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As we conclude one of the most demanding years in education, I am proud of our educators, who work exceptionally hard, give of themselves and support our children. My hope is that each of you enjoys a well-deserved hiatus, rejuvenates, spends time with family and friends and takes advantage of personal and professional growth this summer. To all of you who make a difference, I wish a safe and happy summer.

BI-COUNTY INSTITUTE: LAST CALL FOR PRESENTERS

If you have a distinct skill or specific knowledge that can improve a student's performance academically, socially or emotionally and that you are willing to share with fellow educators, now is the time to contact a member of the Advisory Board, your principal or Donna Mueller or Gertie Eshom in the Waterloo ROE office. Patti Miles at CCSI, Mandy Kueker in Chester, Linda Pickett and Brian Reeves in Columbia, Tim Schnoeker in Coulterville, Carol Root at Perandoe, Laurie Wright in Prairie du Rocher, Sandra Daniels and Drew Schneider in Red Bud, Ryan McClellan and Amanda Wetzler in Sparta, Stephanie Mulholland in Steeleville, Teena Riechmann in Valmeyer and Richard McDermott and Johnathan Schmiege in Waterloo will be glad to take your name for the October 10, 2014 Bi-County Institute *Know, Do, Believe*.

RIGHT TRACKERS IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

Monroe and Randolph counties' Right Track Truancy Program has many success stories. The ROE Interventionist Bill Reynolds recently acknowledged students who improved their attendance and recognized the value of doing so. This year 38 students from the Chester, Coulterville, Red Bud, Sparta, Steeleville, Valmeyer and Waterloo districts, CCSI, Perandoe and Red Brick received certificates for noticeable improvement.

YOUNG ARTISTS SPRING INTO ART

Bi-county elementary and middle school students at the Monroe-Randolph Regional Art Festival used their talents in five areas: cartooning, figure drawing, illustrative drawing, sculpture and still life. Kudos to everyone, but special congrats to the Judge's Choice awardees in each category and grade: **cartooning**-Jena Bievenue 5th, Lexi Voelker 6th, Trinity Arwood 7th and Elena Biske 8th, **figure drawing**-Madi Hooek 5th, Marie Grimm 6th, Mia Boyer-Edwards 7th and Elizabeth Soellner 8th, **illustrated drawing**-Shelby Louveau 5th, Emma Groetecke 6th, Sarah Rose 7th and Molly Gregory 8th, **sculpture**-Claire Baue 5th, Ryn Petrowske 6th, Maggie Parks 7th and Lexi Luebkekmann 8th and **still life**-Emily Traube 5th, Jeremy Zeidler 6th, Jenny Yang 7th and Claudia Watters 8th. Recognition goes also to Courtney Johnson, Red Bud Elementary, who chaired the event, and winners of the t-shirt design contest: **1st place** Emma Valleroy 6th grade, St. John Lutheran School, Chester; **2nd place** Kaylee James 7th, St. John Lutheran School, Chester and **3rd place** Jena Bievenue 5th, Red Bud Elementary.

PLATINUM CHEFS DO IT ALL

With only three 3-minute teacher conferences allowed, high school culinary teams were pretty much on their own at the Platinum Chef Competition at Red Bud High School early last month. Required to prepare and present to the judges an appetizer tray, salad plate, entrée plate and dessert plate, using secret ingredient heirloom carrots, within a specified time, participants from seven area schools rose to the challenge. Red Bud placed second and Columbia placed third in the overall competition. Special awards went to Chester for best entrée; Columbia for best dessert; Red Bud for best utility/support team, display table presentation and salad; and Waterloo for best test score and oral presentation of dishes. Individual awards for best presenter went to Natasha Pulliam of Chester, Cole Crissup of Columbia, Keenan Turnure of Red Bud and Sean Shaw of Waterloo. All we can say is *Yum!*

FREE SUMMER WORKSHOPS BEING PLANNED

ROEs, with a grant from Illinois, will be able to offer free professional development for teachers and administrators starting this summer. Focusing on five statewide initiatives—ELA Common Core, Math Common Core, Continuous Improvement, Assessment and Teacher Evaluation, the series of workshops will be known as Foundational Services. Three workshops are already planned: *EQuIP Rubric: Modifying Units for ELA Common Core Shifts* on June 10, 11, 17 and 18, *What Every Administrator Should Know about the Common Core Shifts* on June 24 and *PARCC Assessment* on June 26. (Check the *Professional Learning Corner* on the back for more information.) Others will include Common Core math, teacher evaluation/Danielson Framework and continuous improvement using the Rising Star tool. Check www.roe45.net often to see offerings as the State rolls them out.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Check the ROE website www.roe45.net for additional summer workshops as they are scheduled.

EQuIP Rubric: Modifying Units for ELA Common Core Shifts, June 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th

K-12 ELA teachers, bring all materials for a unit you teach. By using the EQuIP Rubric, you will be able to self-assess the unit, identify instructional gaps and restructure the unit into a Common Core lesson. Participants must attend all 4 days to focus on all aspects of the rubric and complete a unit design, but there is no charge, and 24 CPDUs will be issued. Register online at www.educationregistration.org/roe45 and then meet from 8:30-3:30 at SWIC-Red Bud, Room 152 (June 10) and Room 123 (June 11, 17 and 18).

Student Growth Evaluation Model Workshop, June 10th and June 17th

District teams of administrators, teacher leaders, union reps and school board members should attend this informative workshop about the Student Growth Model, which is based on a Student Learning Objective Framework to be used for Type I, II and III assessments. The workshops are from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Kaskaskia College Lifelong Learning Center, 27210 College Road, Centralia on June 10 and N.O. Nelson Campus LeClaire Room, 600 Troy Road, Edwardsville on June 17. Cost is \$75. Register online at www.educationregistration.org/area-v-trail.

Lead . . . Focus . . . Connect: 2-Day Summer Conference, June 17th -June 18th

Educators, update your knowledge of current Illinois initiatives, learn practical applications for your classroom and share your expertise and ideas at this 2-day conference at Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, IL. Cost is \$100 per person with a \$7 daily parking fee. Register at www.educationregistration.org/the-trail.

What Every Administrator Should Know about the Common Core Shifts, June 24th

Administrators and teacher leaders, increase your understanding of the Common Core State Standards and instructional strategies for implementation by examining key shifts in ELA and mathematics. Learn also to use kits from ISBE for professional development in your schools by attending this workshop, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at SWIC-Red Bud, Rm. 123.

PARCC Assessment, June 26th

Educators, learn more about PARCC and its new version of assessment: texts worth reading, problems worth solving and tests worth taking at the workshop on Thursday, June 26 at SWIC-Red Bud, Room 123 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Growing Core Success through Agriculture and Science, July 29th

K-8th grade teachers will find lots of interest with guest speakers, breakout sessions and optional farm tours for extra CPDUs. This collaboration of extension offices, Ag in the Classroom, farm bureaus and ROE 45 will be July 29 at SWIC-Red Bud. Register by June 6, 2014 at your local Farm Bureau or online at www.educationregistration.org/roe45.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16, 2014	Superintendents' Council	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	9:00 am - noon
June 10, 2014	Modifying Units for ELA Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 152	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 11, 2014	Modifying Units for ELA Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 17, 2014	Modifying Units for ELA Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 17-18, '14	Lead . . . Focus . . . Connect	Prairie Capital CC-Springfield	8:00 registration
June 18, 2014	Modifying Units for ELA Common Core	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 18, 2014	Ag-Science Meeting	SWIC Red Bud-Room 152	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
June 24, 2014	Administrator Academy	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 26, 2014	PARCC Assessment	SWIC Red Bud-Room 123	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
July 29, 2014	Growing Core Success Through Ag & Science Mini Conference	SWIC Red Bud Campus	8:30 am - 4:30 pm

RETIRED TEACHERS' MEETINGS

Monroe County:	June 16, 2014	Monroe County Annex	11:00 a.m.
	August 18, 2014	Monroe County Annex	11:00 a.m.
Randolph County:	June 10, 2014	Hook, Line & Sinker, Steeleville	noon
	August 12, 2014	Ruma Convent	noon

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