakers, the conference itself, and registration information can be found at <http://www.wiu.edu/users/mimath/events/conference%20home.htm>. Information is also available by phone at 309/298-2275 or via e-mail SL-Setser@wiu.edu.

Spring of 2006 Math ISAT/PSAE Assessment

Many of you attended the State Board of Education’s ISAT/PSAE workshop on November 2 at Deer Valley Country Club. You were given a great deal of information in a very short period of time regarding the spring testing. If you want to review that information and/or find additional information and resources about ISAT and/or PSAE assessments this spring, you can do so by going to <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/math.htm> .

As you will recall, one of the changes discussed was about the **rulers that will be used during the assessment this spring for grade 3 and for grades 4-8**. These rulers are posted at this web site, and can be downloaded and/or printed, to give teachers and students an opportunity to view them and to give students an opportunity to practice measuring with a paper ruler prior to testing. Rulers will be sent with test materials and must be punched out prior to testing.

You can also view the Power Point presentations, for both ISAT and PSAE which were presented during the workshop. In addition, there are numerous other resources that can be found, including ISAT sample test booklets for 1999 through 2003, ISAT performance-level definitions, mathematics cut scores, mathematics word lists, and much more to aid in preparing your students for the spring testing.

**THIS SITE IS A “MUST” FOR PREPARING YOUR STUDENTS FOR THE TESTING!
BE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT!**

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ISTA/Exxon/Mobil Announces “Outstanding Teacher of Science” Award Program

The Illinois Science Teachers Association, with the generous support of Exxon/Mobil, is accepting applications from K-8 science teachers who have demonstrated “extraordinary accomplishment” in the field of science teaching. The awards include a \$1000 check to be awarded to one K-8 science teacher in each of the seven ISTA regions in the state of Illinois. Access to complete information regarding the program can be found in PDF format at the following internet location: <http://www.ista-il.org/awards/2005exxon-app.pdf>.

Also, if you are interested in joining ISTA or would like to have further information about membership, contact Donna Engel, ISTA Membership Chairperson, Minooka Community High School email: dengel@mchs.net.

Helpful Websites for Math and Science

<http://mathforum.org/library/> Check out this site for lots of links to a great number and variety of math lesson, courses, and other resources.

<http://teachers.teach-nology.com/index.html> Offers a wealth of resources for educators. Free lesson plans, educational materials, word games, puzzles, links to thousands of resources.

<http://www.zurqui.co.cr/crinfocus/bubble/bubble.html> Have fun with bubble engineering: learn about blowing huge bubbles, long-lasting bubbles, play bubble games, make different kinds of bubble solutions, try your skills with bubble tricks, and much more. You will find it all at this site!

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/Science.htm> Use this site to find many science lesson plans indexed from pre-kindergarten through high school.

<http://faldo.atmos.uiuc.edu/WEATHER/weather.html> A thematic unit that integrates reading, writing, science, trips, music, social studies, math, art, geography, and physical education.

For some assistance when using the STARLAB or just teaching about astronomy, check out these websites:

<http://skyandtelescope.com/> This site is especially good. It has charts, maps and stories. It is an online version of Sky and Telescope magazine.

<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/dailymath/> When you buy a car, follow a recipe, or decorate your home, you're using math principles. People have been using these same principles for thousands - even millions - of years across countries and continents. **This site presents math lessons linked to “Daily Life.”**

<http://mathforum.org/students/> A math forum student center where students can ask questions, get information, and find math challenges. It also includes “**Teachers' Place**” where you'll find some of the best resources for teaching math at all levels. This space is not only *for* teachers, but has also been built in part *by* teachers.

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Administrator's Academy

4142 Train the Trainer: Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Illinois Schools - Administrators' Academy Credit

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This course is a two-day 15-hour instructor training to develop a core cadre of trainers who will provide technical assistance and serve as district and regional training resources. The course is designed to provide the participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools they need to develop effective emergency operations plans for a wide array of potentially critical incidents schools may experience. Participants will learn about emergency operations management, planning, hazard analysis, terrorism/weapons of mass destruction, critical incident response procedures, training and testing plans, and participate in table-top drills. Training materials including instructor manuals, student manuals, CD's with lesson plans, videos, power point presentations, and other instructional resources will be provided to each participant upon completion of the course. Schools should consider sending a two-person team including a school administrator (principal, assistant principal, dean, etc.) and a school resource officer/liaison/DARE officer (sworn), or school security officer. Participants are expected to conduct orientation sessions and in-service training and provide technical assistance to district administration to help with improving their school emergency and crisis response plans. Sponsored by ISBE in partnership with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

Date(s):	2/2/2006 and 2/3/2006	Time(s):	8:30 am to 2:30 pm	Cost:	\$125
Location:	Rock River Country Club 3901 Dixon Ave. Rock Falls, IL 61071	Presenter(s):	Ron Ellis, ISBE	Potential CPDUs:	0
Reg. Deadline:	1/26/2006				
Audience:	Administrators				

Fine Arts

4115 Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference XVI

This conference is for ALL educators responsible for fine arts curriculum, including fine arts teachers and regular classroom teachers of all grade levels, as well as administrators. Workshop sessions will focus on the curricular areas of art, music, dance, and drama, as well as general topics of interest to all educators. Many sessions will weave fine arts into the core curriculum. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The opening is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and closing at 3:10 p.m. Lunch is included. All persons whose registrations are postmarked by Friday, December 9, 2005 will be eligible for the early registration discount and receive confirmation of their registration by FAX. Call or email for brochure and special registration form or visit our website www.whitesideroe.org.

Date(s):	1/6/2006	Time(s):	8:30 am to 3:10 pm	Cost:	\$140
Location:	Sauk Valley Community College 173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL	Presenter(s):	Various	Potential CPDUs:	5
Reg. Deadline:	1/6/2006				
Audience:	K-12th				

4119 MTC XVI: Weaving the Arts into Reading

Creating cool animal sculptures from aluminum foil, masking tape, and paint is the focus of this session. These can be main characters in a favorite book or an area of study in language arts. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$3 is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 25 participants. You may attend this 90-minute workshop during Session I of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for registration form.

Date(s):	1/6/2006	Time(s):	9:00 am to 10:30 am	Cost:	\$3
Location:	Sauk Valley Community College 173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL	Presenter(s):	Stan Karnoscak	Potential CPDUs:	1.5
Reg. Deadline:	1/6/2006				
Audience:	3rd-8th				

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4120 MTC XVI: Watercolor Painting - See for Yourself!

Using watercolors and papers the participant will be creating O'Keeffe style flower paintings. Flat paintings turn into containers that can hold the actual flowers. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$3 is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 25 participants. You may attend this 90-minute workshop during Session II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 10:40 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$3
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Stan Karnoscak **Potential CPDUs:** 0.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 3rd - 8th

4121 MTC XVI: Music & Children's Literature

This session will present musical activities that include using children's literature to introduce listening lessons, songs, the use of classroom instruments, and opportunities to integrate classroom themes. Come prepared to participate. An extensive bibliography will be included. You may attend this workshop during Session I or II of the Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Judy Warner **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: K - 5th

4122 MTC XVI: Addictive Weaving 100

The participants will discover how addictive, relaxing, versatile, and simple cardboard loom weaving can be. Participants will create a simple double-sided weaving project that when finished can be used as a purse, pillow, placemat, doll blanket, etc. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$10 is required to attend this hands-on session. Each session is limited to 15 participants. You may attend this workshop during Session II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 10:40 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$10
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Joy Meyer **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 5th - 12th

4123 MTC XVI: Addictive Weaving 200

Designed for those who were in Addictive Weaving 100, have some weaving experience/knowledge OR teach at the high school level, this workshop will go beyond "100", and add more advanced and interesting weaving techniques. Participants will create a more complex double-sided weaving project. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$10 is required to attend this hands-on session. Each session is limited to 15 participants. You may attend this workshop during Session III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 1:40 pm to 3:10 pm **Cost:** \$10
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Joy Meyer **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 9th - 12th

4124 MTC XVI: Arts Alive in the Classroom

Learn from three experts how to develop an integrated arts and core curriculum unit on one common theme. Experience many lessons in dance, music, and visual art that you can deliver in your classroom. You may attend this workshop during a double session (I & II) at the Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Barbara Heimerdinger, **Potential CPDUs:** 3.0
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL Roberta Volkmann, and
Audience: 3rd - 5th Linda Von Holten
Reg. Deadline: 1/6/2006

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4125 MTC XVI: Movement for Special Students

This workshop will give many hands-on lessons and ideas to give that kinesthetic learner a fair shot. Why not have a "bag of tricks" on hand when your class just doesn't seem to understand the concept? Get ready to "move" your lessons into a new way of looking at things. * 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. You may attend this workshop during Sessions II or III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 10:40 am to 3:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Kris Zschiesche **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 4th - 12th

4126 MTC XVI: The Ages of Humanity

Attend this session and walk away with several examples of lesson plans to incorporate music and art history into the core curriculum. You may attend this workshop during Session III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 1:40 pm to 3:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Jeremy Baguyos **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

4127 MTC XVI: Improvisation for Young Actors

This workshop will be useful and fun for grade school through high school instructors, and will teach them some basic improvisation games that can be used in everything from English and theatre courses to social studies and science. Sauk Theatre director Jason Hedrick will conduct this hands-on workshop that will not only spur on your creative classroom mind but will be fun in the process. You may attend this workshop during Session III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 1:40 pm to 3:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Jason Hedrick **Potential CPDUs:** 0
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

4128 MTC XVI: Taking a Walk Through History

This workshop offers a "hands-on" experience incorporating history into the curriculum in a way that the students will consider "painless." Names and information on historical figures will be provided along with a selection of old shoes, assorted objects, and media in order to create a visual that depicts a "walk through history." Participants will leave the workshop with a handout, a lesson plan, and an example so that they may return to their classrooms ready to use this tool. You may attend this workshop during Sessions II or III at Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 10:40 am to 3:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Lisa Kastello **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: K - 12th

4129 MTC XVI: So You Think You're Tired? Teaching an Elective in a No-Frills Environment

Keynote Luncheon Address at Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference, given by the Illinois Teacher of the Year 2005-2006. Call or email for a registration form and brochure.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 1:10 pm to 1:30 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Jacque Bolger **Potential CPDUs:** 0.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: K - 12th

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4130 MTC XVI: The Magic of Blacklight Theatre

See a small blacklight show and discover the many uses of blacklight in scenic design and theatre — a great way to give new life to theatre. What can you do to make your theatrical presentations better through the use of lighting? Come and see how! You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Tom Goodall & Steve Parmley **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

4131 MTC XVI: Creative Drama - Simple Yet Effective 6-12

Learn how to work with actors to relax them to make their acting more natural, before they are ever given a script. This session for improvisational drama will provide ideas for stage and classroom. * 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. You may attend this workshop during Session I of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 10:30 am **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Shirley Kistler **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

4132 MTC XVI: Creative Drama - Simple, Yet Effective K-5

Many elementary and special education teachers do not expose their students to drama because they feel uncomfortable in doing so. Come and experience ideas you can implement immediately in your classroom. * 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. You may attend this workshop during Session II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 10:40 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Shirley Kistler **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: K - 5th

4133 MTC XVI: Handbell Basics

Participants will not only come to understand the basic techniques of handbell ringing, but will also learn a song to be presented during the conference. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. Each session is limited to 12 participants. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Virginia Schumaker **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

4134 MTC XVI: Cottonwood Bark Carving

Learn the simple steps in carving a wood spirit in Cottonwood bark which is locally harvested from fallen trees. Carving glove, a knife, and bark will be furnished by the instructor for the participant to keep. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$20 is required to attend this hands-on session. Each session is limited to 10 participants. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$20
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Gene Henrickson **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

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4135 MTC XVI: What You See Is What You Hear...

Teaching musical forms such as symphonic, theme and variation, rondo, and the blues. Teachers act as students in this interactive workshop. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Milton Scott **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 3rd - 12th

4136 MTC XVI: Working and Weaving in Prismacolor

Participants will hand color digital photos on matte photopaper using Prismacolor products and find ways to weave in art history. All materials furnished by Prismacolor. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. Each session is limited to 15 participants. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Diana Garrett **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 6th - 12th

4137 MTC XVI: Quiltmaking for Primary Teachers

What better way is there to integrate the core curriculum and fine arts than to make a quilt with torn paper and stamping in the primary grades? This session will show you how! You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 9:00 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Michelle Brown **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: K - 1st

4138 MTC XVI: "Rock" Music and Geomythology

Help students find new ways to explore earth science by seeing how others have interpreted it in story and song! The session includes scientific interpretation of works by modern "storytellers" (Jimmy Buffett, Monty Python, They Might Be Giants) and their more ancient counterparts (Greeks, Native Americans) using music and art. You may attend this workshop during Session II of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 10:40 am to 12:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Beth Johnson **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 7th - 12th

4139 MTC XVI: Stones and Bones

Find artistic ways to teach earth science with hands-on activities to teach students about earth science without them even realizing they are in science class! Projects include such activities as making fossils, sedimentary rocks, and geologic puzzles. An added benefit to these fun activities is that students can do them at home to show off for friends and family! You may attend this workshop during Session III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s): 1/6/2006 **Time(s):** 1:40 pm to 3:10 pm **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenter(s):** Beth Johnson **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5
173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL **Reg. Deadline:** 1/6/2006
Audience: 3rd - 6th

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4140 MTC XVI: Studying the Colonial Period

Studying the Colonial Period through its art and music -- make the era come alive by including the arts in the study of the founding of our country. You may attend this workshop during Session III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s):	1/6/2006	Time(s):	1:40 pm to 3:10 pm	Cost:	\$0
Location:	Sauk Valley Community College 173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL	Presenter(s):	Kris Murray	Potential CPDUs:	1.5
Audience:	4th - 12th				

4141 MTC XVI: Hawaii in the Classroom

This workshop is designed to help teachers introduce students to Hawaii through the fine arts. Learn about tapa cloth, petroglyphs, the hula, and volcanoes. Make a brochure of Hawaii to take with you. You may attend this workshop during Sessions II or III of Meeting the Challenge XVI Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for a registration form.

Date(s):	1/6/2006	Time(s):	10:40 am to 3:10 pm	Cost:	\$0
Location:	Sauk Valley Community College 173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL	Presenter(s):	Margaret Blakeslee	Potential CPDUs:	1.5
Audience:	2nd - 6th				

Other

4143 Train the Trainer: Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Illinois Schools

This course is a two-day 15-hour instructor training to develop a core cadre of trainers who will provide technical assistance and serve as district and regional training resources. The course is designed to provide the participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools they need to develop effective emergency operations plans for a wide array of potentially critical incidents schools may experience. Participants will learn about emergency operations management, planning, hazard analysis, terrorism/weapons of mass destruction, critical incident response procedures, training and testing plans, and participate in table-top drills. Training materials including instructor manuals, student manuals, CD's with lesson plans, videos, power point presentations, and other instructional resources will be provided to each participant upon completion of the course. Schools should consider sending a two-person team including a school administrator (principal, assistant principal, dean, etc.) and a school resource officer/liaison/DARE officer (sworn), or school security officer. Participants are expected to conduct orientation sessions and in-service training and provide technical assistance to district administration to help with improving their school emergency and crisis response plans. Sponsored by ISBE in partnership with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

Date(s):	2/2/2006, 2/3/2006	Time(s):	8:30 am to 2:30 pm	Cost:	\$0
Location:	Rock River Country Club 3901 Dixon Ave. Rock Falls, IL 61071	Presenter(s):	Ron Ellis, ISBE	Potential CPDUs:	0
Audience:	School Personnel, Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, and EMAs				

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.ccreditonline.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

Date(s):	Open ended	Time(s):	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost:	\$270
Location:	CE Credits Online	Presenter(s):	CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs:	45
Audience:	K-12				

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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.ccreditsonline.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 ended	Time(s): 12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$135
Location: CE Credits Online	Presenter(s): CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs: 15
Audience: K-12	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.

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.

Registration is at www.ccreditsonline.org

Date(s): Open ended	Time(s): 12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$135
Location: CE Credits Online	Presenter(s): CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs: 15
Audience: K-12	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.

Learn persuasive and effective strategies for difficult parent conferences. This 7-step interview will move parents toward becoming committed participants in the solution. Registration is at www.ccreditsonline.org

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

Date(s): Open ended	Time(s): 12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$135
Location: CE Credits Online	Presenter(s): CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs: 15
Audience: K-12	Reg. Deadline:	

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$190, Code: FOE-1700212-3 30 CPDUs, 2 credits Register at www.ccreditsonline.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 ended	Time(s): 12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$190
Location: CE Credits Online	Presenter(s): CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs: 30
Audience: K-12	Reg. Deadline:	

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 ended	Time(s): 12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost: \$270
Location: CE Credits Online	Presenter(s): CE Credits Online	Potential CPDUs: 45
Audience: K-12	Reg. Deadline:	

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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.

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