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## *Bi-County Brief*

*Monroe & Randolph Counties*

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### **LICENSURE UPDATE-NO MORE GUESSING**

Good news! This month's update does not contain the words *best guess* or *worst case scenario(s)*. ISBE has passed Part 25 rules that affect licensure renewal processes, and we can finally provide you with some definitive information. First, the old CPDU form and activities chart are not acceptable for PD completed after July 1, 2014. The system is now PD hours, and there are new evaluations and evidence of attendance forms. Second, the implementation of the 60-day deadline to enter PD into ELIS has resulted in a grace period to enter credits. For credits earned on or after July 1, 2014, the deadline to enter credits is July 1, 2015. For credits earned before July 1, 2014, you may enter those CPDUs any time up until the renewal date of your license. Finally, for those educators who are mid-cycle and were not renewing July 1, 2014, your required credits to renew remain what they were at the beginning of your cycle. This means that if you had reductions, they are still good until your next licensure cycle. One caveat, however, is that a uniquely qualifying activity, such as completing an advanced degree or earning an endorsement, must have been completed by August 31, 2014 and application made prior to December 31, 2014. This means that if you completed a master's degree prior to the end of August this year and made application, you (excluding present administrators) have met professional requirements for this cycle. We are pleased with many of these temporary fixes ISBE implemented in Administrative Rules, but we continue to work to clean up a lot more of the laws that continue to challenge us and our bureaucratic patience.

### **THANK YOU, VALMEYER!**

Our hats are off to Valmeyer's administrators, Superintendent Eric Frankford, Dean of Students Nathan McSchooler and Principal Teena Riechmann, Technology Director Rich Kasson and Interim Music Director Marcia Braswell for their fine hosting of the Bi-County Institute. Thanks also go to Valmeyer's FFA, National Honor Society and Student Council for exemplary assistance to presenters, participants and their school. Finally, the ROE extends its appreciation to all presenters for their time and effort in sharing innovative ideas with their fellow educators.

### **WHO DOES WHAT . . . AND WHERE?**

Have you ever wondered who does what and in which office, Chester or Waterloo? The larger office is in Waterloo, where Kelton Davis and Mary Ann Quivey have their main offices, Gertie handles workshop registrations, bus driver classes and student activities, Darcy deals with teacher and substitute licensure, The Maidez Center, school compliance and The Trail, and Audrey answers the phone and does fingerprinting and WorkKeys and PearsonVUE testing. Linda and Tricia handle financial and human resource matters to complete the front office staff. In addition Chelsea Wesselmann is the educational programming coordinator, Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney support professional development and curricular issues, Melissa Hannasch and Mary Niebruegge handle RtI, Donna Mueller is the regional homeless liaison, Ken Perkins does Health/Life/Safety inspections and Bill Reynolds is the truancy interventionist at Waterloo 939-5650. Chester 826-5471 is the educational grants office where Dian Albert is the OKAW vocational system director, Shari Crockett handles adult literacy, Lynn Langrehr coordinates GED instruction, Denise Landmann is the administrative assistant who also does testing and Michelle Coleman is the bookkeeper. Maybe now it will be easier to direct your calls, although everyone is always eager to help in whatever way he can.

### **ADD YOUR NAME TO EDTECH LIST SERV**

Learning technology directors are hosting an EdTech List Serv for integration specialists. [Edtech@list.ltcillinois.org](mailto:Edtech@list.ltcillinois.org) is a statewide list serv for teachers, tech integration coaches, curriculum coordinators and anyone interested in discussions about use of technology in the classroom and an excellent place to ask about different programs other educators are using. If you would like to be added to this list serv, please send your e-mail address to [kwolfe@ltc5.k12.il.us](mailto:kwolfe@ltc5.k12.il.us).

### **EIGHTH GRADERS BENEFIT FROM CAREER DAY**

CCSI hosted in September over 460 eighth-graders from Chester, PEP, Prairie du Rocher, Red Brick, Red Bud, Sparta, St. Mark's, Steeleville and Valmeyer for Career Day. Prior to attending a general career planning session and two hands-on career sessions, students completed surveys and selected sessions of particular interest in agriculture, auto collision repair, auto mechanics, business marketing, management and entrepreneurship, child care, computer technology, culinary arts, engineering, health care, construction/electricity and HVAC, law enforcement or welding. The event gave participants an idea of different career choices in the workforce.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

#### CC Shift 1: Close Reading and Text Complexity, November 6, 2014

- Most useful experience toward implementing Common Core
- Practical strategies

Who wouldn't want to take advantage of a workshop that promises all that? That and skills to develop students' close reading abilities . . . that and the opportunity to determine the text complexity of materials you already use . . . that and time to search for materials that will complement your current resources. This workshop on Thursday, November 6 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at SWIC's Red Bud campus, Room 152 is a real bargain.

#### Part 50 (Teacher Evaluation) and Student Learning Objective Process, November 20, 2014

It's FREE—another Foundational Services offering! Become familiar with Part 50—Evaluation of Certified Employees under Articles 24A and 34 of the School Code, including general requirements, performance evaluation plans for both teachers and administrators, the state performance evaluation model and training for evaluators, and be introduced to the Student Learning Objective (SLO) process and templates. Take advantage of this informative workshop presented by local administrators Karyn Albers and Teena Riechmann on November 20 at SWIC, Red Bud campus, Room 123, 8:30 a.m.

#### Beyond Narrative: Writing for the Common Core, December 4, 2014

- Constantly moving, sharing ideas and learning from others
- Activities to use in my classroom

Most teachers would agree that the best workshops are those that provide concrete ideas for use in the classroom. *Beyond Narrative* will give you strategies for applying argumentative, explanatory/information and narrative writing in the content areas. Learn to identify and use a variety of writing processes and examples and develop a method for assessing student writing. One teacher commented, "I now realize what I am doing and where I need to improve." How about you? Don't miss this workshop for K-12 and content teachers and administrators at SWIC's Red Bud campus, Room 152 on December 4 from 8:30-3:30 for 6 PDHs.

\* **Register for all ROE workshops at [www.educationregistration.org/roe45](http://www.educationregistration.org/roe45) by one week prior to the event.** \*

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Illinois Education & Technology (IETC) Conference, November 12-14, 2014

- *Using iPads in the Classroom: Teacher Tools to Student Tools*
- *Google Magic: Captivate, Motivate, and Educate your Students*
- *ChromeTech – Technical Deep Dive into all Things Chromebook*
- *Legal Implications of Use of Technology in a School District*
- *Becoming an iAdministrator to Strengthen your Leadership Management Skills*

Sound interesting? Choose one of these full-day, pre-Conference workshops on Wednesday. Then enjoy daily keynotes, 160+ concurrent sessions, featured presentations, poster sessions, exhibits, luncheons and the Thursday evening reception during the general conference days Thursday and Friday. Anyone interested in improving education and preparing students for success in today's world should attend this conference. Register on the IETC website.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 6, 2014	CC Shift 1: Close Reading & Text Complexity	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Nov. 6, 2014	Superintendents' Council Meeting	SWIC Conf. Room, Red Bud	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Nov. 7, 2014	Planning Meeting for Student Activities	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Nov. 14, 2014	Sp. Ed. Coordinator's Workshop	Perandoe, Red Bud	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Nov. 19, 2014	STEP Quarterly Workshop	Perandoe, Red Bud	8:30 am - 10:30 am
Nov. 20, 2014	Part 50 & Student Learning Objective Process	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Dec. 4, 2014	Beyond Narrative Writing for the CC	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Dec. 9, 2014	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Dec. 11, 2014	Principals' Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Dec. 12, 2014	School Counselors' Meeting	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Dec. 16, 2014	Rules & Regulations for Joint Committee	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Dec. 17, 2014	RtI Networking Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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