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ROE WILL MISS ROSIE AND BILL

ROE 45 will be losing two very important employees in the near future—Rosie Gardner, who has been with the ROE since 2004, and Bill Reynolds, who has been with the ROE since 2002. Bill will be retiring as truancy interventionist on May 15, 2015, and Rosie will complete her contract as curriculum specialist on June 30, 2015. Each is in good health and plans to stay active.

Rosie knew from first grade on she wanted to be a teacher, to help children like some of her classmates who could not read. As a result she has been involved with education for 39 years as a first grade teacher's aide; sixth grade, Title I and reading teacher; and K-12 curriculum coordinator. Rosie worked in three Illinois school districts—R.O.W.V.A., Prairie du Rocher and Columbia. She considers the highlight of her career being able to work with all the children and fellow teachers over the years. Now, however, she is in the process of selling her Waterloo home to move to a southwestern Missouri location near her 9-month-old grandson Luc. She is blessed to have a wonderful son and daughter-in-law and daughter and son-in-law and plans to spend more time with them, do more knitting and remain active in church and P.E.O.

Bill was influenced to choose an educational career by his own excellent teachers and his mother, who was a teacher. Bill began his 56 years as a junior high science teacher, drawing on his experience as an Air Force pilot. From there he spent 13 years as a high school vocational teacher, 5 of which he was also assistant principal, and then 18 years as Dupo Jr./Sr. High School principal. Bill was an innovative educator, keeping his vocational classes abreast of the latest industry standards, starting Illinois' first aerospace program that included flying and on-site job training and conducting a building maintenance class that made actual building improvements. Through his leadership in the 1980s Dupo Jr./Sr. High designed its own cable TV station that, among other things, offered homebound classes to ill and injured students and was a pioneer in obtaining worldwide information using satellite and cable technology. Bill was also ahead of his time in introducing computers to his administrative staff, who generated computer grade cards as early as the '80s. Bill shows no signs of slowing down as he plans to enjoy more time with his wife, son and daughter and two grandchildren, work on his house and take day trips with wife Johann. Bill has recently published *Tiger 24* about his 19 years of flying experience and compiled *Inspirational Stories for You*.

We wish both Rosie and Bill many enjoyable years ahead!

RIGHT TRACK IS NOW RTTP

Right Track Truancy received a facelift this year. We added a "P" for PREVENTION. Right Track Truancy Prevention (RTTP) is the ROE's Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program, a collaborative effort among the ROE, school districts, parents, Perandoe, CCSI, Red Brick School and local support and law enforcement agencies. Our preventative measures include the pilot phase of the RTTP mentor program, the addition of a second truancy interventionist, major efforts to collaborate with community programs that align to the mission of RTTP and diligently working on the optimization of truancy processes that are preventative. We were successful in creating a system to identify Level I (truant), Level II (chronic truant) and Level III (potential dropout) students, which enables us to tier our interventions and focus on prevention.

A shared vision is to diminish and prevent chronic truancy and dropping out by providing expedient and appropriate interventions and supports for students from kindergarten through high school who are showing academic, behavioral, cognitive and/or affective at-risk indicators. RTTP puts emphasis on prevention, intervention and remediation. The RTTP staff delivers support for the home schools in the areas of data collection, at-risk identification, appropriate intervention, monitoring and mentoring for students who are identified as at risk or currently displaying behaviors that lead to dropping out of school. Interventionists work directly with the students, school counselors, mentors, family and community resource providers to identify and deliver support needs and options. As a last resort truancy tickets, a Truancy Review Board and/or court proceedings are administered should student, family, school and community efforts fail in redirecting the student to the "right track."

CHECK OUT THIS TEACHERS' RESOURCE FOR NEXT YEAR

Medal of Honor: Lessons of Personal Bravery and Self-Sacrifice is a resource designed by teachers to provide students with opportunities to explore the important concepts of courage, commitment, sacrifice, patriotism, integrity and citizenship and how these values can be exemplified in daily life. While drawn from the personal accounts of living Medal of Honor recipients, this collection of lesson plans does not glorify or glamorize war. On the contrary, these dramatic "living histories" and the accompanying instructional activities encourage students to consider each concept from their own perspective. Information about the curriculum is available at www.cmohedu.org, where you can create a free account.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

Common Core Mathematics, May 13, 2015, Foundational Services

K-5 math teachers and administrators, join Judith McDermott and Julie Tiemann in the Primary Conference Room of Sparta Lincoln 8:00-11:30 a.m. for help designing units for the New Illinois Learning Standards.

Unit Evaluation and Modification for ELA Common Core Shifts Using the EQuIP Rubric, June 4, 9, 16 & 23, 2015, FS

Bring one unit that you currently teach for this 4-day workshop offered by Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at SWIC, Red Bud, Room 114 and learn to self-assess it and identify instructional gaps.

Student Assistance Program Development Training, June 9 and 10, 2015

Get an evidence-based team process for early identification and intervention for students struggling with non-academic barriers to learning and 12 PDHs for this 2-day workshop at SWIC, Red Bud, Rm. 123 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tues. and Wed.

Aligning Local Assessments to the PARCC Evidence Tables, June 11, 2015, Foundational Services

Learn what assessment tasks are appropriate, how those tasks align with the new ILS and how to use data from those tasks in your classroom with Deb Greaney and Rosie Gardner at SWIC, Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Designing Quality PERA Aligned Assessments Investigating Types I, II, & III, June 15, 2015, Area V Trail

Area V educators save \$10 by entering ROE15 at www.educationregistration.org/area-v-trail when registering for this workshop at the World Shooting Complex, Sparta 8:30-3:30. Prof. Dev. Consultant Linda Brissenden and Sandoval Supt. Jennifer Garrison will help teachers and administrators understand assessment requirements of PERA.

Text-Based Writing for the PARCC, June 17, 2015, Foundational Services

To develop an understanding of the similarities and differences among argumentative, explanatory/informational and narrative writing attend this workshop with Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at SWIC, Rm. 123.

Making the Shift: Close Reading and Text Complexity, June 18, 2015, Foundational Services

Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney’s workshop at SWIC, Red Bud, Room 123 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. will provide skills to develop students’ close reading abilities and their use and development of text-dependent questions and the opportunity for teachers to determine the text complexity of materials they currently use.

Youth Mental Health First Aid USA, June 23 and 24, 2015

This 8-hour training, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. both days at SWIC, Rm. 152 uses role playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis, select interventions and connect students to professional, social and self-help care.

Classroom Questioning for the Common Core, June 25, 2015, Foundational Services

This workshop will provide the skills/strategies necessary to develop students’ abilities to ask and answer all levels of questions. Meet with Deb Greaney and Rosie Gardner at SWIC, Red Bud, Room 123 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

* Register for all ROE workshops at www.educationregistration.org/roe45 by one week prior to the event.

There is no charge for Foundational Services workshops. *

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5, 2015	TAOEP Mentor Training	World Shooting Complex-Sparta	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
May 12, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 11:00 am
May 13, 2015	Common Core Mathematics K-5	Sparta Lincoln-Primary Conf. Rm.	8:00 am - 11:30 am
June 4, 2015	Edgenuity Credit Recovery Training	Collinsville Gateway Center	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
June 4, 9, 16 & 23, 2015	Modifying Units for ELA CC Shifts	SWIC Room 114, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 9 & 10, 2015	Student Assistance Team Training	World Shooting Complex-Sparta	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 10, 2015	Rand. Co. School Safety Summit	Sparta Lincoln-Multipurpose Rm.	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
June 10, 2015	School Board Member Training	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
June 11, 2015	Aligning Local Assess. to PARCC	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 12, 2015	OKAW Scholarship Golf Outing	Marissa County Club	Morning & Afternoon
June 15, 2015	Designing Quality PERA Assess.	World Shooting Complex-Sparta	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 16, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 11:00 am
June 17, 2015	Text-Based Writing for the PARCC	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 18, 2015	Close Reading & Text Complexity	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
June 23 & 24, 2015	Mental Health First Aid	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	8:30 am -12:30 pm
June 25, 2015	Classroom Questioning for the CC	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm

