



APRIL 2021  
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# Regional Office of Education #21

Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Counties

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## Regional Office of Education #21

**Lorie LeQuatte** - Regional Superintendent  
**Mandy Horn** - Assistant Superintendent

### Franklin County Office

Alison Cross - Bookkeeper  
Suzanne Willmore - Clerical  
Alicia Eubanks - Truancy Interventionist

### Williamson County Office

Brittany Grove - Admin Asst.  
Sandra Hubbard - Clerical  
Johna Schullian - Comptroller/McK Vento  
Kate West - Community Prevention Resources  
Samantha Lampley - Community Prevention  
Mickey Sullivan - McKinney Vento  
Jeff Bink - Truancy Interventionist/HLS  
Chad Milburn - Network Specialist  
Crystal Newcomb - School Social Worker

### Johnson County Office

Sheila Merideth - Clerical

### Massac County Office

Jan Barrett - Clerical

### PROJECT ECHO/STAR Quest Academy

Eddy Henriksen - Principal  
Cortney Hale - Assistant Principal

### Franklin County Regional Delivery System for CTE

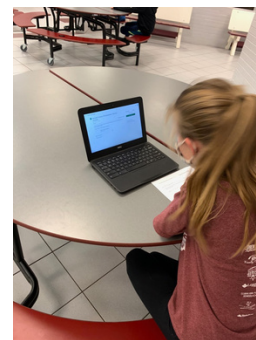
George Hopkins - Director  
Jan Farkas - Administrative Assistant

Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent  
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## ROE #21 DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

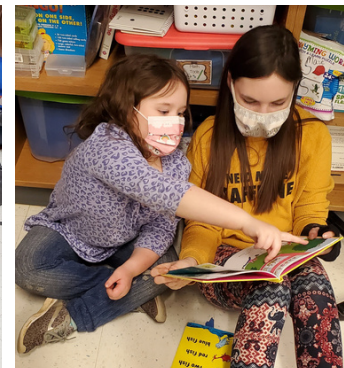
### Benton Grade School #47

Benton Grade School is offering an extended school day program!  
Ranger Ready Extended Day Program <https://buff.ly/3cprECV>



## Cypress Grade School

Cypress Grade School celebrates Read Across America Week!



## Marion High School Ethics Team

Marion High School Ethics Team won both a regional tournament and a playoff match against another regional tournament winner to qualify for Nationals for the second year in a row. Marion is one of only 24 teams in the entire nation to make it this far. The team is now undefeated for two years running. The starting five, all of whom were on the winning team last year, are seniors Penelope Gordon, Tessa Bradley, Robyn Thomas, and Charlotte and Sophia Arnold. Nationals will be conducted virtually April 10-11.



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Please visit us on the web at  
[www.roe21.org](http://www.roe21.org)

## Educator Licensure

### Did you know? License Renewal

If you are up for license renewal this fiscal year FY21, you may renew your Professional Educator License on the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) system anytime after April 1, 2021. If you hold a Professional Educator License, it **must** be renewed every five years. All endorsements are renewed with your license. All teachers and school support services personnel must complete 120 hours of professional development to renew, regardless of the number or types of degrees held. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to renew.

### Professional Development

Acceptable Professional Development includes: Professional Development issued from an Approved Provider, coursework from a regionally accredited Illinois College or University, National Board Certification, National Licenses (For School Support Personnel).

A list of Approved Providers are listed in the link below.

[Approved Illinois Professional Development Provider.](#)



## Technology

### Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA)

Effective July 1, 2021, school districts will be required by the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) to provide additional guarantees that student data is protected when collected by educational technology companies, and that data is used for beneficial purposes only (105 ILCS 85). Learning Technology Center of Illinois is offering a weekly discussion called "All Things Soppa" each Tuesday in April. To learn more about SOPPA and/or join the webinar's visit:

<https://ltechillinois.org/services/dataprivacy/>

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## Professional Development



### Illinois Turtles

Cache River Visitors' Center, Cypress, IL

June 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for this workshop as we learn about the life history and identification of Illinois' 17 species of turtles. We will take a hike to look for turtles, and you will participate in hands-on, educational activities. Resources will be

provided to help you incorporate the topic into your curriculum. Although targeted to teachers of grades prekindergarten through four, educators of other grade levels are welcome to register for the workshop but may need to adapt the information and activities, as appropriate. Correlations to relevant Next Generation Science Standards and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards will be provided and discussed. Professional Development Hours are available. Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this workshop is part of the ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) program. [Register here.](#)

## ROE #21

### Upcoming

#### Professional Development

**April 6, 2021** RTI (Response to Intervention) at the Secondary Level (Virtual)

**April 9, 2021** Utilize HyperDocs for Blended Learning (Virtual)

**April 13, 2021** AA #1865 Principal Evaluation Retraining (Virtual)

**April 20, 2021** AA #3000 Teacher & Principal Evaluator Training (Virtual)

**April, 22 & 23 2021** AA #2001 Initial Evaluation Training (Virtual)

**April 30, 2021** AA #1801 Teacher Evaluation Training (Virtual)

**May 5, 2021** The Resilient Teacher (Virtual)

**May 7, 2021** Google Level 1 Training (Virtual)

**May 27, 2021** Standards Based & IAR Resources for Administrators (In-Person)

**June 1, 2021** Title IX AA #3752 (Virtual)

**June 3, 2021** Maslow before Bloom (In-Person)

**June 4, 2021** Google Level 2 Training (Virtual)

**July 28 & 29, 2021** Teacher Bootcamp (Virtual)

### Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

*(All events must be held in person)*

**April 29, 2021** Refresher course at Goreville High School (Library)

**May 6, 2021** Refresher Course at Massac County High School

Please visit [www.roe21.org](http://www.roe21.org) for additional information



## Classroom Resources

### Illinois Department of Natural Resources

April Kids for Conservation®: Illinois Mushrooms

The April edition of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Kids for Conservation® Web page features the topic "Illinois Mushrooms." You can learn basic facts about this topic in the information section. Watch the video podcast, too. Educators, there are resources for you to utilize. "Kids in Action" features students who are taking action to benefit the Illinois environment.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/outreach/kidsconservation/Pages/default.aspx>

#### April Video Podcast – Illinois Mushrooms

The Illinois Mushrooms video podcast will be available on the Podcasts page at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/podcasts.aspx> beginning April 1, 2021. This video podcast is also available on YouTube.

national  
roboticsweek

April 3-11, 2021

[www.nationalroboticsweek.org](http://www.nationalroboticsweek.org)



National Robotics Week (RoboWeek) is organized by iRobot, which recognizes robotics technology as a pillar of American innovation, highlights its growing importance in a wide variety of application areas, and emphasizes its ability to inspire technology education. 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"
- [Design a Bot Challenge](#) – Learn the process of designing a robot
- [DrawBot Tutorial](#) – Build your very own drawing robot!

#### Online Resources

- [iRobot Education Learning Library](#) – Find robot and coding activities, resources and more
- [Hour of Code Robotics and Circuits](#) – Activities for robots or computer, some activities offer a simulator to get started with.
- [STEM-Works](#) – Visit bios of robotics jobs and other STEM activities.
- [Secret Lives of Scientists](#) – Watch videos and get to know dozens of scientists and engineers.
- [Robots.ieee.org](#) – Check out this cool site that features nearly 200 robots from all over the world, including several from iRobot.
- [Nova Resources](#) – Discover how robots can do a variety of tasks from playing soccer to treating diseases to collecting rock samples from Mars.
- [Which Robot Are You?](#) – Take this quiz and find out.
- [Science Buddies](#) – Free hands-on robotics project resources for students, parents, and teachers.

### Job Postings for ROE #21

#### Administrative Assistant

for full description and/or to apply click [HERE](#)

#### Custodian/Maintenance

for full description and/or to apply click [HERE](#)

#### Teacher Mathematics

for full description and/or to apply click [HERE](#)

#### Teacher – Special Education

for full description and/or to apply click [HERE](#)

To post a district job vacancy or view all job postings click [HERE](#)

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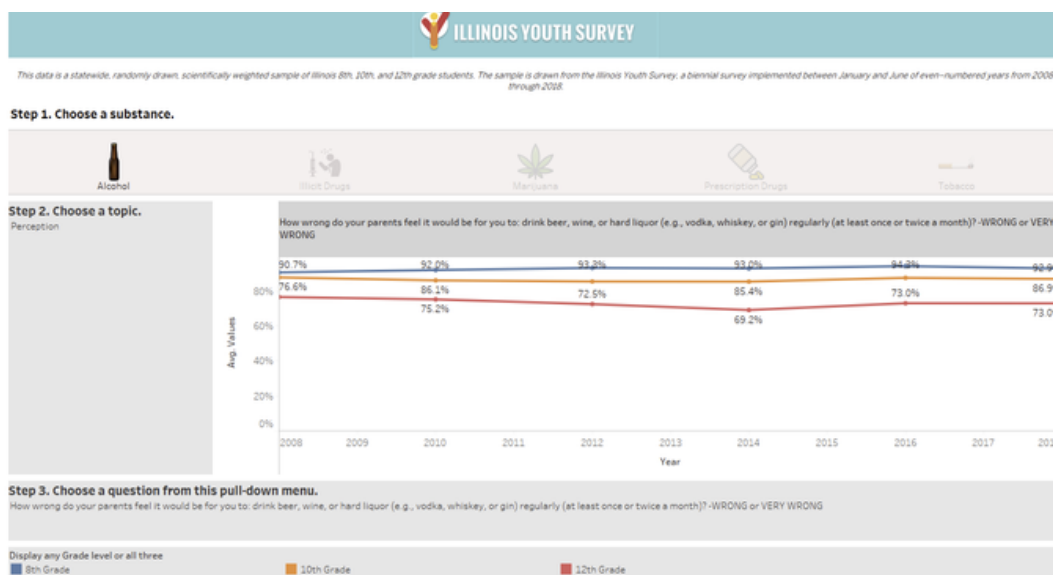
Sunday, April 4, 2021



## Illinois Youth Survey

The University of Illinois Center for Prevention Research and Development has a new Data Visualization Tool ([https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/results/data\\_visualization](https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/results/data_visualization)) available for the [Illinois Youth Survey \(IYS\)](#). This tool allows you to easily look at trends in substance use behaviors and perceptions from the statewide sample, and download the calculated data and graphics in various formats.

IYS data can help you better understand your students' home life, social needs, school culture, substance use, etc., and is intended to inform school and community programming, grant writing, and create overall awareness. We want to help you make the most of the information your students have shared. If you would like assistance analyzing your Illinois Youth Survey data this year, please reach out to Kate West or Samantha Lampley at [cpr@roe21.org](mailto:cpr@roe21.org).



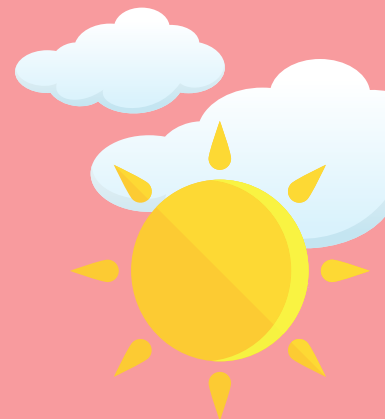
## National Take-Back Day

IDEA Announces 2021 Take Back Day Due to the increase of opioid overdose deaths during the pandemic, the Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled its 20th Take Back Day on **April 24, 2021**. In October 2020, during the last Take Back Day, the DEA collected a record-high amount of expired, unwanted, and unused prescription medications, with the public turning in close to 500 tons of unwanted drugs. Over the 10-year span of Take Back Day, DEA has brought in more than 6,800 tons of prescription drugs. With studies indicating a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential.

The public can drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications at collection sites which will adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations in order to maintain the safety of all participants and local law enforcement. DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted. DEA will continue to accept vaping devices and cartridges at its drop off locations provided lithium batteries are removed. Helping people dispose of potentially harmful prescription drugs is just one way the DEA is working to reduce addiction and stem overdose deaths.

Learn more about the event at [www.deatakeback.com](http://www.deatakeback.com), or by calling 800-882-9539.

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*EVERY  
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## National Library Week (April 4-10, 2021)

Welcome to Your Library is the theme for National Library Week beginning April 4th through April 10th, 2021. "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. During the pandemic, libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs. Find National Library Week Activity Pages below:

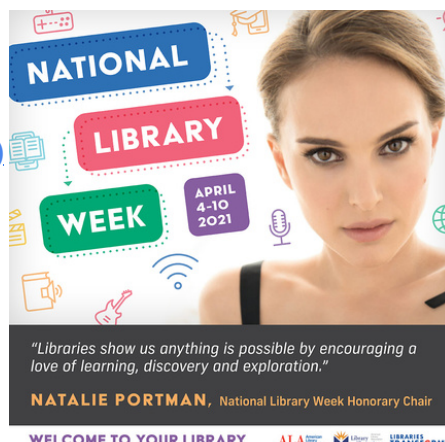
[National Library Week Word Search Activity](#)

[Word Search Answers \(PDF\)](#)

[National Library Week Coloring Page](#)

[National Library Week Coloring Page \(Spanish\)](#)

[School Librarian Worksheet](#)



National School Librarian Day recognizes the professionals who keep the school library in working order. School librarians spend long hours keeping the library organized. They're also dedicated to helping children find the resources they need to keep learning. School librarians are the people who create an environment where students can learn every day of the year. On April 4, 2021 show support for School Librarians on April 4, 2021 using the hashtag #SchoolLibrarianDay with kind words gratitude.



## 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!](#)



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### Johnson Co. Office

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P.O. Box 96  
Vienna, IL 62995  
P: 618-658-3381

### Massac Co. Office

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Metropolis, IL 62960  
P: 618-524-3736  
F: 618-524-7784

### Williamson Co. Office

407 North Monroe Street  
Suite 300  
Marion, IL 62959  
P: 618-998-1283  
F: 618-998-9226

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Please note:

ALL ROE #21 Offices

will be CLOSED

on

Friday, April 2, 2021

to observe Good Friday