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Calendar of Events

March

- 5 Casimir Pulaski birthday observance
- 11 Daylight savings time begins
- 17 Whiteside County Spelling Bee - Morrison Jr. High
- 24 Child Fair - Sauk Valley Community College
- 29 Commemorative holiday honoring VietNam War veterans

Looking for a Field Trip Destination?

Consider the Family Museum in Bettendorf, Iowa. This museum will make science come alive for your students with their permanent exhibits, traveling exhibits, workshops, and even their Science Outreach programs which will come to your school. To find out more about their programs, visit www.familymuseum.org. Call 563/334-4106 Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for further field trip information.

Aurora University 3-hour Graduate Summer Class

OEDC6334, Art for the Elementary Classroom Teacher, is a graduate level class from Aurora University intended for teachers of K – 8 classrooms who wish to introduce their students to activities based on the elements and principles of art. Through lesson plan design and examples of art that will be created, the participant will walk away with a variety of examples that can be used in the classroom as well as a knowledge base of the state goals for the visual arts: early, late, and middle elementary. Stan Karnoscak will be the instructor. This is a hands-on course to incorporate the visual arts into the core curriculum subjects.

This course will be held Monday – Friday, June 25 – 29, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily at Rock Falls Middle School. Cost for the course will be \$495/3 semester hours of graduate credit OR \$270 for 37 CPDUs. An additional fee of \$15/participant for materials/supplies will be collected on the first day of class.

Registration for this class will be open until June 1 through the Whiteside Regional Office of Education. A minimum of 12 students will be required at that time, or the class will be cancelled. A maximum of 25 will be accepted. Registrations will be accepted in the order received. When the minimum number of registrations has been received, a confirmation card will be sent to each registrant. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Clementz at the Whiteside ROE at 815/625-1495.

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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. The Jump Start classroom is located at Thome School. The phone number is 815/625-1908.

Website! Website! Website!

Do you need to contact a person at the regional office of education by e-mail, but you do not know the e-mail address of that person? There is a direct link to each employee of the regional office staff and every program staff member on the website of www.whitesideroe.org. Click on the link on the left entitled "Contact us" and then on the direct link at the top entitled "Staff". Designate the website of Whiteside Regional Office of Education now as one of your favorites and be informed of upcoming events and workshops at the click of a button!

CE Credits On-line

Six graduate level classes of one, two, and three credits through Humboldt University are being offered to teachers for professional development. The courses include the following:

- Giving Directives that Students Follow
- Stopping Disruptive Behavior
- Conducting the Parent Conference
- Foundations of Education: Building Effective Learning Environments
- Coaching to Improve Teaching and Learning
- Coaching to Improve Reading
- Differentiating Instruction in the Regular Classroom
- Rights and Responsibilities in the Disciplinary Process

To register, go to www.ccreditsonline.org. Select "Enroll" and the course you wish to attend. To receive preferred pricing through Whiteside County, you will need the code for the course. The course fee includes CPDUs. For graduate credit, an additional fee of \$40/semester hour is required to Humboldt University at the completion of the course. The flyer, with full explanation, and course codes, is located on our website homepage of www.whitesideroe.org. These are on-line classes that you complete at your own rate of speed at times best for you. For questions, contact Betty Clementz.

Summer Professional Development Opportunities

Summer professional development is being arranged daily and will be posted on the website www.whitesideroe.org. *Kindergarten Standards, Reading First for Kindergarten and First Grade, and Reading First for Second and Third Grades* have already been planned. Be watching the website to see the latest listings of opportunities to gather CPDUs this summer. All registrations may also be completed on-line.

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Presenter Proposals being Sought for RSAC Conference

The program committee for the December 3 - 4 Raising Student Achievement Conference at Pheasant Run is now accepting proposals from presenters and recommendations for presenters. All proposals must be submitted by April 27 by fax, e-mail, or postage. Application is available at the conference website of www.roeachievementconference.org.

This conference is of great value to attendees because of presentations that stem from classrooms that have addressed their students' needs successfully to improve student achievement. Standards Alignment of all content areas, Data Analysis and SIP Development, Teacher and Administrator Enhancement, and Student, Family Community Services are the four broad areas of topics to be submitted. Presentations that address how to improve the achievement of sub-groups that are not meeting AYP are topics of special interest to many of the attendees. If you and your school in Whiteside County have met success in improving your student performance through planning and implementation, why not share that success with others in Illinois? For further information, contact Barb Jaquet via e-mail at bjquet@kidsroe.org.

And another item of interest... the handouts from the presentations from the 2006 conference are still located on-line at this conference website.

Workshops in Computer Training

Workshops are being offered to focus on one topic of computer training. These workshops are 6 hours in length with two sessions of three hours from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays. Each topic awards 6 CPDUs.

The workshops scheduled for the spring semester, March – April, include:

- Working with Microsoft Word – March 6 & 13
- Working with Microsoft Excel – March 20 & 27
- Working with Internet and E-mail – April 10 & 17
- Microsoft Publisher – April 24 & May 1
- Digital Photos, Slide Shows, & Videos – May 8 & 15

A full description and registration form for these workshops may be accessed at our website, www.whitesideroe.org. Classes require a minimum number of three participants; the maximum number of participants is ten (10). Registrations, with payment of \$75 for each topic, received one week prior to the first class determine the status of the offering. For further information, contact the regional office at 815/625-1495.

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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Science, Math & Technology

By: Paul Cannon

Lunar Eclipse

Soon after sunset on Saturday evening, March 3, sky watchers in the eastern half of North America can watch the rising full moon undergoing its first total eclipse in nearly 2½ years (last occurred Oct 27-28, 2004... during game 4 of the baseball World Series). For North Americans, the farther east you live the better you will see the eclipse, but it will also be quite spectacular in the Midwest.

Across the Midwest, and in Whiteside County, the eclipse will already be in progress when the sun sets (5:51 p.m.) and the moon rises (5:48 p.m.), two events that happen almost simultaneously on a lunar eclipse night. The total eclipse will be almost completed by the time the moon rises and the eclipse will very shortly begin its partial eclipse stage...the moon emerging from the earth's shadow.

You will want to take particular notice of its eerie coppery glow. Rising moons are often reddened by clouds, or pollution, but this moon will be a deep, extraordinary red, something seen only during a lunar eclipse. The charm of the total eclipse's red glow comes from the earth. Our planet is big enough to block the entire sun but, curiously, this doesn't cause complete darkness. As the rays of sunlight bend around the edge of the earth, filtering through the atmosphere, it causes some of the rays to diffuse and be scattered by our atmosphere. Its shadow is not completely dark and enough of this light reaches the moon to give the moon's surface the eerie coppery glow. If we could view the earth from the moon during a total eclipse, we would see the edge of the earth light up like a sunset-red ring of fire...one of the most beautiful sights in the solar system. On March 3, we will not be able to see this ring of fire, but we will see the red glow it produces on the surface of the moon.

At 3:30 p.m., the full moon will begin to be covered by the shadow of the earth. By 4:45 p.m., the moon will be totally eclipsed. The moon will remain totally eclipsed until 5:58 p.m., when it will begin to slip out of the earth's shadow. By 7:12 p.m., the moon will exit the dark part of the earth's shadow, and the full moon will appear normal again at 8:24 p.m.

While all the magnificence of the total eclipse is occurring, also take notice of some other things in the March 3 night sky. As the moon rises, just above it you will see two bright objects...they will get brighter as the night progresses...Regulus, in the constellation Leo and the planet Saturn. Regulus is located between the moon and Saturn. Look a little bit to the left and above Saturn, and you will notice two bright stars, Castor and Pollux, the Gemini Twins. To the left of the moon in the northeastern sky, you will see the Big Dipper standing on the tip of its handle and, to its left, the Little Dipper appears ready to dip water with its cup. Finally, if you look to the right of the moon, you should see the constellation Orion the Hunter and between Orion and the moon another bright star, Sirius, the main star in the constellation Canis Major.

So, on the night of Saturday, March 3, find a place with a clear view of the eastern horizon and station yourself there at sunset. As the sun goes down behind you, a red moon will rise before your eyes. But, remember to be in place by 5:51 p.m. and have an enjoyable evening of moon watching and stargazing.

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Ready Set Fit

Ready, Set, Fit is the American Academy of Family Physicians new curriculum for teaching balancing physical activity, healthy eating, and emotional well-being. **Ready, Set, Fit** is most appropriate for third and fourth graders and includes skills-based lessons and activities for the classroom, along with ways to involve family physicians, parents, and caregivers. Teachers, register your classroom to receive complete access to the free **Ready, Set, Fit** lessons and activities at www.readysetfit.org.

Baseball; You Got to Love It!

I love baseball! In 1866, Charles A. Peverelly wrote, "The game of baseball has now become, beyond question, the leading feature of the outdoor sports of the United States. It is a game which is peculiarly suited to the American temperament and disposition; in short, the pastime suits the people, and the people suit the pastime." And for your students, whether it's time for spring training, or the World Series, baseball offers lots of opportunities for learning. It's a game of statistics, so the math opportunities are almost endless. It's also a national pastime with its own place in American history. Baseball also involves lots of special vocabulary, and some fascinating physics. Here are some resources for teachers and students to investigate as another baseball season approaches.

Baseball and Science

The Science of Baseball located at <http://www.exploratorium.edu/baseball> provides a collection of activities and descriptions involving physics, biomechanics, and baseball. What makes a curve ball curve, anyway? How quickly does a batter have to react to hit a ball thrown at 95 miles per hour? There's lots of real-world physics at this site, and the presentation is engaging as well as instructive.

Where's the Sweet Spot? located at <http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/%7Ecross/baseball.html> - You will find out where and why, on a bat, it's called "the sweet spot" at this Australian site.

Baseball Statistics at http://illuminations.nctm.org/index_d.aspx?id=257 - Here's a lesson for middle school students from the NCTM Illuminations site that will familiarize students with both baseball and statistics. Teachers, you can add your own creative touch to the information on this site.

Baseball and Mathematics

Fastball Reaction Time at <http://www.exploratorium.edu/baseball/reactiontime.html> - Use this game to test your reaction time and see if you can hit the ball out of the park. The game will show you your reaction time to each "pitch." (From San Francisco's Exploratorium.)

Math League Baseball at <http://euclid.barry.edu/%7Emarinas/mat476/journal/kup319df.html> is a five-week, standards-correlated unit for 8th graders on the mathematics of baseball.

Math Baseball at <http://www.funbrain.com/math/index.html> is an on-line game in which students advance runners and score runs by completing math problems of varying difficulties.

Batter's Up Baseball at <http://www.prongo.com/math> is for students in grades 4 - 8. It's another flash-enhanced math game built on a baseball theme. The problems (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) presented vary widely in difficulty, so the game could be used across several grades or with students of varying ability.

Baseball and Writing

Tinkers to Evers to Chance... here is a site that is designed especially for Cubs fans! <http://www.projectview.org/MathandBaseball/SportsWriting.TinkertoEverstoChance.htm> - Here's a writing assignment that lets students experience some of the great players of baseball's early years. Some may find it challenging, but it would be an especially great assignment for students interested in the topic.

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Northwestern Illinois Math & Science Partnership
NIMS 2007-08

Grant-funded Math & Science Summer Institutes*

Provided by the Regional Office of Education

Graduate Credits in Math and Science Approved by ISBE!

Science Grad Credits from Western Illinois University

Math Grad Credits from Humboldt State University

***ALL COURSES COUNT TOWARD CONTENT NEEDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
MATH OR SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT!**

Data Analysis & Statistics	Algebra	Geometry
<p>*Math 707 (Data Analysis Statistics & Probability) & *ScEd 675 (Physical & Earth Science)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 math & 3 science credits</p>	<p>* Math 707 (Algebra) * ScEd 675 (Environmental & Life Science)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 math & 3 science credits</p>	<p>*Math 707 (Geometry) & *Math 707 (Computer Technology for Middle School)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 math credits</p>
<p>Topics: Statistics, Probability, Data Analysis Physical and Earth Science Technological Design & Integration Scientific Inquiry</p>	<p>Topics: Functions, Algebra Techniques, Modeling, Analyzing, Solving real-life problems, Graphing Technology Environmental Science, Living Things and their Environment</p>	<p>Topics: Geometry, Technology in Math, Problem Solving and Scientific Inquiry, Technological Design & Integration Field Experience</p>
<p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 day institute – No Cost! ✓ 3 grad credits in math! ✓ 3 grad credits in science! ✓ Supplies, Materials, & Lunch! 	<p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 day institute – No Cost! ✓ 3 grad credits in math! ✓ 3 grad credits in science! ✓ Supplies, Materials, & Lunch! 	<p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 day institute – No Cost! ✓ 6 grad credits in math! ✓ Science Integration ✓ Supplies, Materials, & Lunch!
<p>Dates & Locations: Orientation: May 2, 2007 @ Rockford/Giovanni's June 11-15, 2007 July 23-27, 2007 Camp Winnebago, Rockford</p>	<p>Dates & Locations: Orientation: May 9, Capponi's in Toluca, IL June 25-29, 2007 Starved Rock July 16-20, 2007 Starved Rock</p>	<p>Dates & Locations: West Orientation: May 8, Atkinson June 18-22, 2007 Atkinson ROE July 9-13, 2007 Atkinson ROE East – Orientation: May 3, Rockford June 25-29, 2007 Camp Winnebago July 16-20, 2007 Camp Winnebago</p>
<p>Target Audience: 5-8th Grade Teachers - previous NIMS participants and teachers new to NIMS</p>	<p>Target Audience: 5-8th Grade Teachers - previous NIMS participants and teachers new to NIMS</p>	<p>Target Audience: 5-8th Grade Teachers – previous NIMS participants and teachers new to NIMS</p>
<p>Contact: kreck@leeogle.org 815-652-2054 x 222</p>	<p>Contact: kreck@leeogle.org 815-652-2054 x222</p>	<p>Contact: amy.sandgren@riroe.k12.il.us 309-736-1111</p>

TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION, EMAIL THE CONTACT PERSON BY MARCH 30, 2007!

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Learning Technology Center 2 Presents NFI: Technology Systems Interoperability

NFI will be held on April 17 & 18 at the newly renovated Abbey Resort, Fontana, Wisconsin located on the shores of Lake Geneva; <http://www.theabbeyresort.com/>. The cost of the conference is \$125 which includes the registration fee; materials; a complimentary dinner on Tuesday night, April 17; 2 continental breakfasts; and a lunch. You will need to make your own room registrations by calling the Abby Resort at 800/709-1326 by March 17 and ask for the rooms held for the Learning Technology group to receive the special room rate of \$99 per night.

On the first day of the conference, the presenters will be from the technology consulting firm of Elert and Associates. During their presentation, you will learn how to plan and implement a standards-based, integrated technology system in your district, including development of policies and procedures, performing a cost analysis, and defining a process that ensures that all systems work well together and fit into the big picture and philosophy of the district. Specific topics include process for assessment, technology and operations details and implementation, standards and documentation, and cost analysis and estimating.

On day two, Dave Moravec from Integrity Systems will provide an overview of SIF. The primary goal of the **Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF)** is to enable data sharing among existing school and district systems. SIF provides a technology standard that enables the first step in effective data-driven decision making - Integration. **SIF Implementation** enables seamless integration of a broad spectrum of instructional, administrative and communication tools, which creates an effective learning environment within a school or a district. SIF is also known to significantly improve information accuracy, availability, and security.

A description of this training and registration information for this conference can be found by going to the KIDS website located at <http://www.kidsroe.org>.

Summer Ag Institute Open to Area Teachers

The Bureau, Lee, and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus will be hosting their Summer Ag Institute June 18-22 at the Bureau Valley High School in Manlius.

The educational course is open to all teachers. "Our goal is to educate teachers about agriculture and introduce concepts that they can incorporate in their classroom" said Matt Lillpop, Whiteside County Farm Bureau manager. "Today we find so many kids with no connection to agriculture. The Summer Ag Institute provides teachers with the tools to introduce agriculture to their students by infusing agriculture activities in their existing curriculum."

The course fee is \$80 and enrollment is limited to 30 teachers. For Farm Bureau members or teachers who become Farm Bureau members, the cost is only \$60. Graduate credit will be available, at an additional cost, through Aurora University upon completion of the course. CPDU's are also available.

For more information or to register, contact the Bureau County Farm Bureau at 815/875-6468. Registration deadline is May 1.

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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.ccreditsonline.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	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K - 12th	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. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.ccreditsonline.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	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:			

4056 Conducting the Parent Conference, 3rd in series

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$135, Code: CPC-1700212-3, 15 CPDUs, 1 credit.

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.ccreditsonline.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	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:			

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

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$190, Code: FOE-1700212-3, 30 CPDUs, 2 credits.

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.ccreditsonline.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	Potential CPDUs:	30
Audience:	K - 12th	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.

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.ccreditsonline.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	Potential CPDUs:	45
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:			

4196 Rights and Responsibilities in the Disciplinary Process

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$135, Code: RR-1700212-3, 15 CPDUs, 1 credit.

Assess your understanding of the legal definition of force and how it concerns you every day in your classroom and your building. For course descriptions, syllabi, sample lessons, or to enroll, go to www.ccreditsonline.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	Potential CPDUs:	15
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:			

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4197 Differentiating Instruction in the Regular Classroom

Open ended start and finish dates. Roe #55 Tuition: \$270, Code: DIF-1700212-3, 45 CPDUs, 3 credits.

Learn exciting strategies for varying instruction across grade levels to meet diverse learning needs in your classroom and discover new instructional approaches that will maximize achievement for all your students. 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

Reading

4102 Coaching to Improve Reading

Open ended start and finish dates. ROE #55 Tuition: \$270, Code: COR-1700212-3, 45 CPDUs, 3 credits.

This course focuses on the 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. 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

Technology

4278 Microsoft Office: Word - Spring 2007

In this module, we will cover word processing. Participants will receive the necessary skills to effectively utilize Microsoft Office Word.

Date(s):	3/6/2007 3/13/2007	Times:	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Cost:	\$75
Location:	Whiteside Regional Office of Education 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081	Presenters:	Nancy Slonneger		
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	2/27/2007	Potential CPDUs:	6

4279 Microsoft Office: Excel - Spring 2007

In this module, we will cover spreadsheets and databases. Participants will receive the necessary skills to effectively utilize Microsoft Office Excel.

Date(s):	3/20/2007 3/27/2007	Times:	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Cost:	\$75
Location:	Whiteside Regional Office Of Education 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081	Presenters:	Nancy Slonneger		
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	3/13/2007	Potential CPDUs:	6

4280 Internet and Email - Spring 2007

In this module, we will cover Internet basics and searching as well as e-mail basics. Participants will receive the necessary skills to effectively utilize Internet and e-mail software.

Date(s):	4/10/2007 4/17/2007	Times:	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Cost:	\$75
Location:	Whiteside Regional Office of Education 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081	Presenters:	Nancy Slonneger		
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	4/3/2007	Potential CPDUs:	6

4281 Microsoft Publisher - Spring 2007

In this module, we will cover desktop publishing - flyers, newsletters, etc. Participants will receive the necessary skills to effectively utilize Microsoft Publisher.

Date(s):	4/24/2007 5/1/2007	Times:	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Cost:	\$75
Location:	Whiteside Regional Office of Education 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081	Presenters:	Nancy Slonneger		
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	4/17/2007	Potential CPDUs:	6

4282 Digital Photos, Slide Shows, and Videos - Spring 2007

In this module, we will cover creating digital videos with your digitized photos. Participants will receive the necessary skills to effectively utilize digital imaging software.

Date(s):	5/8/2007 5/15/2007	Times:	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Cost:	\$75
Location:	Whiteside Regional Office of Education 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081	Presenters:	Nancy Slonneger		
Audience:	K - 12th	Reg Deadline:	5/1/2007	Potential CPDUs:	6

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March 11 – 17: Illinois Arts Education Week

The third week in March is traditionally designated Illinois Arts Education Week in Illinois in cooperation with the Illinois Alliance for Art Education (IAAE), the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Governor's office. ISBE produces the poster to promote the week and to reinforce the importance of the arts in the growth and development of students. Each year, an Illinois student's artwork is featured on the poster which is distributed to all Illinois schools. This year, the winner of that poster contest was Jacob Corning from Reagan Middle School, Dixon. Be watching for the 2007 poster to arrive and remember to celebrate the arts in your school this week!

Earth Day Programs

Earth Day programs are available for classrooms kindergarten – 9 with content available to meet each grade/age level. May dates are still available. This program is important at any time of the year; however, April 22 is Earth Day and designated as a national holiday to make us all aware of the responsibility of every citizen to take care of our natural environment. Content includes the basics of pollution to the air, water, and land; why it is of great value to recycle; and how we can all conserve our natural resources. Class time is scheduled to best meet your student and teacher schedules.

Please contact Nancy Anderson for a March - May visit to your classroom at 815/772-2124, ext. 3; fax, 815/772-7973; or e-mail nancy.anderson@il.nacdn.net.

Conservation 2007 Poster Contest - "Conservation Power !"

Each year conservation districts offer K-9 students the opportunity to create and make a poster that reflects their thoughts about how we can take better care of our natural resources. Information was mailed to you in February about this year's contest. This year's theme, "Conservation Power," has to do with all of the many ways that we are now learning about creating and using energy in our lives. What are the many forms of energy being developed for use in our homes, schools, transportation, factories etc.? How do we use energy to make our lives easier? What is the difference between renewable and nonrenewable energy? What is renewable energy? How do we make it? What are some of the new ways to make (produce) energy (power) using corn, soy beans, or manure? What is a wind turbine and how does it make energy (power)? Why do we need to learn to save (conserve) our energy use? This is a big topic that everyone is talking about, and it is a good theme for this year's poster contest as it is something we all need to understand.

If you are interested in having your class make a poster for the "Conservation Power Contest," please contact Nancy Anderson for a classroom visit to explain the theme, to help present ideas for the posters, and to provide guidelines in making their posters. Poster basics: 8 1/2 x 11 inch or 22 x 28 inch paper with media as crayons, markers, paint, or pastels. Poster entries are judged by the Soil & Water staff according to grade level categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. Each 1st place winning poster artists will receive a \$25 certificate. All student entries receive a certificate and a special "gift" for their participation in the contest. Winning posters from each category are forwarded to Springfield for the statewide poster competition in July. Please join us to celebrate stewardship of nature by learning more about the renewable resources of our nation.

Poster entries are due in the Soil & Water office, 16255 Liberty Street, Morrison, by Friday, May 4. Any questions, please call Nancy Anderson at 815/772-2124, ext. 3; fax to 815/772-7973; or e-mail nancy.anderson@il.nacdn.net.

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May Outdoor Education Classes

As the warm weather approaches, classroom visits on your school grounds or to a near by park are available for grades K-6. Time length is dependent upon age/grade level and format of the class. Content: general identification of trees and plants of the area; discussion of nature in spring — plant growth and animal life; and viewing of some special materials.

This is always a good time of year to get out of the classroom to enjoy nature and relax as the year draws to a close. Please contact Nancy Anderson at 815/772-2124, ext. 3; fax to 815/772-7973; or e-mail nancy.anderson@il.nacdn.net as soon as possible as dates and times available in May are limited.

AREA VACANCIES

District: Sterling Community Unit School District #5
Contact: Tad Everett
Address: 410 E LeFevre, Sterling, 61081
Phone: 815/626-5050

Appropriate Certification, unless otherwise noted, is required for the following vacancies:

Opening: High School Health - grades 9-12
Opening: High School Social Studies/grades 9-12
Opening: High School Math/grades 9-12

Opening: Middle & High School Bilingual Teacher/grades 6-12

Opening: Middle School Language Arts/grade 8
Opening: Middle School Art/grade 6 half-time
Opening: Middle School P.E./grades 6-8
Opening: Middle School Health/P.E./grades 6-8
Opening: Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies/6th grade

Opening: Lincoln Elementary Counselor/grades 3-5
Qualifications: Type 73 certificate

Opening: Franklin Elementary Counselor/grades K-2
Qualifications: Type 73 certificate

Opening: Jefferson Bilingual Teacher grades K-2 (2)

Opening: Jefferson Elementary Teacher/grade 1

Deadline: Open until filled
Begins: August 2007

District: RiverBend CUSD #2
Contact: Human Resources
Address: 1110 3rd St., Fulton, IL 61252
Phone: 815/589-2711

Opening: High School Math
Qualifications: IL 6-12 certification with math endorsement

Opening: High School Ecology and Biology
Qualifications: IL 6-12 certification with endorsements in Ecology and Biology

Deadline: March 30, 2007
Start Date: August 2007

District: Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico CUSD #3
Contact: Human Resources
Address: 79 Grove St., Prophetstown, IL 61277
Phone: 815/537-5101

Opening: Elementary Teacher
Qualifications: IL Certification (K-9)

Opening: P/T vocal/instrumental teacher
Qualifications: IL certification

Opening: Elementary band/instrumental/vocal teacher
Qualifications: IL certification

Deadline: August 15, 2007
Start Date: August 17, 2007

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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.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday
After 4:30 by Appointment