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Regional Office of Education #21

Franklin, Johnson, Massac, Williamson Counties

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ROE #21 HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed 12:00-1:00
for lunch



Please visit us at
www.roe21.org

TEACHER OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2022 - JOHNSON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS
Rachel Forby
Goreville CUSD #1

Congratulations to our October 2022 Teacher of the Month, **Mrs. Rachel Forby**. Mrs. Forby is a 5th grade teacher at Goreville CUSD #1! She will receive a gift basket with items, donated by several Johnson County businesses and also a plaque, donated by All Stars-N-Stitches of Benton, IL.

Please help us to congratulate all of our Johnson County Teacher of the Month Nominees! You can find the entire list [HERE](#).

During the month of November, we will spotlight teachers from our Massac County Schools. Please click [HERE](#) to nominate a teacher from Massac County for November's Teacher of the Month!

Construction Trades Open House

On September 20, the Franklin County Construction Trades class held an Open House for school administrators, counselors, and local legislators. Senator Terri Bryant, Representative Dave Severin, Representative Patrick Windhorst, and Senator Dale Fowler were all in attendance. Students from four of the six Franklin County high schools are currently enrolled with Mr. Mark Fitch providing hands-on instruction at their Benton location. CTE programs continue to strengthen students' technical skills, while also offering students the ability to gain practical knowledge while preparing for success in potential careers.





ROE #21 has a new Administrative Assistant!

It is our pleasure to welcome Mrs. Emmalee McPherson into her new position of Administrative Assistant. Emmalee will provide administrative support for Regional Superintendent, Lorie LeQuatte, Assistant Regional Superintendent, Mandy Horn, ROE #21 staff, school districts and the community.

Welcome ROE #21's new Administrative Assistant!

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Michaela Hesteness into her new position of Administrative Assistant. Michaela will provide administrative support for Regional Superintendent, Lorie LeQuatte, Assistant Regional Superintendent, Mandy Horn, ROE #21 staff, school districts and the community.



43rd Annual Mt. Vernon Conference was a Success!



The 43rd Annual Mt. Vernon Conference was held on October 28, 2022. This conference was made possible by generous support from ROE #13, ROE #21, and Franklin / Jefferson Special Education. The keynote speaker was Mr. Kevin Honeycutt. Mr. Honeycutt conceived and developed multiple research based programs in the areas of project based learning, trauma/poverty informed instruction, SEL, STE/STEAM education, and Digital Legacy. His podcast, Driving Questions in Education, was the number one rated podcast in K-12 video education for multiple years and featured bestselling authors and leading educational thinkers from around the world. He was a wonderful and inspiring speaker!

Upcoming Professional Development & Events

November 1, 2022

Stewards of Children - Sex Abuse Prevention Training
(In Person)



November 1, 2022

Bringing SEL & EdTech Together
(In Person)



November 3, 2022

Special Education Roundtable
(In Person)



November 9, 2022

Subs for Subs Short-Term Substitute Training
(In Person)



November 10, 2022

AA #3000 Student Growth - Teacher/Principal Evaluator Re-Training
(Virtual)



November 28, 2022

Teacher of the Month Live Drawing
(Virtual)



Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

December 3, 2022

Initial Bus Driver Training
(In Person)



Closed

Please note, all ROE #21 offices will be **closed**
November 8 - Election Day
November 11 - Veteran's Day
November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving



November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

On July 11, 2007, the United States Congress established November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month; a time to shine a light on a largely invisible problem in our communities — youth homelessness. During the 2021-2022 school year, nearly 6,000 PreK-12 students in Southern Illinois were identified as homeless according to the McKinney-Vento definition. Children and young adults who experience homelessness are 87% more likely to drop out of school. Those who stay in school oftentimes fall behind, fall asleep in class, experience increased anxiety and depression, lack of focus, and decreased general health. Students experiencing some form of homelessness are more likely to be chronically absent and have layers of adversity and trauma that affect their ability to learn and succeed academically and socially.

Join us the month of November as we bring attention to the prevalence of homeless youth and create an awareness of the challenges faced by students experiencing homelessness. You can start by encouraging your students and staff to show their support by wearing PURPLE on Tuesday, November 15th.



McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program

Who is eligible by law?

All children and youth who don't have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, such as those living:

- In an **emergency** or **transitional** shelter
- With **friends** or **relatives** due to loss of housing or economic hardship (also known as **doubled up**.)
- In a **motel, hotel, campground, car, bus or train station** or other public place, an abandoned building.
- In **inadequate** accommodations, such as no utilities or running water, no working kitchen, infestations/mold/vermin, number of bodies vs. beds

- As an **Unaccompanied Youth**, including youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

If you would like to learn more about McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program, please visit our website at

www.roe21.org/mkv

Skydiving with the Golden Knights

ROE #21 and other administrators and staff were given the opportunity to skydive with the US Army Golden Knights! We want to thank the Marion Army Recruiting Office and US Army Golden Knights for providing us with this amazing and exhilarating experience! Click [HERE](#) for more pictures!





November 13-19 is American Education Week!

American Education Week happens the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving. Each day of the week has its own theme, during which we celebrate our public school community. Festivities honor the team of people who work in our nation's public schools, everyone from the bus driver and classroom teacher to the cafeteria worker and administrative staff, plus countless others. Click [HERE](#) to find ideas on how to celebrate!

Licensure

Updating Your Contact Information!

Have you recently moved, changed phone numbers, or acquired a new email? Then it is a great time to make sure all your information is accurate in your ELIS account!

Did you know you can also change your employment status if you are not teaching this year? ISBE has put together a how-to navigate ELIS document that you might find helpful. How to navigate ELIS:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/How-to-Navigate-your-ELIS-Account.pdf>

Name Change updates can be made on the ISBE 73-71 form found at:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/73-71-licensure-update.pdf>



Community Resources

VAPING AND HARMING YOUR BODY? NOT THE VIBE



This state-designed campaign is intended to help students make healthy decisions that might help them protect themselves from the risks of vaping. According to an article on www.cdc.gov, "Approximately 2.55 Million Students Reported Currently Using a Tobacco Product in 2021". "Youth use of tobacco products is unsafe in any form – combustible, smokeless, or electronic," said Karen Hacker, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. "This report provides critical insights needed to combat this serious public health concern and help protect our nation's youth from the harmful effects of tobacco."

These campaigns are funded in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

For more information on these programs, visit whoiscpr.com.



Now HIRING

Teacher- Project ECHO Alternative School - view posting [HERE](#)

Marketing and Design Specialist - view posting [HERE](#)

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HAPPY
Thanks giving

to all of our
 ROE #21
 educators!



Franklin County EDGE Program

The Franklin County EDGE Program was able to hold their annual luncheon at Seasoning's Bistro in Benton, IL this year. At this luncheon the young entrepreneurs presented their newfound businesses to Franklin County school administrators and staff. ROE #21 is proud to assist the EDGE program and wishes all of the entrepreneurs luck on their future endeavors!



ROE #21 Open House!

ROE # 21 held our open house for our Williamson County ROE #21 office on October 17, 2022! Thank you to those who were able to attend. We are so very thankful to have this space to serve our schools and communities.



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