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Calendar Of Events

April

- 3 First Day of Passover
- 6 Good Friday - ROE Closed
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 15 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 15-21 National Library Week
- 25 Administrative Professionals Day

Certificate Registration

We will be registering certificates in the school districts the week of May 14. Preprinted registration forms will be sent to each building prior to that time.

Please be sure to have your Statement of Assurance completed and approved before May 14 so your certificate(s) can be registered.

Change of Date for Meeting The Challenge, 2007

Meeting The Challenge XVIII, fine arts conference co-sponsored by Sauk Valley Community College and Whiteside Regional Office of Education, will be held on **Tuesday, November 13, 2007** instead of in January! Note this change of date and help us to alert those educators who may be interested in this conference that addresses the integration of fine arts into core curricular areas for grades K - 12. Be watching for the flyers with registration information early next school year!

Northwestern University's Collaboratory Project Symposium

On Friday, May 4, Northwestern University is hosting a symposium regarding **The Collaboratory Project** at the University's Center on the Evanston Campus from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (lunch will be provided). The Collaboratory Project is an easy-to-use, web-based collaborative environment that teachers use to develop project-based activities that are linked to Illinois Learning Standards. This is an opportunity for teachers, administrators, library/media specialists, technology and curriculum coordinators, principals, and all other educators **who are interested in**, or are currently working with, the Collaboratory to advance student learning and achievement. It may be worth your time to get more information regarding this project by going to the project webpage located at (<http://collaboratory.nunet.net>).

The COST of the symposium is free but online REGISTRATION to attend the Symposium is required. To register, go to <http://collaboratory.nunet.net/symposium2007>. Registration will be open through Wednesday, April 25. (For those who cannot attend, the Collaboratory Symposium will be video taped for later viewing on the Collaboratory

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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! Workshop Schedule with On-line Registration

When is the last time you visited the site of your Whiteside County Regional Office of Education at www.whitesideroe.org? On-line registration is now available at this site for any workshop or conference offered in Whiteside County. Check out the workshop descriptions, register on-line, and immediately follow-up with the payment if there is a fee. Registration is not complete until the payment is received. This process should make registration easier for all! And remember that all workshops must meet the minimum number of registrants by a deadline date, usually one week prior to the date of the workshop, to permit it being held!

You can also view the workshops and trainings throughout the whole state of Illinois. At the bottom of the schedule of Whiteside County workshops is the link to www.iarss.org which will bring the listing of workshops/trainings in every part of Illinois. This site, from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, is worth a visit!

Raising Student Achievement Conference December 3 & 4, 2007

A conference, for all teachers and administrators, will be held on December 3 and 4 at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. This conference is being sponsored by Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers of Illinois and will focus on four strands:

- Subgroup Populations (including Gifted and Special Education)
- Content/Instruction
- Data/Assessment
- Family/Community/School Climate

Sessions will address prevention as well as intervention and direct-targeted strategies.

This conference is being planned to assist every teacher and administrator to prepare every student to make AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) according to the law of NCLB. Strategies will be at the classroom level from presenters who have experienced results.

Presenters are being sought now! If you are interested in submitting a Presenter Proposal to offer a one-hour or two-hour session(s) in one or more topics, you may do so by accessing the form at the 2007 website: <http://www.roeachievementconference.org/> and submitting it on-line. The deadline to submit a proposal is April 27. For further information, contact Betty Clementz. And mark your calendar to attend this most informative conference!

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Reading First Scheduled for June Grades Kindergarten and First

Reading First Academy: Kindergarten and First Grade is a 20-hour professional development from ISBE incorporating grade-level specific strategies for teaching reading. The four five-hour days are scheduled for June 18 - 21 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Each training will focus on the five essential components of reading instruction:

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

Twenty CPDUs will be granted. Cheryl Faber, reading specialist, will be the instructor. Registrations may be completed by copying the registration form and submitting it by fax or mail or on-line at www.whitesideroe.org. Fee for the four days is \$175 payable at the time of registration. Deadline to register is Friday, June 1.

Reading First Academy: Second and Third Grades

Reading First Academy: Second and Third Grades is 20 hours of professional development incorporating grade-level specific strategies for teaching reading to “*Leave No Child Behind.*” The four days are scheduled for June 25 – 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. daily. Each training will focus on the four essential components of reading instruction:

- Phonics
- Vocabulary Development
- Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension

In addition, ELL and differentiation strategies will be included.

Twenty CPDUs will be awarded. Cheryl Faber, reading specialist, will be the instructor. Registrations may be completed by copying the registration form and submitting it by fax or mail or on-line at www.whitesideroe.org. Fee for the four days is \$175 payable at the time of registration. Deadline to register is Friday, June 1.

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/Clase 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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Illinois Early Learning Kindergarten Standards Training

The Illinois Early Learning Kindergarten Standards were released through the regional offices of education across the state on September 12. This training is again scheduled for June 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to present these standards to kindergarten teachers. Cheryl Faber, a primary educator, will be the presenter. Register **no later than Friday, May 25** to be assured that you will receive a copy of the standards for this training. Cost is \$35, and four CPDUs will be offered for this training.

CECredits Online: Graduate Classes

CECredits Online offers six on-line classes. Cost stated is for the course which entitles a participant to CPDU credit. An additional fee is due upon successful completion for 1, 2 or 3 semester hours of graduate credit through Humboldt State University. Dates for enrollment and completion of coursework are open-ended; however, participants are encouraged to complete the course in the semester in which they began. Register at **www.cecreditsonline.org** and request special pricing through Whiteside ROE #55. A toll free number (800/600-5636) is also available for your convenience and for further information. Courses that are available include:

- Giving Directives That Students Will Follow
- Stopping Disruptive Behavior
- Conducting the Parent Conference
- Rights & Responsibilities in the Disciplinary Process
- Foundations of and Current Trends in Education
- Coaching to Improve Teaching and Learning
- Coaching to Improve Reading
- Differentiating Instruction in the Regular Classroom

Any questions may be addressed to Betty Clementz at 815/625-1495.

Aurora Three-Hour Graduate Class Offered in June

OEDC 6334, Art for the Elementary Teacher, is to be offered June 25 – 29 at Rock Falls Middle School. This three-hour graduate class will present activities that are based on the state goals for fine arts that are incorporated into the core curriculum subjects. The class may be taken for graduate credit or CPDUs. Stan Karnoscak, art teacher at Herget Middle School at West Aurora, will be the instructor. A minimum of 12 will be needed by the deadline of June 1 to guarantee the class will be held. Full information is on our website. Register now to guarantee that the class will be held.

Arts Alive in the Classroom July 24 & 25

Illinois Alliance for Arts Education and Festival 56 of Princeton are hosting the second annual Arts Education Conference in Princeton July 24 & 25. Up to 20 CPDUs will be available. Conference registration materials and questions may be directed to Barbara Heimerdinger at 815/756-7615 or at **barbarah@tbc.net**.

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Bilingual Spanish Materials - Free

A new set of Spanish-language educational materials for teachers to use in the classroom has been introduced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The materials focus on Illinois' trees. The activity book is the ninth book offered through the IDNR with both an English- and Spanish-language version. A tenth activity book is expected to be available sometime next year. The posters are the first to be completed in a Spanish-language version.

"These new bilingual education materials will provide a way for Spanish-speaking students to feel more comfortable in the classroom while learning about the state's natural resources," said Sam Flood, acting director of the IDNR.

The following items are now available through the IDNR Division of Education:

- **Datos de Los Bosques de Illinois (Illinois' Forest Facts)**
Students can learn about trees, leaves, fall colors, tree products and other tree-related topics with this 24-page activity book that is designed for use with students in grades K-3.
- **Colores de Otoño de Illinois (Illinois Fall Colors)**
The beautiful leaf colors of an Illinois autumn are presented in this poster along with information about where and when to see the best fall colors, why leaves change colors, and other tree-related resources available for teachers.
- **Árboles de Illinois (Illinois Trees: Seeds and Leaves)**
Leaves and seeds of 15 common Illinois trees are illustrated on the front of the poster, while the back side contains information about each species and offers tips on tree identification.

Each of the items may be obtained through the IDNR online order form at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/classrm/edматы02.htm>. English-language versions are also available. All materials incorporate the learning standards that are in place in Illinois schools. Lesson plans for teachers interested in using the materials in a classroom setting are also available from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to bilingual educational materials, in 2005, the IDNR began offering online courses through the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) as part of the Master of Teacher Leadership degree program. Teachers can also take the UIS courses for CPDUs at a reduced cost. The IDNR also offers a variety of activity books, CD-ROMs, and posters, focusing on Illinois' biodiversity for educators to use in the classroom.

Planning to Retire Soon?

Educators planning to retire soon, remember that you must submit all your professional development completed for each year in the cycle that you were actively employed, on the ECS website, so it will be available for the process of renewal of your certificate at the end of the cycle. You must also retain your validation certificates to support those entries. If you have any questions, contact Gary Steinert, Regional Superintendent, at 815/625-1495.

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Science, Math, & Technology

By: Paul Cannon

GPS Training Opportunities

Have GPS Will Travel Class

Dickson Mounds Museum

June 12-14

Experience the ultimate introductory level GPS hands-on workshop for educators. This class is for all grade 3 - 12 educators who wish to learn what GPS is and how to use it as a tool with their students in the classroom. Teachers will learn what GPS is; how to work with a GPS unit, initialize it, program it, collect data, enter data, and clear data; and how it is used in the real world and why it is important in education. (Geocaching, Confluence, and Scavenger Hunts will be covered and experienced in the class.) Also what is possible with GPS data will be explored and demonstrated in terms of mapping.

<http://www.gis2gps.com/newclasses/2007classes/2007JuneDMMhavegpswilltravel.htm>

GPS2GIS Adventure

July 16 - 19

This class is a fast approach to both GIS and GPS for grades 3 - 12 educators who want a direct approach to using GIS, GPS, and its related resources with their students in the classroom. Teachers will learn what GIS and GPS are about, why it is important in education, and ways of implementing this technology into their school curriculum.

<http://www.gis2gps.com/newclasses/2007classes/Julygps2gisadventureHavana.htm>

Some Teacher Resources for Spring

<http://www.teacherplanet.com/resource/spring.php> Lesson plans, worksheets, clip art, and other resources can be found at this URL.

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/> This URL offers over 3,000 free lesson plans. You can search the data base using your own criteria and grade levels and in all subject areas.

<http://www.edhelper.com/> The EdHelper URL contains all kinds of resources and monthly theme suggestions.

http://www.baseballhalloffame.org/education/experience/thematic_units/index.html This URL is part of the National Baseball Hall of Fame website and it contains a series of online thematic units. These thematic units cover everything such as mathematics, history, technology, fine arts, and much more. You will also find links to other areas of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/> This URL contains over 700 links to sites that will help your students with their homework. Teachers could also utilize this site for teaching resources.

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The Illinois Learning Technology Purchase Program

The Illinois Learning Technology Purchase Program (ILTPP) was jointly developed by the Learning Technology Centers (LTC), the Regional Offices of Education (ROE), and the Intermediate Service Centers (ISC) in response to needs assessment information provided by district personnel from around the state. The purpose of this voluntary program is to develop partnerships with suppliers to make available quality hardware, software, peripherals and other technology-related products to Illinois educational facilities, at discount pricing, that would normally only be available to larger entities.

The ILTPP is a consortium of suppliers that have met the following criteria. Education personnel have referred all suppliers that participate in the program. These companies are known to have provided exceptional services and quality products. Supplier reliability is researched and an Advisory Board that consists of Center, ROE, and ISC directors evaluate pricing and products. Suppliers' products must enhance computer-related curriculum and prices must be the best available.

For additional information regarding ILTPP, please visit <http://www.iltpp.org/>.

April Skywatching Events

The **April** full moon comes on **Monday, April 2, at 7:43 p.m.** Central Daylight Time. This is the most distant and smallest full moon of this year. The moon's distance from Earth ranges from about 350,000 to 400,000 kilometers. In other words, at its most distant (before dawn on April 3 U.S. time) the moon will be about 50,000 kilometers (about 30,000 miles) farther away than at its closest.

The **April** full moon is the first full moon since the March equinox. The first full moon of a northern hemisphere spring is commonly called the Paschal Full Moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon in spring, making Sunday, April 8, Easter Sunday.

On **Saturday morning, April 7**, the moon rises about **midnight** and from then until **about 6:00 a.m.**, take notice of a very bright object in the vicinity of the moon. This bright object is the planet Jupiter: fourth brightest body to light up the heavens after the sun, moon, and Venus. If you miss them on this morning, you'll get another chance. The **waning gibbous moon** will pair up even more closely with Jupiter **Sunday morning, April 8** from about **1:00 a.m.** until **just before dawn**, presenting a very picturesque scene throughout the night.

At about **9:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 19**, look to the WNW part of the sky, and you will see the slender waxing crescent moon shining between, and quite close to, two major celestial attractions: Venus, the brightest of all planets, and the Pleiades, the most celebrated of all star clusters.

Venus is easy to see, because it's the brightest starlike object in the western sky. The Pleiades is much dimmer than Venus, but it's still readily identifiable. You'll easily recognize the Pleiades as a tiny dipper-shaped pattern of six little stars, all wrapped in mist. The Pleiades is small but distinctive.

On this night as you are looking at the alignment of Venus, The Pleiades, and the Moon, you can also easily see Orion just to the left of this alignment and the Gemini Twins, Pollux and Castor almost directly above Venus.

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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.

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| 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.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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.cccreditsonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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: | | | |

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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.cccreditonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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: | | | |

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.cccreditonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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: | | | |

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.cccreditonline.org or call 888/263-9980.

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| 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: | | | |

Reading First

4328 Reading First Academy: Kindergarten and First Grades, Summer 2007

Reading First Academies present grade-level specific strategies to "Leave No Child Behind". Each grade-level training will focus on the five essential components of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension.

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| Date(s): | 6/18, 06/19, 06/20 and 6/21/2007 | Times: | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Cost: | \$175 |
| Location: | Whiteside Regional Office of Education 1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081 | Presenters: | Cheryl Faber and Betty Clementz | Potential CPDUs: | 20 |
| Audience: | K and 1st grade teachers, administrators, and support staff | Reg Deadline: | 6/1/2007 | | |

4327 Reading First Academy: Second and Third Grades, Summer 2007

Reading First Academies present grade-level specific strategies to "Leave No Child Behind". Second and Third grade-level training will focus on the four essential components of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. In addition, ELL and differentiation strategies will be included.

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| Date(s): | 6/25, 06/26, 06/27 and 6/28/2007 | Times: | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Cost: | \$175 |
| Location: | Whiteside Regional Office of Education 1001 West 23rd Street, Sterling, IL 61081 | Presenters: | Cheryl Faber and Betty clementz | Potential CPDUs: | 20 |
| Audience: | 2nd - 3rd grade teachers, administrators, and support staff | Reg Deadline: | 6/1/2007 | | |

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Standards Curriculum & Assessments

4329 Illinois Early Learning Kindergarten Standards Training

ISBE released the Illinois Early Learning Kindergarten Standards on September 12, Kindergarten Day in Illinois. Cheryl Faber, a primary educator, will be the presenter of this training. Each participant will receive a copy of the Kindergarten Standards.

Date(s): 6/8/2007 **Times:** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM **Cost:** \$35
Location: Whiteside Regional Office of Education **Presenters:** Cheryl Faber
1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081
Audience: Pre-k - 2nd **Reg Deadline:** 5/25/2007 **Potential CPDUs:** 4

Technology

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 **Presenters:** Nancy Slonneger
1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081
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 **Presenters:** Nancy Slonneger
1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081
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 **Presenters:** Nancy Slonneger
1001 W. 23rd St., Sterling, IL 61081
Audience: K - 12th **Reg Deadline:** 5/1/2007 **Potential CPDUs:** 6

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Workshop Registration Advanced Registration is required for all ROE Programs

Please use a separate registration form for each workshop.

Name _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

School District Name and Number _____

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

E-mail Address _____

Workshop ID# and Title _____

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

Workshop Date _____ Location of Workshop _____

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

Registration forms and fees for each workshop received in our office **at least one week in advance** of the first session of the workshop will determine if the workshop will be offered or cancelled. **No refunds will be given after that date.** Further registrations will be accepted until the maximum number is met. **Please fill out the registration form completely and mail to the address below by the registration deadline with the appropriate fee.** If you need further information, call 815/625-1495.

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

For Office Use:

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

Date Confirmation Sent: _____

E d u c a t i o n a l H i g h l i g h t s - A p r i l 2 0 0 7

Remaining Computer Training Scheduled

Working with Internet and E-mail

This module will introduce the internet and e-mail. Basic search techniques will also be explored, as well as precautions in navigating the system safely. Classes will be held on April 10 & 17 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Publisher

This module will teach the components of Microsoft Publisher as a software to create newsletters, flyers, etc. Classes will be held on April 24 & May 1 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Digital Photos, Slide Shows, & Video

This module will show you how to create slide shows and videos with your digitalized photos. Classes will be held on May 8 & 15 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

All sessions meet on two Tuesday afternoons for three hours each session and require a minimum number of registrants by **one week prior to the first session** or the sessions will be cancelled. Registration information and full description of each workshop is available on the website www.whitesideroe.org or by calling 815/625-1495. Cost for each two-session workshop is \$75, and 6 CPDUs/topic are offered. Nancy Slonneger is the instructor. Since the maximum number of registrations accepted for any session is ten, the instruction is at a pace appropriate to each individual.

Help Delete Online Predators

Report any disturbing incidents by giving the screen name, the email address, and any other information known about an online sexual predator to your local Internet service provider, the local law enforcement, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's www.Cybertipline.com (Phone number 1-800-THE HELP). The majority of children who use the Internet do not get into serious trouble. The Internet can be a wonderful learning tool: but, like anything else, you need to be careful.

Spring Outdoor Education Programs

Outdoor education classes for grades K - 5, either on your school grounds or at a nearby park, are available these last warm days of the school year. Program content will be an exploration of the school grounds, or park to share with the students the plants, wildlife, and interesting things of nature. The length of a visit is 35-60 minutes which is dependent upon age or grade level. Classes start anytime that you are ready to go out-of-doors with your class. Contact Nancy Anderson at 815/772-2124, ext. 3; via facsimile at 815/772-7973; or email nancy.anderson@il.nacdnet.net.

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Summer Workshops on the Mississippi River

Living Lands and Waters is a group of young, enthusiastic educators who began in 2003 to develop workshops for teachers and any individuals interested in becoming educated and involved in the ecology of our nation's major waterways, namely the Mississippi River. The driving energy behind this excellent series of workshops is Chad Pregracke. Chad began this educational project after several years of "cleaning-up" the Mississippi River. This project has grown into an environmental resource for all communities up and down the Mississippi and now has spread to the Ohio River Basin and Potomac River Basin.

Workshops take place directly on the river aboard the *Living Lands and Waters Barge*, a floating classroom. The classroom is a part of the barge that is also used as a garbage barge for cleaning the Mississippi River of discarded tires, metal, cans, and debris of all types. Please check the following website for information concerning the workshop schedule for this spring and summer: <http://www.livinglandsandwaters.org>. You will be on the Mississippi River learning first hand from a varied group of quality presenters. For any additional information, please contact Nancy Anderson at 815/772-2124, ext. 3; via facsimile at 815/772-7973; or email nancy.anderson@il.nacdnet.net. Tammy Becker is the education coordinator for scheduling and is available to answer any and all questions.

Poster Contest: "Conservation Power" 2007

The Soil & Water District annual poster contest for grades kindergarten - 9 has begun. Grade level groupings are K-1; 2-3; 4-6; and 7-9. Students are invited to create an original student drawing in dimensions of 8 1/2 x 11 inches to 22 x 28 inches about "Energy!" Student posters can illustrate the many new forms of renewable energy such as wind turbines, using corn to make ethanol, and soybeans to make bio-diesel fuels. Posters can also show why we need to use renewable fuels to help save and protect our natural environment. Basic content: what are the new forms of renewable energy and why are they good for Illinois. Students may use crayons, markers; etc. to create a flat or two dimensional drawing on paper or cardstock.

Each student that wins in the grade level grouping receives a \$25 gift certificate and a special Certificate of Recognition for their artistic achievement. Each participating student receives a Certificate of Recognition and a "special treat" that is provided by Nancy Anderson at the Soil & Water Conservation Office. One student poster will be chosen from each grade level category to be sent to the Illinois State Soil & Water Conservation Office in Springfield. The winning student from each grade level grouping, along with their family, will be the guest of the soil & water districts of Illinois for an overnight stay in Springfield. They will also be recognized as special guests of honor at an education luncheon and will receive a monetary award. The state level event will take place during the summer.

If you are interested in being a part of this environmental-spring activity, please contact Nancy Anderson at 815/772-2124, ext. 3, via facsimile at 815/772-7973 or email nancy.anderson@il.nacdnet.net. for a visit to your classroom to present a program that will better explain the renewable energy theme and its content and an explanation of ideas and guidelines of creating a poster. Posters are due in the Soil & Water Conservation District Office, 16255 Liberty, Morrison, by May 4.

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AREA VACANCIES

Sterling Community Unit School District #5

Contact: Tad Everett

Address: 410 E. LeFevre, Sterling, 61081

Phone: 815/626-5050

Opening: Pre-Kindergarten Teachers (2)

Qualifications: Type 04 certificate

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: Immediately

Opening: Middle School Language Arts - 8th grade

Qualifications: Appropriate certification required

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: High School Health - grades 9-12

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: High School Social Studies - grades 9-12

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: High School Math - grades 9-12

Qualifications: Appropriate Certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

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

Qualifications: Appropriate Certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Middle School Art (.5) half-time - 6th grade

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Middle School P.E. - grades 6-8

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Middle School Health/P.E. grades 6-8

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies - 6th grade

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Lincoln Elementary Counselor - gr. 3-5

Qualifications: Type 73

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Franklin Elementary Counselor - gr. K-2

Qualifications: Type 73

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

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

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

Opening: Jefferson Elementary Teacher - 1st grade

Qualifications: Appropriate certification

Deadline: Open until filled

Begins: August 2007

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AREA VACANCIES

River Bend Community Unit District #2

Contact: Mrs. Kathleen Schipper
Address: 1207 12th Street, Fulton, 61252
Phone: 815/589-3511

Opening: HS Physical Education Teacher
Qualifications: IL Teaching Certificate w/ P.E. and health endorsements preferred
Deadline: May 4, 2007
Begins: August 20, 2007

Opening: English/Language Arts
Qualifications: 6-12 teaching certificate with English endorsement and speech preferred
Deadline: April 13, 2007
Begins: Not available

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
Qualifications: IL certification

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

Morrison Community Unit School District #6

Contact: Dr. Jody Ware
Address: 646 Genesee Ave., Morrison 61270
Phone: 815/772-2064

Opening: High School Guidance Counselor
Qualifications: IL School Service Personnel Certificate
Deadline: April 13, 2007
Begins: August 3, 2007

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