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Calendar Of Events

January

- 1 New Year's Day; a legal school holiday - ROE Closed
- 5 Meeting The Challenge XVII
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observance; a legal school holiday - ROE Closed
- 28 Commemorative school holiday honoring Christa McAuliffe

National Board Certification

Attention Whiteside County teachers with three or more years experience! Teachers holding a valid Illinois teaching certificate with three or more years experience are eligible to achieve National Board Certification. Through a portfolio and assessment process, you can achieve this prestigious certification which automatically gives you an Illinois Master Teacher certificate in your area. This Illinois certificate is valid for 10 years, rather than the 5 with a standard certificate. Currently, the state of Illinois is also offering those teachers with the certification, who stay in the classroom, a yearly stipend of \$3,000 after certifying. If you are interested in more information, or in beginning the process for next year, please contact Peggy Potthoff at ppotthoff@sterlingschools.org or by telephone at 815/626-7173.

Meeting The Challenge XVII: Let's Celebrate the Fine Arts!

Meeting The Challenge XVII is a conference provided by a partnership of the Whiteside Regional Office of Education and Sauk Valley Community College that will provide curriculum in the fine arts areas of music, dance, theatre, and visual arts! This is the 17th year for the conference. This year's emphasis is on hands-on curriculum of integrating fine arts into the core curricular subjects, based on the Illinois Learning Standards of fine arts and core curricular areas. 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 the curriculum already in place. Recent national reports have supported the value of fine arts in the curriculum. If you need a brochure, contact Mary Escamilla at the Regional Office. It is not too late to register. Mark Friday, **January 5, 2007** on your calendar as a workshop, at Sauk Valley Community College, you should attend. 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.

• **Jump Start Prekindergarten Program** - Jump Start is a prekindergarten at-risk program serving children 3-5 years of age living in East Coloma, Montmorency, and Riverdale School Districts in Rock Falls. Students are selected for the program through a screening process using the DIAL-3, a family history, and a home visit by the teaching staff. Beginning December 4, the Jump Start classroom will be located at Thome School. The phone number is 625-1908.

Soil & Water Conservation District Visits

Classroom visits for the second semester are ready to start in January. Every classroom teacher from kindergarten to grade 8 should have received a copy of the programs and content in your mail boxes just before the holiday break. These programs are free as a service of the Soil and Water Conservation District. All visits are age and grade level appropriate and serve as a resource to your classroom to support and promote conservation and environmental science.

Winter outdoor classes are limited. However, if your unit of study would be benefited by an outdoor education class, please contact us for a visit or help in developing your class.

As spring and warmer weather approaches, visits to school grounds and/or near-by parks can provide a fun and first-hand learning opportunity for your students. Outdoor education classes are offered mid-April into June.

Visits to your classroom.....

- Animals in Winter explains nature's challenge for birds, mammals, and amphibians to survive winter;
- Earth Day classes; Arbor Day Tree distribution - to grade 3 only;
- Illinois Prairie and American Bison Program;
- Rock River - Its' history, geology, and ecology program;
- Quality - "Water-Life of a Rain Drop!" This is a bilingual program designed for every student but with English and Spanish written materials to better address student understanding of this important issue.

Please contact Nancy Anderson at 815/772-2124, ext. 3 for any questions or information that she can provide to promote and support education in your classroom.

Traveling Science Center

The Traveling Science Center (TSC) is a state-wide program developed by the Illinois Historical Survey to present a variety of topics to students at all grade levels. Displays cover the content such as Anthropoids Across Illinois; Illinois Prairie Ecosystem; and Biodiversity of Illinois. The exhibits are designed to let students move about the displays with staff teaching and evaluating the student's learning experience. Initiated in 2003 for southern Illinois, the TSC has visited over 85,000 students. In April 2006, a mobile center was developed for all counties north of Peoria. This science-learning resource is available to all schools at no charge.

This year's school term still has dates available for January, February, and March. If you are interested in scheduling a visit of the Science Center for your classroom please make all arrangements directly with Jen Mui, Traveling Science Center Coordinator at 224/234-0199 or by fax at 847/608-3109. You can also search at <http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/chf/outreach/eduresources/mobilescience/TSC.htm>.

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Fine Arts Safety Workshop Planned

All fine art teachers are encouraged to attend the workshop planned for February 9 at Deer Valley Country Club from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Becky Lockhart of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be the presenter. The purpose of the training is to assist fine arts departments with the issues of safety in handling and storage of materials in the visual art classroom and in construction of sets and lighting in drama and musical performances. Flyers will be sent to every school for how to register for this event. Be watching for it so your classrooms and stage areas are safe for all to use.

Writing ISAT Returns

Writing returns to the ISAT testing for students in grades 5 and 8 this spring. A workshop has been planned for January 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to assist teachers in preparing students for this assessment. Jean Gewin, a former teacher who has assisted ISBE in writing the questions and who substituted for Judy Steinhauser (ISBE) around the state in delivering workshops to large groups of educators, will be the presenter. She will not only address the format of the actual test and the rubric to be used, but she will also share classroom strategies to provide students with preparation to be successful. Whether you teach 5th or 8th grade or any other grade leading into these two grades being tested in 2007, Jean will provide powerful insight to understanding the assessment and preparing for it with confidence. See the workshop information in this newsletter to register now to be prepared for Writing ISAT!

RSAC (Raising Student Achievement Conference) was a Success!

The third annual Raising Student Achievement Conference was a huge success. The conference focused on four areas of concern which impact student learning in the process of "Moving All Children Forward":

- Data analysis in the development of the school improvement process
- Standard alignment of curriculum
- Teacher/administrator enrichment in curriculum with focus on reading and math
- Student, family, community services

Look for the information about the conference to be held in December, 2007 at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Presenter proposals will be placed on line at www.roeachievementconference.org after January 1. If you or a team of educators from your district have a success story to share that fits under one of those four areas of focus, please submit a proposal. The 2006 conference was a success because it focused on the application of strategies that work to raise achievement at the classroom and school building levels.

PROGRAMS (cont.)

• **Whiteside County Family Literacy Partnership** – The comprehensive family literacy program 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. The program offers two different formats in order to meet the needs of eligible families.

• **Family Class/Class Familiar** is for parents learning English as a Second Language and their young children ages birth to five years.

• **Learning Together Class** is for parents who need to improve basic reading skills or work on preparing for the GED and their young children ages birth to five years. These classes meet Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Wallace Education Center.

The partnership is a collaborative project between Head Start, Sterling Public Library, Early Bird Pre-Kindergarten Program, 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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Website for School Improvement

Educators, as well as members of the public, have access to a website which shows how well schools perform academically and how they compare to other similar schools around the state. This website is <http://iirc.niu.edu>. The information at this site will enable educators to analyze their ISAT achievement data and give them information about resources and practices they can use to improve teaching and learning. All information is based on achievement in the Illinois Learning Standards. Take a look at the site and start to look at the data for your school and your students. You will find the site useful in the preparation of your school improvement plan. Or better yet, use this data to drive the instruction you deliver in your classroom to meet the needs of your own students.

This website has a multitude of information to assist classroom instruction under the heading "What Students Should Know". One of the items is the ILS Performance Descriptors. Each standard has descriptors of continuing skills of students which are appropriate to student grade levels. This site may be very helpful, as teachers and administrators work on the areas of the school improvement plan, in understanding the role of every teacher at every grade level in the progressive achievement of students as they approach the ISAT testing years.

The Assessment Frameworks is located under the same heading, "What Students Should Know." This section outlines the percentages of what standards will be tested at every grade level of ISAT and PSAE in reading, mathematics, and science. It explains exactly what students will be asked to know for each grade level of the state assessments.

Moreover, under this same heading is a section known as "In the Classroom." In this section are assessments of all curricular areas with student work graded by rubrics and lesson plans for every grade level to address any and all of the IL Learning Standards. These are available to any instructor to access and use in instruction.

Free Publications Available

The US Department of Education has many materials that are available free of charge. Their website lists the many brochures that are research-based and available for the asking. Many are also published in a Spanish version. Usually up to 100 copies of a single title may be requested. You can place an order by writing to ED Pubs, Education Publications Center, US Department of Education, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398; faxing a request to 301/470-1244; by e-mail to edpubs@inet.ed.gov; by phone to 888/872-5327; or on-line at www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html.

Two pamphlets are now available which help to explain the law of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to parents. Both of these pamphlets would be great hand-outs to parents at parent-teacher conferences.

Helping Your Pre-School Child with Activities for Children from Infancy through Age 5 is a 64-page booklet of tips to parents on expectations of certain ages, behaviors of infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers, and best of all, many ways that parents can help their children to be better-prepared for school.

Helping Your Child Become a Reader is a 60-page booklet that is directed to parents and teachers with specific activities to increase the readiness of children for reading.

An additional booklet, **Put Reading First: Kindergarten through Grade 3**, explains teaching strategies for reading, instruction for phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. This 60-page booklet is filled with instructional techniques, means of assessing student reading, and examples of actual classroom instruction to illustrate the strategy. Elementary teachers will find this brochure invaluable to assist in reading instruction in the classroom.

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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.

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. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

Date(s):	Open-ended	Times:	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost:	\$135
Location:	CE Credits Online	Presenters:	CE Credits Online		
Audience:	K - 12th	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.

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. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

Date(s):	Open-ended	Times:	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost:	\$135
Location:	CE Credits Online	Presenters:	CE Credits Online		
Audience:	K -12th	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.

Learn persuasive and effective strategies for difficult parent conferences. This 7-step interview will move parents toward becoming committed participants in the solution. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

Date(s):	Open-ended	Times:	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost:	\$135
Location:	CE Credits Online	Presenters:	CE Credits Online		
Audience:	K - 12th	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.

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. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

Date(s):	Open-ended	Times:	12:00 AM to 12:00 AM	Cost:	\$190
Location:	CE Credits Online	Presenters:	CE Credits Online		
Audience:	K -12th	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.

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. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

Date(s):	Open-ended	Times:	12:00 AM to 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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4270 How to Be an Effective Teacher, February 2007

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): 2/7/2007, 02/14/2007, 2/21/2007 **Times:** 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM **Cost:** \$65
Location: Whiteside Regional Office **Presenters:** Bill Urban
1001 W. 23rd Street, Sterling, IL 61081
Audience: K - 12th **Reg Deadline:** 2/1/2007 **Potential CPDUs:** 6

ISAT

4267 ISAT Writing Workshop

Jean Gewin has written items for ISAT Writing and recently served as substitute presenter for the ISBE consultant throughout the state in delivering writing workshops which present: 1. What is the test, its rubric, content, samples, changes from previous ISAT, etc.? 2. What can I do in my classroom to prepare my students to be successful on this writing test?

Date(s): 1/19/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$50
Location: Whiteside Regional Office **Presenters:** Jean Gewin
1001 W. 23rd Street, Sterling, IL 61081
Audience: 3rd - 8th **Reg Deadline:** 1/10/2007 **Potential CPDUs:** 3

Technology

4268 E-Rate Training for 471

Technology plan training using the new guidelines. It is important for all districts, whose technology plans expire in June 2007 or June 2008, to attend.

Date(s): 1/30/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Whiteside Regional Office **Presenters:** Rick Reedy, ISBE
1001 W. 23rd Street, Sterling, IL 61081
Audience: K - 12th **Reg Deadline:** **Potential CPDUs:** 0

Fine Arts

4242 Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference

Keynote luncheon address entitled "Fine Arts Make You Smarter" will be presented by Kris Murray, Professor of Humanities at Sauk Valley Community College; check our website for the entire brochure and schedule of the day. Early registration discount available if postmarked by December 8, 2006. Call 815/625-1495 or email mescam@whitesideroe.org to receive a colored brochure through the US Mail.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 8:30 AM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$140
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Kris Murray
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** .5

4243 MTC XVII - De Re Mi with Geography

In this session, Judy will present ideas on integrating music and geography. Reach students who learn through musical intelligence and teach geography using rhythm, songs, and listening lessons. Extensive handouts will be included. You may attend this workshop during Session I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL **Presenters:** Judy Warner
Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 1st - 6th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

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4244 MTC XVII - Images of Illinois Prairie Plants

This is a hands-on workshop. Participants will create an image of an Illinois prairie plant, using a simple printmaking method. A variety of examples done in different mediums will be shown for classroom and cross-curricular use. You may attend this workshop during Session I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Cindy Smucker
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 8th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4245 MTC XVII - Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks

This session will include the presentation of lesson ideas for rhythm, notation, ear-training, writing music, improvisation, composing, and movement for grades K-5 general music. The lessons are aligned with state standards, and Jane will bring a copy of learner outcome statements to share with educators. You may attend this workshop during Session II or III of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Jane Ford
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 5th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4246 MTC XVII - Exploring Visual Culture

This workshop offers a multimedia presentation of three recent student exhibitions: a "controversial" mural, a "recycle" art installation, and the Pinwheels for Peace project. The goal of this workshop is to offer an opportunity for art educators to establish a dialogue concerning the exploration of visual culture through the use of critical thinking, research, and writing. Participants will leave the workshop with tangible means by which they can raise confidence of their students, the cultural/political awareness of their community, and the visibility of the arts as an integral part of the public school system. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or III of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Lisa Kastello
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4247 MTC XVII - Gourds 101

Using dried gourds and recycled materials, a unique mask will be created in this session. Additional ideas for using gourds as the basis for art activities will be shared. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 12 participants and is scheduled during Session II of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Mari Jo Schuneman
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4248 MTC XVII - Self-Portraits from Photos

Two different methods of creating a self-portrait from a black and white photograph will be explored. Participants will choose between an emotional colored oil crayon drawing and a torn paper collage done on a transparency. Participants must bring a black and white self-photo, head and shoulders, showing action or emotion. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 15 participants and is scheduled during Session III of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 1:40 PM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Mari Jo Schuneman
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 8th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

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4249 MTC XVII - Moving Pictures 9-12

This session is geared toward enlivening and solidifying concepts in core subjects. We'll take visual art out of the museum, off the street, and into the classroom. Bring in your own trouble spots and questions and leave with useable ideas and sample hands-on projects. Get ready to combine and create in this super-fun session. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 12 participants and is scheduled during Session I of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Linda VonHolten
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 9th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4250 MTC XVII - Moving Pictures K-8

This session is geared toward enlivening and solidifying concepts in core subjects. We'll take visual art out of the museum, off the street, and into the classroom. Bring in your own trouble spots and questions and leave with useable ideas and sample hands-on projects. Get ready to combine and create in this super-fun session. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 12 participants and is scheduled during Session III of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 1:40 PM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Linda VonHolten
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 8th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4251 MTC XVII - Sequencing Movement through Literature

This session will explore the use of children's literature and poetry as a stimulus for movement and dance sequences. Participants will go through the process of making words come alive and go beyond "acting out words" to exploring the relationship between the dance elements and the written language. Teachers of 6-12 are welcome to attend. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Becky Smith Slettum
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 5th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4252 MTC XVII - From Script to Set

This session will show the process needed to move a script into a set design that is functional, safe, and enhances the script. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Chuck Price
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4253 MTC XVII - Illustration: Watercolor, Colored Pencil, & Pastel

Heather will host a workshop which will focus on the idea of illustration (particularly looking at children's literature and books) and how color, shape, and line affect mood and communication. She will use a multi-media approach with watercolor and colored pencil or pastel. This can be worked into a variety of "other" core curriculums such as literature and history by showcasing and discussing early illustrations such as manuscripts, cave paintings, and book illustrations in classic and modern literature. Pre-registration is required to attend this hands-on session. Each session is limited to 22 participants. This workshop is scheduled during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Heather Shore
173 IL Rt.2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4254 MTC XVII - Why Makeup?

The fundamentals of theatrical makeup will be addressed including when makeup is needed and why, the process of application, and what supplies are required. Each participant will receive a Mehron Student Makeup Kit to experience the process. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$10 is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 10 participants and scheduled during Session I of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$10
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** P.C. Swanson
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

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4255 MTC XVII - Let's Makeup!

A description of straight makeup will be presented with participants receiving a Mehron Student Makeup Kit with which to experiment. Special character makeup will also be demonstrated. Cleanup and sanitation issues will also be emphasized. Pre-registration and an additional fee of \$10 is required to attend this hands-on session. This session is limited to 10 participants and is scheduled during Session II of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$10
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** P.C. Swanson
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4256 MTC XVII - Create Simple & Workable Scripts 6-12

This is children's theatre at its best, as well as great training for young actors. Take the show "on the road" to elementary schools for a memorable experience for your students. * 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 XVII Fine Arts Conference.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Shirley Kistler
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4257 MTC XVII - Create Simple & Workable Scripts K-5

Learn how to take simple fairytales or children's stories of all levels and turn them into wonderful scripts for your students to easily perform for parents, other classes in the school, or just for fun. Shirley will direct a story with you to show you how easy and fun it is. 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 XVII Fine Arts Conference.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Shirley Kistler
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 5th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4258 MTC XVII - Basic Woodcarving Scandinavian Style

Learn to carve an immigrant woman using the Scandinavian carving method of flat planes. The course includes a brief history of Scandinavian carving, knife safety, and knife sharpening. The carving glove and knife will be furnished and kept by the participant. 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 Session I or II of Meeting the Challenge XVII.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$20
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** David Meyer
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4259 MTC XVII - Music for the Growing Choir - Elementary through High School

Participants will receive music packets that contain choral music for elementary through high school levels. Dialogue with the workshop attendees will include how to perform them through adjusting voicing, accompaniments, and finding techniques to achieve the best possible musical results. You may attend this workshop during Sessions I or II of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Milton Scott
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 5th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

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4260 MTC XVII - Stones and Bones I

Find artistic ways to teach earth science with hands-on activities! Projects include making sedimentary rocks, fossils, and geological puzzles. You may attend this workshop during Session I of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Beth Johnson
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 5th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4261 MTC XVII - Stones and Bones II

This workshop includes more advanced artistic activities for older students in earth science. Learn more advanced fossil-making as well as projects involving music, art, and photography. You may attend this workshop during Session II of Meeting the Challenge Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Beth Johnson
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 6th - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4262 MTC XVII - Weaving: A Bridge Among Cultures

This workshop is designed to help teachers introduce different styles of weaving to their students while simultaneously demonstrating how all cultures are alike. Demonstrators will broaden the spectrum of what can be used as a loom, warp, weft, and weaving materials. You may attend this workshop during Sessions II or III of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Margaret Blakeslee and Jaime Blakeslee
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: 1st - 6th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4263 MTC XVII - History with a Wiggle

Learn dances associated with periods in history. These dances could easily fit into your lesson plans so that you can wake up your students with a "jig." * 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 XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Kris Zschiesche
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 12th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

4264 MTC XVII - Orchestra Adventures: A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra

Listen up! Listening skills and hands-on learning about the four families of instruments in a symphony orchestra are the focus of this workshop. Activities will guide you to be able to integrate music into your curriculum. You may attend this workshop during Sessions II or III of Meeting the Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference. Call or email for brochure or click on the link below to print.

Date(s): 1/5/2007 **Times:** 10:40 AM to 3:10 PM **Cost:** \$0
Location: Sauk Valley Community College **Presenters:** Lorie Langan
173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021
Audience: K - 5th **Reg Deadline:** Open **Potential CPDUs:** 1.5

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Workshop Registration Advanced Registration is required for all ROE Programs

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Home Address _____
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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.

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