



**STATE RECOGNIZES NEED FOR ROE'S HELP**

About two years ago the Illinois State Board of Education contracted with the American Institute of Research (AIR) to provide professional development services for the lowest performing schools in Illinois. AIR is currently targeting 5% of the state's schools and has not yet begun working with them, so ISBE is engaging with Regional Offices of Education to provide services for all schools working to implement reform initiatives. Although the ROE has been working with schools for over 3 years on the Common Core for Math and English Language Arts, Danielson Framework Training for Teacher Performance Evaluation, Next Generation Science Standards and Formative and Summative Assessments, the ROE will now assist ISBE with additional implementation of continuous school improvement through Rising Star. Because our schools have been so proactive working on these initiatives, the ROE anticipates the additional support will exceed expectations from ISBE. Watch for additional supports for the region's schools beginning in January.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MYINFINITEC.ORG**

Because Perandoe Special Education District is a member of the Infinitec Assistive Technology Coalition, all general and special education teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators and related-services personnel in both counties can access the myinfinitec.org website by registering with a school e-mail address. Infinitec, which stands for infinite potential through technology, is the technology program of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago. Its mission is to advance independence and promote inclusive opportunities for children and adults through technology. Its *Training and Education* division includes face-to-face and distance learning for professional development. *Information Services* consists of extensive Web and hard copy resources, *Access to Expertise* includes access to highly experienced technical assistance staff and its *Equipment Services* includes discount purchase programs and a lending library of equipment. Check it out!

**ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES STATE SCHOLARS**

Congratulations to the ninety-six 2014–2015 State Scholars from the nine bi-county high schools! These students have been recognized for performing in the top half of their high school class at the end of the fifth semester and/or for scoring in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on the ACT, SAT or Prairie State Achievement Exam. The ROE applauds the accomplishments of these exemplary students.

<p><b><u>Chester High</u></b> Asselmeier, Bradley Bindel, Sarah Conner, Madison Lawrence, Maribeth Moore, Peyton Picou, Trevor Redeker, Austin Salger, Brandi Sigmund, Cory <b><u>Columbia High</u></b> Birk, Hannah Boyer-Edwards, Ian Busch, Nicholas Drennan, Samuel Garmer, Sarah Grindstaff, Katherine Harrison, Emily Kirkpatrick, Nicholas Leingang, Alexandra</p>	<p>McCarty, Sean McDonald, Conner O'Connor, Emily Rein, Jacob Rein, Kristin Seibel, Emily Smith, Jordan Spargo, Brian Stehlik, Lucas Tellor, Libbye Thompson, Karlye Vanatta, Kaylee <b><u>Coulterville High</u></b> Reid, Rachael <b><u>Gibault High</u></b> Altadonna, Jessica Braun, Blake Feldmeier, Noah Gyore, Kathleen Kimlinger, Melissa Mantia, Frank</p>	<p>Meyer, Mitchel Prader, Lauren Sanders, Ryan Schmitz, Gabrielle Schrader, Sam <b><u>Red Bud High</u></b> Baxter, Sierra Derousse, Joshua Grohmann, Caleb Heidel, Jesse Miller, Maria Puntriano, Aaron Renner, Rachael Ringing, Ali Snyder, Joshua Stellhorn, Savannah Trujillo, Victoria Wilson, Elijah <b><u>Sparta High</u></b> Jaja, Lydia Mayer, Mikala Rivera, Reiko</p>	<p><b><u>Steeleville High</u></b> Conway, Trenton Grefe, Mackenzie Lalis, McKenna <b><u>Valmeyer High</u></b> Bangle, Paige Chism, Alexandra May, Ethan Petri, Alex Richards, Courtney Vogt, Carly <b><u>Waterloo High</u></b> Belcher, Brittni Brinkmann, Micki Chapman, Jessica Elder, Jessica Elliott, Hope Eustis, Emma Goessling, Megan Henson, Ayla Jost, Courtney</p>	<p>Kanyuck, Collin Kean, Brooke Kowalczyk, Gina Lake, Davalee Mannino, Nolan Martin, Lucas Merritt, Carly Moehrs, Kennedy Munsell, Ashley Naumann, Abby Naumann, Maclain Pate, Katherine Potter, Taylor Schrieber, Dustin Schultheis, Kinsey Soutiea, Derek Stillman, Sarah Voelker, Brianna Wagner, Kyle Wall, Malone Wilken, Solomon</p>
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## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

### TEACHER TREATS

#### Unpacking the Standards and Forming Teachable Units

**Sixth-12<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers**, meet with Judith McDermott and other educators to discuss developing math units that incorporate the standards and practices. This Teacher Treat is Tuesday, January 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Room B213 of Waterloo High School.

#### Teaching with Tasks: Implementing the Practice Standards

**Sixth-12<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers** are also invited to a Teacher Treat to talk about developing tasks for students that develop the mathematical practices in the Common Core. Meet in Room B213 at Waterloo High School on Thursday, January 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Remember sessions are free**, but you must register at [www.educationregistration.org](http://www.educationregistration.org); click on ROE45. Also, if you are interested in hosting a Teacher Treat session and have a topic you would like to discuss with fellow educators, contact Rosie Gardner at [rgardner@roe45.org](mailto:rgardner@roe45.org) with your name, a date approved by your administrator(s) and your chosen topic.

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

#### Engaging Students with Content Vocabulary

Games are a great way to make vocabulary a part of student learning . . . much better than assigning a vocabulary list for memorization. One game that works well is Connect Two. Students take turns choosing two words from a word wall and telling how they are connected. Learn this and other higher level-thinking games at the *Content Vocabulary* workshop Tuesday, February 11 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at SWIC-Red Bud, Room 123.

#### Formative Assessment in the Classroom: How Do I Know What They Know?

Have you heard of “exit slips” . . . or better yet used them? As students finish a subject or prepare to leave for the day, they summarize what they have learned that period/day. A teacher, with a quick review, can assess learning and differentiate instruction for the next day accordingly. This is just one of the ideas that will be shared at the *Formative Assessment* workshop on Monday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or on two Thursday evenings, February 20 and 27 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at SWIC-Red Bud, Room 123.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 14, 2014	Teacher Treats (6-12 Math Teachers)	Waterloo High-Room B213	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Jan. 15, 2014	Beyond Narrative: Writing for the Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Jan. 17, 2014	Advisory Board	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	Noon – 3:00 pm
Jan. 23, 2014	Informational Reading Strategies	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Jan. 23, 2014	Teacher Treats (6-12 Math Teachers)	Waterloo High-Room B213	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Jan. 24, 2014	Superintendents’ Council	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Jan. 28, 2014	Beyond Narrative: Writing for the Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Jan. 30, 2014	Beyond Narrative: Writing for the Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Jan. 30, 2014	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am – 11:00 am
Feb. 4, 2014	Getting to Know the NGSS Practices	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Feb. 5, 2014	Advanced Homeless Training	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Feb. 6, 2014	Teacher Treats (6-12 Math Teachers)	Waterloo High-Room B213	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Feb. 7, 2014	Art du Jour	SWIC Red Bud	8:00 am – 2:15 pm
Feb. 7, 2014	Perandoe Networking Meeting	Perandoe Sp. Ed. Conf. Rm.	9:00 am
Feb. 11, 2014	Teacher Treats (6-12 English Teachers)	Columbia HS Library	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Feb. 11, 2014	Engaging Students with Content Vocabulary	SWIC Red Bud-Room 152	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Feb. 19, 2014	Rube Goldberg Machine Contest	Red Bud High School	
Feb. 20, 2014	Formative Assessment in the Classroom	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Feb. 24, 2014	Formative Assessment in the Classroom	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Feb. 27, 2014	Formative Assessment in the Classroom	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Feb. 27, 2014	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am – 11:00 am

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