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WELCOME BACK . . . WAIT, YOU'RE ALREADY BACK

And you've probably heard "Welcome back!" enough already. School is under way, anxieties are fading and routines are forming. We want to remind everyone returning and inform new educators in the region that we are here to serve. You may know that we do educator licensure, professional development and school and district compliance visits, but did you know we also offer adult education, including GED classes, school and district legal compliance, bus driver training, and educator testing services? We also helped form The Maidez Center for supporting at-risk youth and their families socially, emotionally and academically. In addition to alternative and optional education programs at Red Brick and CCSI, we operate offices in Waterloo and Chester and are anxious to help educators, students and communities with educational concerns.

KNOW, DO, BELIEVE AT THE BI-COUNTY INSTITUTE

The intent of this year's Bi-County Institute, *Know, Do, Believe*, on Friday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Valmeyer is for educators to acquire skills that they can take back to their schools. Consider the theme. First a person has to know something or know of something. If he then does what he knows, does it with heart, he comes to believe it.

Keynote speaker Dr. Dale Henry will contribute to this idea. An educator, administrator, author, speaker, trainer, consultant and entrepreneur, Dr. Henry has been honored with numerous business and educational awards and prides himself on being a master teacher . . . and as a native of East Tennessee and the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, draws heavily on his storytelling background to hold an audience's attention.

Watch for the Bi-County Institute handbook that will be delivered to schools about two weeks before the event. Read about the keynoter and all the workshops being presented, planning to attend a session with the keynoter and two others of your choice. Then give some more thought to the theme. What does *Know, Do, Believe* mean to YOU?

CHELSEA WESSELMANN JOINS THE ROE



New to the ROE team this year is Chelsea Wesselmann, Coordinator of Professional Learning. She is currently scheduling meetings with administrators and leadership teams to understand the needs of our local educators and determine how we can best support their local efforts. For the past six years, Chelsea worked as a Certified Trainer and Product Development Specialist, assisting Illinois schools with implementing new programs geared toward increasing student achievement and closing student learning gaps. She has been a partner to districts in implementing and maintaining initiatives related to RtI, Common Core, curriculum building, standards alignment and teacher evaluation. She worked closely with classroom teachers and students, specialists, principals and superintendents to ensure programmatic fidelity.

The only things that match Chelsea's enthusiasm and energy are her knowledge, skills and experience. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome!

GIFTED EDUCATION TEACHER ENDORSEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE

Educators who complete or previously completed the ISBE-approved Gifted Education Seminar or receive recognition as a state-certified Gifted Education Seminar Trainer **by January 31, 2015** and can document four years of teaching experience in public or recognized nonpublic schools and pass the Gifted Education Assessment may apply for the endorsement under special provisions until February 1, 2015. Individuals who meet the above requirements and pass the National Evaluation Series Gifted Education Test within one calendar year of application are eligible to receive the Gifted Education Teacher endorsement. Apply by using the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) on www.isbe.net/ELIS/ and paying \$50. The computer-based NES Gifted Education Test, which consists of 150 multiple-choice questions based on national gifted standards, will be available beginning September 15, 2014 at any Pearson VUE testing center, including the Chester and Waterloo ROE offices.

TRS ANNUAL FALL MEETING TO EXPLAIN RETIREMENT PROCESS AND BENEFITS

Teacher Retirement System reps will host an information meeting for Tier I members—those who first contributed to TRS before January 1, 2011—on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at Red Bud Elementary, 200 W. Field Drive. Reps will explain the retirement process and provide educators with information about disability, death and insurance benefits.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

EQuIP Rubric: Modifying Units for ELA Common Core Shifts, Tuesdays, September 9–December 2

- *Please offer this again and again! Everyone needs to take this!*
- *The EQuIP Rubric was easy to follow and helped put so many pieces together.*
- *The EQuIP Rubric is like a road map to help navigate Common Core curriculum development. I finally feel like I'm driving on the "Highway to Success" . . .*

This is what other teachers are saying about this series of workshops. If you are asking, What does a CCSS unit of instruction look like in the classroom? What instructional strategies should I use? How do close reading, text dependent questions, writing to sources and text complexity fit in? Are my reading materials in the CCSS grade band for my students? What materials do I need? then you should invest a short 11 weeks to get answers . . . especially when they're free, Free, FREE! . . . and for \$205 you can earn 3 hours Lindenwood University graduate credit. This is a good one!

Detailed ELA & Math PARCC Overview, Wednesday, September 17, 2014

- *I liked the ability to get hands-on experience in the lab on how students are going to be tested.*
- *Evidence tables are enormously valuable. Time on the PARCC site with practice tests was . . . enlightening.*

Find out for yourself what these teachers are saying. This FREE workshop will provide teachers and administrators an overview of the test context and structure and an understanding of how test items are designed. You'll find answers to these questions and more: When will students be tested next year? How can they be tested? What technology skills do my students need? How do I provide students experience with the context in which they will be tested? Don't miss this info.!

Common Core Mathematics, Friday, September 26, 2014

Sixth through twelfth grade math teachers should plan to attend this FREE afternoon workshop aligned with the New Illinois Learning Standards. Learn to organize your teaching year into units, write measurable targets, teach with mathematical tasks and use standards-based testing. Dazed by Common Core math? Then this workshop is for you!

Register for any or all of these helpful workshops at www.educationregistration.org/roe45.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 9–Dec. 9, 2014 (Tuesdays)	Modifying Units for ELA CC Shifts	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sept. 9, 2014	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Sept. 16, 2014	New Perandoe Personnel Inservice	Perandoe, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sept. 17, 2014	ELA & Math PARCC Overview	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sept. 19, 2014	Superintendents' Council Meeting	SWIC Conf. Room, Red Bud	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sept. 23, 2014	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (CPI Trng.)	Perandoe, Red Bud	3:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Sept. 24, 2013	STEP Quarterly Workshop	Perandoe, Red Bud	8:30 am – 10:30 am
Sept. 26, 2014	Common Core Mathematics	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	Noon – 4:00 pm
Sept. 30, 2014	K–6 Annual Spec. Ed. Inservice	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
Sept. 30, 2014	7–12 Annual Spec. Ed Inservice	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Oct. 1, 2014	Speech/Language Pathologists Workshop	Perandoe, Red Bud	8:30 pm – 11:30 am
Oct. 1, 2014	Early Childhood Teachers Workshop	Perandoe, Red Bud	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Oct. 2, 2014	K–6 Annual Spec. Ed. Inservice	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
Oct. 2, 2014	7–12 Annual Spec. Ed Inservice	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Oct. 14, 2014	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Oct. 22, 2014	CC Shift 2: Engaging Students with ?s	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Oct. 22, 2014	TRS Informational Meeting	Red Bud Elem. Cafeteria	4:30 pm
Oct. 23, 2014	Principals' Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am – 11:30 am
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

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