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ROE #21 HOURS

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



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TEACHER OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2022
- FRANKLIN COUNTY
TEACHER OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff Roper

Benton CHSD #103

Congratulations to our September Teacher of the Month, Jeff Roper.

Mr. Roper is a high school math teacher for Benton CHSD #103!

Mr. Roper will receive a basket full of items donated by several Franklin County businesses and also a plaque donated by All Stars-N-Stitches of Benton, IL. We want to congratulate all of our Franklin County Nominees, who you can find [HERE](#), and say thank you to everyone who nominated. Click [HERE](#) to nominate a teacher from Johnson County for October's Teacher of the Month!

43rd Annual Mt. Vernon Conference

The 43rd Mt. Vernon Conference
registration is now open!

This year's conference will be held in-person at the Mt. Vernon Township High School in Mt. Vernon, IL on Friday, October 28, 2022 from 7:30am-1:50pm. Kevin Honeycutt will be the keynote speaker for this event. ROE #21 will sponsor the registration fee for all educators in Franklin, Johnson, Massac and Williamson Counties.

Please contact your school district to register.

The 43rd Annual
October 28, 2022

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conference
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Building Resilience and Fortitude Toward Student Success



Project ECHO Alternative School has a new Math Teacher!

It is our pleasure to welcome Brice Evans into his new position as Math instructor at Project ECHO Alternative School. Brice will provide support for Project ECHO Students and Staff!

Project ECHO Alternative School has a new RTI Specialist/ACR Instructor!

It is our pleasure to welcome Caitlin Spiller into her new position as RTI Interventionist/ACR Instructor. Caitlin will provide support for Project ECHO Alternative School.



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY October 5

World Teachers' Day!

The theme for World Teachers' Day 2022 is "The transformation of education begins with teachers".

As indicated by UNESCO, World Teachers' Day

speaks to a massive token of the mindfulness, comprehension and thankfulness showed for the fundamental commitment that educators make in advancement by teaching. Teachers' Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of the role played by teachers all over the world. They dedicate their lives to making an impact on the way children learn and grow and turn into adults. The responsibility for educating future generations is not a light one. We appreciate all of our educators not only today, but everyday! Be sure to find a teacher and thank them for all that they do today!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

National Today says "According to a recent federal survey, nearly 20 percent of U.S. high school students reported being bullied on school property within the past year. (Fifteen percent reported cyberbullying.) So how can we help? We can start by launching a community-wide educational effort that focuses on celebrating our differences. In fact a few organizations and educational institutes who want to eliminate such flaws have [scholarships available](#) for those students who are interested and have unique ideas to fight these bullies. October's National Bullying Prevention Month reminds us that students, parents, teachers, and school administrators all play a role. Positive change comes as we begin to emphasize respect and inclusion on campuses across the country."

Visit <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/> for resources on how to show your support, some student activities, and unity day.



NATIONAL
BULLYING
PREVENTION
MONTH
OCTOBER



Upcoming Professional Development & Events

October 4, 2022

Youth Mental Health First Aid
(In Person)



October 5, 2022

Curriculum Roundtable
(In Person)



October 5, 2022

TeacherReady Informational
Session
(In Person or Virtual)



October 12, 2022

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



October 18 & 25, 2022

Initial Teacher Evaluator
Administrators' Academy
#2001 (In Person)



October 19, 2022

Instructional Coaching Cohort
#5 Session 2
(In Person)



October 27, 2022

Teacher Evaluator Retraining
Administrators' Academy
#1801
(Virtual)



Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

October 8, 2022

Initial Bus Driver Training
(In Person - Metropolis ROE
#21 Office)

October 11, 2022

ELDT Theory Bus Driver
Training (In Person -
Metropolis ROE #21 Office)



Area VI McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Training



You are a vital player for your district's
Homeless **E**ducation **A**nd **R**esource **T**eam

Seek out your district Homeless Liaison if you **suspect** a student may be experiencing housing instability and be eligible as defined by the McKinney-Vento Law. How could you possibly know? Here are some indicators to watch for, your district liaison will make the eligibility determination.

Lack of educational continuity:

Attendance at multiple schools, gaps in skill development

Poor Health or

Nutrition: unmet medical and dental needs, respiratory problems, fatigue

Transportation or attendance

problems: Erratic attendance or tardies, numerous absences, lack of participation in after school activities

Social and behavioral

concerns: a marked change in behavior, Poor/short attention span, Aggression, "Old" beyond years, School phobia (afraid to leave parent), Anxiety, especially late in the school day

Reaction or statement by parents, guardians, or student:

Avoidance of questions related to current address, Statements about staying with grandparents, other relatives, friends, or in motels & campgrounds

Poor Hygiene:

wearing same clothes several days, inconsistent grooming

Lack of personal space after school:

consistent lack of preparation for school, loss of books and supplies on a regular basis, elevated concern over personal belongings



4 TRAINING DATES TO CHOOSE FROM!!

All Sessions 9am-12pm
Registration begins at 8:30am

Click [HERE](#) to register!

October 5, 2022

Davis-McCann Center
15 North 14th Street
Murphysboro, IL

October 18, 2022

The Smokin Pig Restaurant
200 Koehler St.
Grayville, IL

October 20, 2022

The Rock Church
515 Airport Road
(Enter Door 12)
Centralia, IL

October 21, 2022

ROE #21 Training Room
502 W Jackson Street
Marion, IL

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



National School Bus Safety Week October 17-21, 2022

Held during the third full week of October each year, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties - to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Designed to promote school bus safety, school districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week. To spread awareness about school bus safety, share #NationalSchoolBusSafetyWeek or #NSBSW on social media. Click [HERE](#) for some school bus safety week ideas!



Community Resources

ELEPHANT IS IN THE ROOM CAMPAIGN



1. WHAT IS THE ELEPHANT IS IN THE ROOM CAMPAIGN?
 - a. The Elephant is in the Room is a marketing campaign designed by parents for parents to help them prevent underage drinking before it starts.
2. WHERE CAN I FIND CAMPAIGN MATERIALS?
 - a. The Elephant is in the Room campaign materials are displayed in school on social media, through email, text messages, and online at: theelephantisintheroom.com
3. WHY SHOULD I PAY ATTENTION TO THE CAMPAIGN?
 - a. Because you love your children and want to keep them safe. The Elephant is in the Room is like a good friend that's full of great advice, helpful resources, and tips on how to keep your teen from drinking alcohol underage.
4. IS THE CAMPAIGN IN SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE?
 - a. Nope. The Elephant is in the Room is only offered in a couple schools in southern Illinois. The people responsible for creating the materials live here, work here, and know what it's like to be a parent because well, we are parents.
5. IS THIS NECESSARY? MY KID IS TOO YOUNG TO THINK ABOUT DRINKING.
 - a. Studies show that kids start experimenting with alcohol as early as age 12, so yes, the campaign materials and messages are an invaluable resource for parents who want to keep their kids safe and healthy. (source: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov>)

Now HIRING

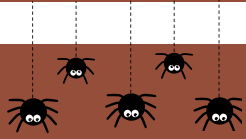
Teacher's Aide Project
ECHO Alternative
School - view posting
HERE

Teacher's Aide Project
ECHO Juvenile
Detention Center -
view posting HERE

Apply Now

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**





THE 2023-2024 FAFSA IS OUT

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you need to complete to receive financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. Below is what you will need to start your FAFSA:

- FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov) for Parent & Student
- 2021 Tax Returns for Parent & Student
- Social Security Numbers for Parent & Student
- Other Income Information
- State Issued Driver's License
- Visit www.studentaid.gov to get started
- Visit <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/FAFSA.aspx> for helpful resources
- Visit <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-23-FAFSA.pdf> for 5 tips on how to help homeless and foster youth fill out the FAFSA



Licensure

License Reinstatement

If your educator license has lapsed because you have not completed the required professional development and/or Administrators' Academy courses, you must complete any deficient professional development, enter the activities in ELIS, and submit your PD before you may reinstate your license. Once you have satisfied the professional development requirements, you may choose one of the two following options:

1. Complete nine semester hours of coursework in one or more of the endorsement areas listed on your license. Coursework must be completed within the last five fiscal years. View acceptable courses you may complete for reinstatement below.
2. Pay a \$50 penalty fee in place of completing nine semester hours of coursework.

To apply for either reinstatement option, educators must log into their ELIS account and apply by clicking on Reinstatement in their Action Center. If the reinstatement link is not available, be sure all required professional development has been fulfilled.



OPEN

**OUR JOHNSON
COUNTY
OFFICE IS
OPEN!**

We are happy to announce that the ROE #21 Johnson County Office is now open on Tuesday & Thursday from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Fingerprinting will be available by appointment only.

The office will be closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00pm

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Closed

Please note, all ROE #21 offices will be **closed** October 10, 2022 in honor of Columbus Day!

