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Happy New Year from your
Regional Office of Education Staff!

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ROE GOES GOOGLE

There is an adage in the Web development world, "It is easier to develop than maintain." We have all seen it and suffered from Web sites that start strong but soon go stale with old information. Social networking has changed our expectations about Internet information. Be it Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest, we want the information current, easily accessible and available on demand without clutter. The ROE has not been immune to these challenges, but that is all changing. The ROE has taken advantage of a free K-12 Google Applications account that provides a full-featured content management system, which means our Web site has been redesigned and allows for up-to-date information. But wait, there's more. Visit our site now and you will see we are beginning to integrate Facebook, Twitter, calendars, online registrations, discussion groups, instructional YouTube videos and more. The most powerful feature of our Web site is the search feature at the top of the page. Our site search crawls our pages as well as the documents we upload. Yes, we have several important sections under construction, but we are well on our way to completing the site in January. So, please come visit our site at www.roe45.org or www.roe45.net.

MARY ANN QUIVEY APPOINTED ASSISTANT REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT



Another change at the Regional Office is the appointment of Mary Ann Quivey as Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools. Mary Ann joins Kelton Davis at the helm of the ROE and looks forward to working with him to continue providing the region with the best educational services possible. She has almost 20 years of teaching experience at the high school, college and adult education levels; holds elementary, secondary and administrative certificates and has a Bachelors of Science from Eastern Illinois University and a Master's in Teaching and Leadership from the University of Illinois. While employed at the ROE since 2003, Mary Ann has been a curriculum, professional development and technology coordinator; has administered various grants such as the Illinois Math Science Partnership and worked with school improvement planning. In addition to these areas Mary Ann will become more involved in other programs, such as GED administration, school safety and school compliance. Mary Ann will have her main office at Waterloo but will still be involved in workshops and Area V meetings. Then when she's not at work, she'll be gardening, reading or spending time with her husband Jeff, college-aged son Weston or high school senior daughter Elise.

PLAN TO ATTEND DANIELSON WORKSHOPS

A three-day series of workshops on the Danielson Framework for Teaching will equip teachers, union leaders and administrators with foundational knowledge of the Danielson model and the new evaluation systems associated with it. Your school is encouraged to send teams of 3-5 members to attend Day 1-Structure and Content, Day 2-Teacher Implementation and Day 3-Collaborative Conversations. Several convenient dates and locations are available for each session from now through July, so please check with your principal or on this month's and upcoming *Brief* calendars. Anyone who has already attended a Danielson Framework workshop can skip Day 1 and register for only Days 2 and 3. Fees are \$30/day per participant, and registrations are due seven days prior to the selected workshop.

CERTIFICATES WILL BECOME LICENSES IN 2013

Thirty-five types of certificates will become four types of licenses—Professional Educator, Substitute, Educator License with Stipulations and Paraprofessional—on July 1, 2013, and substitute and paraprofessional licenses will be renewable. Those persons who now have initial, substitute, career and technical educator and paraprofessional certificates will have the most significant changes in their requirements to renew, but it is important for all educators to keep abreast of licensure developments. The easiest way to do this is to routinely check the ROE's Web site, www.roe45.net. Under *ROE Navigation* at the left, select *Certification/Licensure*. On the *Licensure Menu* on the right, choose *Documents and Resources* and download the ISBE publication on *The Illinois Educator Licensure System*. Then watch for announcements of after-school trainings with school staff in your areas soon.

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NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK IS FEBRUARY 4-8

Always celebrated the first full week in February, National School Counseling Week this year uses the theme “School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All” to highlight the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve academic success and plan for a career. To help promote the week, the American School Counselor Association has many materials and documents available online.

MAKE OPTIMAL USE OF INTERSCHOOL DELIVERY SYSTEM

Interschool deliveries are made in Monroe County on Mondays and Randolph County on Fridays unless changed for holiday school closings. Drivers from the ROE are glad to deliver items to another school in your district or outside your district and to the ROE. Please note the order of delivery so that you can take full advantage of this service: in Monroe County–Beck, WHS, Gardner, Rogers, WJHS, Zahnow, Columbia Middle, CHS, Columbia Unit, Parkview, Eagleview, ICS, Gibault, SPPS, Waterloo Unit and Valmeyer, and in Randolph County–PdR, Evansville, COSLHS, St. Mary’s, Chester Grade, St. John Lutheran, Chester Unit, CHS, St. Mark’s, Steeleville Elementary/Unit, Steeleville High, Sparta High, Sparta Lincoln, Sparta Unit, Sparta Primary, Coulterville, PEP, Trinity Lutheran, St. John’s Lutheran, St. John the Baptist, Red Bud Unit, RBHS, Red Bud Elementary, Perandoe and Red Brick.

RUBE GOLDBERG COMPETITION DATE CHANGES

Be aware that the date for Red Bud High School’s Rube Goldberg competition has been changed to Wednesday, March 6; doors open at 9:00 a.m., and competition begins about 10:15. There is still time to register a team by Friday, February 8 at <http://www.rubegoldberg.com> and then e-mail Red Bud High School to confirm participation in this year’s “hammer a nail” challenge.

COMMON CORE INFORMATION IS STILL AVAILABLE

Teachers and administrators should continue to check out Common Core material on ISBE’s Web site. Be reminded that *Capture the Core*, the monthly online newsletter containing tips, lesson ideas and updates by grade level for implementing Common Core ELA and Math Standards can be found at <http://www.isbe.net/common-core/htmls/news.htm>. Modules containing Powerpoints, handouts and worksheets are available at <http://www.isbe.net/common-core/pls/default.htm>. Finally, be aware that approximately 20% of the operational items on the Reading and Mathematics ISATs were written to Common Core standards and will be included as part of students’ scores/results for the 2013 ISAT. *Roadmaps for the 2013 ISAT* is available at <http://isbe.net/assessment/isat.htm> to assist in this transition.

KNOW THE RULES FOR WILDLIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

Has a student ever brought an animal to your classroom and asked you to keep it? Have you ever seen a feather or a bird’s nest and wanted to use it to supplement a lesson? Has anyone donated an empty hornets’ nest to your school? Teachers often come into contact with wildlife or wildlife remains, willingly or not. It is important to know what to do before you are placed in these situations. *Wildlife in the Classroom* at <http://dnr.state.il.us/education> explains the laws and permits that apply to possessing wildlife and wildlife remains. If you teach in Illinois you should be familiar with this information.

TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 5

Members of the Teachers’ Retirement System who have questions about their benefits may request a telephone conference with a TRS counselor on Tuesday, March 5 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Teachers planning for or thinking about retirement should contact their district office for a request form that must be returned to the ROE by January 29, 2013.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 9, 2013	Danielson Framework-Structure & Content	St. John’s Lutheran-Red Bud	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 10, 2013	Danielson Framework-Structure & Content	Sparta High School-Rm. 176	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 16, 2013	Danielson Framework-Structure & Content	Sparta High School-Rm. 176	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 18, 2013	Superintendents’ Council	SWIC Red Bud, Rm. 152	9:00 a.m. – noon
Jan. 23, 2013	Danielson Framework-Teacher Implement.	Mon. Co. Annex-Waterloo	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 23, 2013	School Safety Summit	Sparta Lincoln Library	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 24, 2013	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Red Bud, Perf. Arts	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 29, 2013	Adm. Acad.-Behavioral Threat Assessment	Mon. Co. Annex-Waterloo	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 5, 2013	Danielson Framework-Teacher Implement.	Sparta High School-Rm. 176	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6, 2013	Danielson Framework-Teacher Implement.	Sparta High School-Rm. 176	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6, 2013	Continuous & Systemic Improvement	Sparta Holiday Inn Express	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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