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DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT ESSA MEETING

Here's your chance to get information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and to share your ideas about how this important law should be implemented. Area V will host this ISBE Outreach *Help Define Illinois' ESSA Plan* opportunity at the St. Clair County ROE, 1000 South Illinois Street, Belleville 62220, Monday, April 18, 2016. Some of the high level questions being asked are, What do we value and how would that be translated into a State Plan to improve achievement for all students? How should student growth factor into the accountability system? What do you want to see in a State Plan to improve coordinated services to schools and districts? and What do you want to see in a State Plan to improve program and services? This is the first opportunity to provide input on ESSA, but ISBE will be engaging with stakeholders throughout the process until full implementation in 2017-2018. Get information online at www.isbe.net/essa and make comments at essa@isbe.net.

STEM SUMMER CAMP WILL BE A BLAST!

Girls in grades 3-8 who are interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) will really enjoy the 5-day Stellar Girls STEM Summer Camp from June 6-10 at SWIC, Red Bud. They will participate in cool, hands-on activities with STEM professionals, go on a field trip and explore a wide range of careers related to feeding, fueling, healing and saving the world. Registration forms have been sent to all district superintendents and principals and parochial schools, so encourage your students to register early – and definitely by May 6 – for this first come, first served, limited attendance camp.

VALMEYER SECOND-GRADERS NAME EAGLES

Linda Rettig's second-graders chose the winning group of names in the Monroe County Bicentennial Name the Eagles Competition. An adult female bald eagle, an adult male and two chicks will be proud to bear the names Hope, Freedom, Justice and Liberty, respectively. Ms. Rettig's class will be treated to lunch and a field trip to spot the eagles from Miles Cemetery. *Thanks!* to the many classes who participated in the contest and came up with some very creative names.

SPELLERS BUZZ THROUGH WORDS

Fifth- through eighth-grade spelling bee champs from eighteen regional schools participated in the Monroe-Randolph Counties 2016 Spelling Bee at Gardner Elementary in March. ROE *Congratulations!* to fifth-grade finishers 1) Jonathan Renfroe, Chester, 2) Evan Dressel, Red Bud and 3) Trey Fabie, St. John the Baptist; sixth-grade finishers 1) Braden Meyerhoff, Steeleville, 2) Nic Tomlinson, St. Mary's and 3) Paula Boser, ICS; seventh-grade finishers 1) Nick Chambers, St. John the Baptist, 2) Nathan Trout, Columbia and 3) Owen Fahey, Red Bud and eighth-grade finishers 1) Sam Morgan, Waterloo, 2) Brendan Mezo, Steeleville and 3 tied) Adam Barnard, Columbia and Nick Prindiville, ICS.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS SHINE AT PLATINUM CHEF

Chester, Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Columbia, Red Bud and Waterloo high schools were among those that competed in the Tenth Annual Platinum Chef Team Challenge last month at Red Bud and made our region proud. Judged on effort, organization, plating, presentation and food quality and based on the results of a cooking test, first place went to Columbia High School, and second place went to Red Bud High School, who also got the highest test score. Other awards were as follows: Columbia High School-Best Utility/Support Team, Best Entrée and Best Oral Presentation of Dishes; Chester High School-Best Appetizer and Red Bud High School-Best Salad. Josh Stuart from Columbia won the award for Best Present, and MVPs were Alexis Doolin, Chester; Erica Unnerstall, COSLHS; Allison Murphy, Columbia; Megan Thompson, Red Bud and Evan Thorpe, Waterloo. *Congratulations* from the ROE!

KEEP BICYCLISTS SAFE

It's that time of year: remind your students about bicycle safety! Just some of the rules to review: Ride in single file with traffic, not against it. Use hand signals (left arm straight out for left turn, forearm up for right turn) half a block in advance of your turn. Always be seen: wear bright clothing in the day and reflective clothing at night. Never hitch on cars. Make sure the bike has the right safety equipment: a red rear reflector, a white front reflector, a red or colorless spoke reflector on the rear wheel, an amber or colorless reflector on the front wheel, pedal reflectors, a horn or bell and a rearview mirror.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

K-5 Writing to Read, Thursday, April 21, SWIC Red Bud, Room 152, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., FREE*

6-12 Writing to Read, Tuesday, April 26, SWIC Red Bud, Room 152, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., FREE*

During this resource-rich professional development training, participants will use the Writing to Read research to identify writing practices that improve students' reading. These practices support the implementation of the new Illinois Learning Standards for ELA/literacy. A culminating activity will be to design a classroom task and connect it to PARCC.

K-12 Life Science Teachers: Graduate Assistants Supporting Science (G.R.A.S.S.), Tuesday, May 24, SWIC Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30-11:30 a.m., FREE

Do you want to learn how you can enhance your students' science experiences by bringing wildlife ecology into the classroom? Potential topics include Careers in Science, Tracking and Trapping, Wildlife in Southern Illinois, Hunting as a Management Tool, Large Carnivores' Role in the Ecosystem, Ecosystems in Your Backyard, Food Webs, etc.

K-12 Teachers and Administrators: Balanced Classroom Assessments, Wednesday, June 1, SWIC Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., FREE*

Are you looking for ways to improve student achievement? Participants will learn to use effective feedback to increase student achievement and brainstorm ways that classroom assessments impact what and how students are taught.

K-12 Science Teachers: The Assessment of Science Meets the Science of Assessment, Thursday, June 2, SWIC Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., \$25

This workshop is designed for those who are familiar with Next Generation Science Standards and Three-Dimensional Learning and are looking to create meaningful 3-D assessments.

K-12 Teachers and Administrators: Technology In Action: How Do I Use Technology to Actively Engage Students in the Learning Process? Tuesday, June 7, SWIC Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., \$70

This workshop will cover strategies to maximize the technology you have, FREE web tools guaranteed to keep your students engaged, using Google Slides to build interactive lessons and cost effective tech tools for the teacher on a budget. *Bring a laptop or other Internet-ready device.*

K-12 Science Teachers: The Tools Needed to Bring NGSS to the Classroom, Wednesday, June 8 AND Thursday, June 9, SWIC Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., FREE*

At this two-day workshop participants will learn how to use phenomena to drive instruction, "unpack" the disciplinary core ideas to determine the content of their lessons, use the crosscutting concepts as a lens for students to make sense of the science and engage students in the science and engineering practices to study phenomena.

*For Foundational Services workshops (those with asterisk), register at <http://tinyurl.com/ROE45FoundationalServices>. For other ROE workshops, register at www.educationregistration.org/roe45. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the event, and a late fee will be assessed after any registration deadline. Also, please include accurate **summer** contact information, especially an e-mail address, so that we can update you with any necessary information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13, 2016	Introduction to the New IL Learning Standards (NGSS)	Sparta Lincoln	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
April 15, 2016	Superintendents' Meeting	SWIC Conf. Room	9:00 am - noon
April 19, 2016	Curriculum Planning In Action (K-8) Day 2	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
April 20, 2016	Curriculum Planning In Action (9-12) Day 2	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
April 21, 2016	Principals' Meeting	SWIC-Room 123	9:00 am - 11:00 am
April 21, 2016	Writing to Read: Writing Can Improve Reading (K-5)	SWIC-Room 152	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
April 26, 2016	Writing to Read: Writing Can Improve Reading (6-12)	SWIC-Room 152	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
April 28, 2016	Creating a Student-Centered Classroom (K-5) Day 3	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
May 19, 2016	Regional Superintendent Education Update GoTo Mtg.		3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
May 24, 2016	Graduate Assistants Supporting Science	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 11:30 am
June 1, 2016	Balanced Classroom Assessments	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 1:30 pm
June 2, 2016	Assessment of Science Meets the Science of Assessment	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 1:30 pm
June 7, 2016	Technology In Action	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 1:30 pm
June 8&9, 2016	Tools Needed to Bring NGSS to the Classroom	SWIC-Room 123	8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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