

Regional Office of Education #21

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Please visit us at www.roe21.org



Please note all ROE #21 offices will be CLOSED April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday

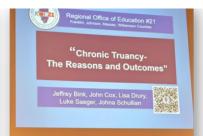


Mandy Horn, Assistant Superintendent

ROE #21 Spotlight: The ROE #21 Partners Against Chronic Truancy (PACT) Team



ROE #21 Truancy Interventionist, Luke Saeger popped into Project ECHO to recognize a few of the students for improved attendance!!



Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent



2022 ICEARY CONFERENCE

The PACT Team had an opportunity to present at the 2022 ICEARY Conference in March. The presentation included policies and procedures the team has developed to combat chronic truancy. They were able to share some of the sucess stories they have had with local students. The team learned tips and tricks from other regions in Illinois on truancy prevention.

WGU Fund My Classroom is Back!

Great teachers change students' lives everyday, and WGU would like to help! Do you know an outstanding teacher who needs help funding an interesting classroom project? Nominate yourself, a colleague or a friend who brings education to life through innovative teaching. Winners will be awarded during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2022.

The ideal nominee is an outstanding teacher who inspires their students to love learning and has a specific classroom project in mind that just needs funding to make it possible. Nominate an

outstanding teacher today!

The deadline for nominations is April 17, 2022. For more information click **HERE**





Licensure

Are you a recently retired teacher or administrator?

Don't forget to change your Employment Status in your ELIS account. This step-by-step video can show you how: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6h9KneAc0U



Did you know you can see when documents have been uploaded to your ELIS account?

Documents are uploaded in the order they are received and can be viewed on the Images tab in your ELIS account: https://apps.isbe.net/iwasnet/login.aspx.

Registrations now open for the April SUBS FOR SUBS Event!

On April 5, 2022, ROE #21 will host our final SUBS FOR SUBS event for this school year. During this event, individuals will complete a short-term

substitute training, get assistance with their license, complete a FREE background check, and receive a free sub sandwich! This event is intended for individuals who are interested in obtaining their Short-Term Substitute (STS) license or Substitute (SUB) license. If you would like to participate in the upcoming SUBS FOR SUBS Event, please visit

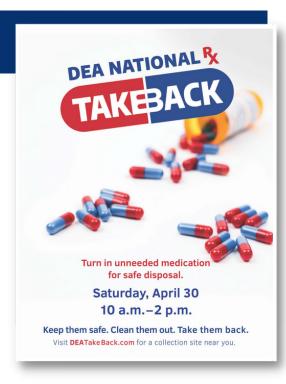
our website at https://www.roe21.org/calendar/

National DEA Drug Take Back Day

National Drug Take Back Day is an annual event meant to promote public awareness regarding safe disposal of unused medicines. Keep friends and family safe by storing and disposing of medications safely. To dispose of medicines safely, drop them off at a collection site on National DEA Take-Back Day.

National Drug Take-Back Day Dispose of Unused Medication April 30, 2022 10am-2pm

To learn more and find a location near you, visit DEATAKEBACK.COM



Upcoming Professional Development & Events

April 5, 2022
Subs for Subs
Short-Term Substitute
Training (In Person)

April 5, 2022
Flipping Your Classroom
(Virtual)

April 6, 2022
Special Education Roundtable for K-8 Teachers
(In Person)

April 8, 2022

SEL Managing Stress Through Self-Care (In Person)

April 12, 2022

IESE How to Mediate School Conflicts & Keep Students Learning (Virtual)

April 21, 2022

SEL Thinking Beyond Reward Systems (In Person)

April 25 & 26

Your Students, My Students, Our Students (In Person) **25th** - Shrine Banquet Center Belleville **26th** - Kokopelli Marion



April 2, 2022

Initial Bus Driver Training (In-Person) ROE #21 Training Center Marion, IL

April 28, 2022

Bus Driver Refresher Training (In Person) Goreville High School Library



Project ECHO & STAR Quest Academy 4-H for Positive Youth Devleopment

Project ECHO and STAR Quest Academy have partnered with the 4-H Positive Youth Development and Mentoring Organization. Carrie Eldridge, 4-H Youth Educator, and Ramona Girtman, 4-H Program Coordinator, have been implementing the 'Your Thoughts Matter' curriculum

within our programs. This 4-H curriculum helps students understand mental health and its impact on those around us. It also focuses on mental health disorders and how to identify strategies for self-help and helping others. We are excited about this partnership with 4-H and the impact on students.





New Community Garden in Metropolis

On Wednesday, March 16th, a new community garden was created in Metropolis from West Eighth Street behind to West Tenth Street between the Regional Office of Education building and the Illinois Driver Services Facility. The group involved in this project includes volunteers from Massac County High School agriculture department and the University of Illinois Extension staff members. STAR Quest South Regional Safe School Program will be maintaining the community garden throughout the year.

Read the full story from Metropolis Planet HERE





COALITION OF SCHOOLS mindfully

All educators in ROE #21 have access to a free professional membership to the Coalition of Schools Educating Mindfully (COSEM) Platform.

This membership includes:

- Professional learning events led by experts on mindfulness based SEL topics.
- Personal development events such as mindfulness fundamentals and wellness series.
- Mentorship events where members share their experiences integrating mindful practices.
- Self-care sessions where members lead yoga and other mindfulness practices.
- School family supports such as mindfulness for parents, teens, and family wellness series.
- An online community to connect and learn about mindfulness-based resources.

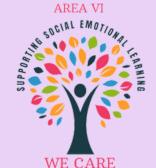
Your free membership for the COSEM Platform is funded by the Area VI Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response Grant.

If you are an educator in ROE #21 and would like to gain access to your free membership, please contact Dr. Christine Wiggs, Area VI SEL Culture & Climate Director,

cwiggs@roe21.org

If you have questions related to the COSEM platform, please contact Tracy Heilers at

hello@educatingmindfully.org



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Department of Natural Resources Pages

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' "Biodiversity of Illinois" Species Search has a web page that allows you to find information quickly and easily. Give it a try using the link below!

https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/Biodiversity-of-Illinois.aspx

The "Wild About Illinois" Web page is updated regularly with new information. Visit and explore! https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/WildAboutPages.aspx

Illinois Tutoring Initiative

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), along with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, have launched the Illinois Tutoring Initiative.

The initiative provides up to three hours per week of intensive one-to-one or small group (maximum of three students) tutoring by a consistent and qualified teacher, higher education student, or trained community partner. This in-person tutoring will be available to grades 3-8, and the initiative will add online tutoring in high school math beginning in the fall. Eligible districts can contact the institutional partner for their region to sign up.

This new program is backed by \$25 million in federal pandemic relief funds that will offer high-impact tutoring services in the 90 districts where learning was most disrupted by COVID-19.

To learn more, or to become a tutor, you can visit: www.isbe.net/Pages/ILTutoringInitiative.aspx

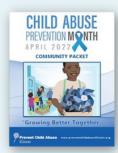




April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, millions of Americans have participated in this national campaign. Individuals, organizations, and communities across the United States plant pinwheels, tie ribbons, organize trainings, host fundraisers, and support a multitude of other activities celebrating healthy, happy childhoods and raising awareness that all children deserve to grow up in nurturing, safe homes.

Resources for Child Abuse Prevention Month can be found **HERE!**





The 2022 Community Packet has those answers and so much more to make April 2022 a little easier! Download the 2022 packet today.

One of the most visible ways you can show your support during Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 1, 2022, is to snap a picture & hashtag

#GreatChildhoods or #GoBlueIllinois on social media



Do you have job openings?

You can now share employment opportunities on our website at:

https://www.roe21 .org/jobs/



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New Employment Opportunities!

Assistant Grant
Coordinator

Teacher Aide
Project ECHO
Alternative School

Alternative Classroom
Instructor Project ECHO
Alternative School

Administrative Assistant

Johnson County
Administrative
Assistant





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Robotics is proving to be uniquely adept at enabling students of all ages to learn important science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts and at inspiring them to pursue careers in STEM fields. Below you will find RoboWeek resources for the

Classroom:

- Activity Book for Elementary School A workbook of puzzles and games to play about robots.
- Books on Robots A list of books on robots for every age.
- Instructables Endless examples of things to make and do.
- Animated Robot Story "How Do You Build a Robot."
- <u>Design a Bot Challenge</u> Learn the process of designing a robo .
- <u>DrawBot Tutorial</u> Build your very own drawing robot!



Online Resources

- iRobot Education Learning Library Find robot and coding activities, resources and more
- <u>STEM-Works</u> Visit bios of robotics jobs and other STEM activities.
- Robots.ieee.org Check out this cool site that features nearly 200 robots from all over the world, including several from iRobot.
- <u>Nova Resources</u> Discover how robots can do a variety of tasks from playing soccer to treating diseases to collecting rock samples from Mars.
- <u>Stem for Early Childhood</u> Free activites you can use to help 4-9 year olds develop an interest in STEM.
- <u>Science Buddies</u> Free hands-on robotics project resources for students, parents, and teachers.

National Board Certification —

Illinois State Board of Education is pleased to announce the \$1,900 National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy application is now available for Illinois teachers and counselors wishing to pursue National Board Certification beginning the 2022-23 school year. Applications opened on March 1, 2022 are due by May 10, 2022. Additionally, many districts in the state of Illinois offer incentives for educators once they obtain certification. The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) is a nonprofit organization that has been charged with overseeing the Illinois State Board of Education program that enables teachers and counselors to become National Board certified. NBRC provides free support for teachers and counselors throughout their journey to National Board Certification.

Just as teachers differentiate instruction for their students, the National Board process differentiates professional development for teachers. There are 25 certificates

available across various disciplines, age ranges, and developmental levels. Visit https://www.nbpts.org/ for more information about the certification process.



at ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY



National Library Week (April 3 - 9, 2022)

National Library Week (April 3 - 9, 2022) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April.

National Library Week Resources can be found HERE

