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Regional Office of Education #21

Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Counties

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Please visit us on the web at
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Those Who Excel ISBE Program

Since 1970, the Illinois State Board of Education has sponsored Those Who Excel to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to our state's public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools.

Awards are presented in five categories: school administrator, student support personnel, educational service personnel, community volunteer and teams. We had two individuals in ROE#21 who were honored with this award.



New Simpson Hill's Fifth Grade Teacher Misty Fritch was awarded the 2021 Illinois Teacher of the Year Award of Meritorious Service. Misty is in her 19th year of teaching.



Vianna High School Food Services Director, Charlotte Dixon was awarded the 2021 Award of Meritorious Service for Educational Service Personnel. Dixon has served in various positions in the school system for the last 20 years.

ROE #21 Has a New Social Worker!

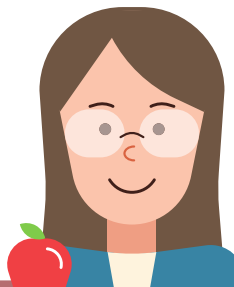
Please welcome the newest member of our Partners Against Chronic Truancy team (PACT), Mrs. Crystal Newcomb. Mrs. Newcomb has her Master's Degree in Social Work and will be assisting the ROE #21 Truancy Program by providing services to our districts and community in an effort to increase student attendance.



Educator Licensure

Did you know?

If you hold a Professional Educator License in a teaching area, you are able to get a short-term approval for another content area with just 9 semester hours of coursework or a passing score on the content area test. To view Educator Licensure Approval Requirements for specific content areas click [HERE](#). For more information, please contact our office.



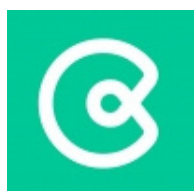
Grow Your Own

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is offering a 3rd Cohort for the [Grow Your Own Program](#) (GYO)! Individuals who work as paraprofessionals within special education classrooms who wish to complete their college degree and pursue teacher certification are prime candidates for the GYO program. This program will prepare special education teachers to serve in schools throughout the Southern Illinois region. GYO provides up to \$25,000 per student, in the form of a forgivable loan, to help pay for their undergraduate education. Graduates who go on to work in high-needs (i.e., "hard to staff") schools for five years can have their loan completely forgiven.



Technology Tips & Tools

Apps & Websites for Improving Parent-Teacher Communication



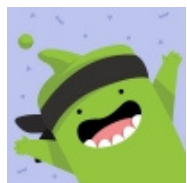
Classting

Social media approach draws families into the daily classroom
Bottom line: Flexible, practical platform for sharing updates and information with families, creating positive communications.
For Grades: Pre-K-12 Price: Free



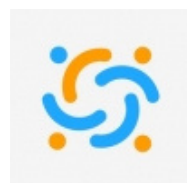
TalkingPoints

Multilingual texting tool enhances school-to-home communication
Bottom line: Easy-to-use tool for supporting communication and engagement with families in 100+ languages.
For Grades: Pre-K-12 Price: Free



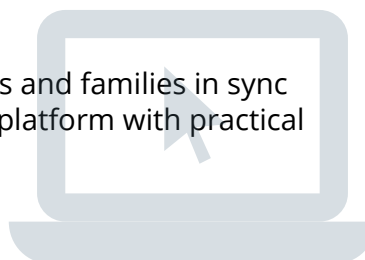
ClassDojo

Handy management and portfolio tool can promote student growth. The App offers thoughtful implementation, it can help teachers and parents support students' growth through goal-setting, feedback, and celebration.
For Grades: K-6 Price: Free



ClassTag

Flexible user-friendly tool gets teachers and families in sync
Bottom line: Effective communication platform with practical options to meet classroom needs.
For Grades: K-12 Price: Free



Regional Office Of Education #21

Upcoming Professional Development

(All events will be virtual)

February 5, 2021

Designing Remote Learning Day
Activities for Educators

February 9, 2021 Short-term
Substitute Teacher Training

February 19, 2021 Instructional
Coaching Cohort #3 Day 5

February 26, 2021 Administrators'
Academy # 3782

Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

(All events must be held in person)

February 23, 2021 Bus Driver
Refresher Training held at
Vienna High School

March 13, 2021 Bus Driver Initial
Training held at Johnston City
Project ECHO

Please visit www.roe21.org
for additional information



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SAVE THE DATE!

Virtual KIDS Summit for Kindergarten Teachers

March 15, 16, & 18 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



EXPLORING DEEPER CONNECTIONS THROUGH A SOUTH AFRICAN FOLKTALE

Tuesday February 23, 2021 | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM CST

Monday, March 15 Opening keynote with early learning champion Kristine Mraz author of Purposeful Play.

Tuesday, March 16 Interactive choice sessions in smaller groups, delving into SEL, play, tech, literacy and more. and far away in a village in Africa. Through puppetry and theater techniques, educators will learn approaches to explore their students' action plan and reflect, plus a celebration with prizes and giveaways!

Thursday, March 18 Closing session with the chance to celebrate and reflect, plus a celebration with prizes and giveaways! creativity while engaging with emotions, developing empathy, and celebrating diversity. Register by clicking [HERE](#)

Native American Nationhood and US Law

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 | 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM CST

For educators in grades 7-12

Most Americans have learned about U.S. government being composed of federal, state, and municipal governments – but what about tribal governments? In this workshop we will examine the complex place of sovereign Indigenous nations within the framework of U.S. law and policy. Taking a historical approach to the development of Indigenous-U.S. relations, we will begin with systems of tribal law and governance that predate the United States and Canada, such as the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Great Law of Peace, in addition to highlighting important current events, such as the appointment of Deb Haaland (Pueblo) the first Native American to serve as U.S. Secretary of the Interior. This workshop will provide an overview of key concepts, legal decisions, and legislation that form the basis of the unique relationship between Indigenous nations and the United States, and strategies to engage with students on this important and complex aspect of US history. Register by clicking [HERE](#)



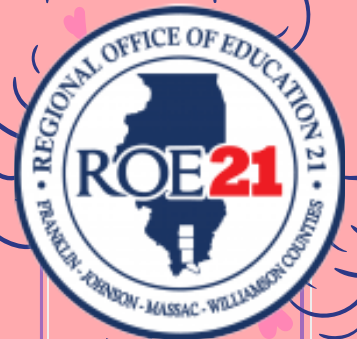
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Happy VALENTINE'S day

ROE21

Professional Development

Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

Saturday, February 27, 2021

9 AM - 12:15 PM Virtual Workshop

The content of this workshop is applicable to both in-person and remote classrooms. The presenters will summarize and share main ideas from the 2020 CSCTFL Extension Workshop presented by Linda Egnatz. They will demonstrate strategies to increase motivation and excitement for language learning. They will help participants discover activities and assessments that coach learners to actively grow in their own language proficiency. Finally, the participants will learn to engage students by connecting interests and goals to learning. This presentation is an extended version of the one-hour session presented at ICTFL's 2020 Fall Conference.

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE at www.ictfl.org or by mailing the PDF form below to ICTFL, P.O. Box 64, Oglesby, IL 61348. If you have further questions, go to www.ictfl.org/winterfest.html or email Susan Johnson at ictfl.confcoordinator@gmail.com.

40th Annual ASCD Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Conference!



March 4 & 5, 2021 9 AM - 12:15 PM LIVE ONLINE

It is time for the 40th Annual ASCD Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Conference! The 2021 Conference features 100 sessions with 70+ Speakers, including Kim Adsit, Adam Peterson, Gerry Brooks, Danny Brassell, Shawn Brown, Donna Whyte, Kim Jordano, Katie Mense, Keri Brown, Vera the Tutu Teacher, many more! You can expect to leave feeling refreshed, inspired, and with tons of practical ideas to use in the classroom ASAP!

Conference Features:

Two amazing Keynote Speakers, Gerry Brooks, and Dr. Tommie Mabry will frame the energy and inspiration for this two-day event.

Breakout sessions -

Over 100 breakout sessions covering all the hot topics in the Pre-K and Kindergarten classroom. Sessions are hands-on and interactive! This is not a ZOOM MEETING! You have access to all session recordings and handouts for 60 days after the conference dates!

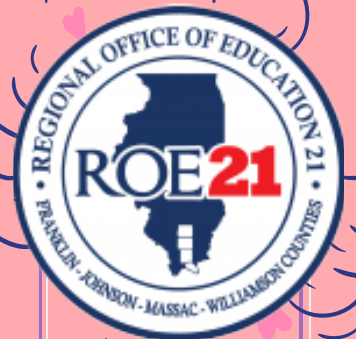
IL ASCD specializes in a unique experience specifically designed for Pre-K and Kindergarten superheroes! The days of adapting down your Professional Development and attending all grade level conferences are OVER!

An Interactive Expo Hall- Who doesn't love to shop? Check out our exhibitors for your classroom and teaching needs.

Live interactive chat rooms- There's no reason we can't network with our colleagues from around the country. Many times the best ideas come from our fellow educator. Visit [HERE](#) to register



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Classroom Resources

Black History Month Classroom Resources

February marks the beginning of black history month and gives educators a salient opportunity to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to our nation's past, present, and future. Here you can find free resources available to help educators with Black history lesson plans.

- [BlackPast.org](#) offers a wealth of materials, including transcripts of more than 300 speeches by African Americans (and others, speaking on racial topics), more than 140 full text primary documents, plus timelines and gateway pages to digital archive and African and African American museums. [Here's](#) how you can use Blackpast.org in the classroom.
- The [Smithsonian's Learning Lab](#) has shared Black history lesson plans for each grade range [HERE](#)
- For high school students, [Teaching Tolerance](#) has posted an [online article](#) challenging teachers to expand their lesson plans to allow students to make meaningful connections to current events.
- Also for high school students, [Facing History](#) has collected resources and lesson plans [HERE](#) to support educators preparing for Black history month.
- Several organizations have created lesson plans based on the amazing Inauguration Day [poem](#) by 22-year-old Amanda Gorman, the first person to be named [National Youth Poet Laureate](#) and the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history. Here are a few

[-Lesson Plan: Discuss 22-year-old Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem "The Hill We Climb" | Lesson Plan | PBS NewsHour Extra](#)

[-Teach This: "The Hill We Climb" and the 2021 Inauguration | Teaching Tolerance](#)

[-Reflecting on Amanda Gorman's "The Hill We Climb" | Facing History and Ourselves](#)



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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

IEWC Announces Free Energy Materials and Classroom Grants The Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium (IEWC) is providing free materials and an opportunity to win one of three \$250 classroom grants to help you share these exciting career opportunities with

your students! Download a free [Get into Energy flyer](#) to print and duplicate for your students. You may also access classroom materials on [energy](#) and [energy efficiency](#); learn about free [field trip opportunities](#); and view energy careers, including the training needed.

ENTER TO WIN A \$250 CLASSROOM GRANT

Email a photo and brief (two-three sentences) description of how you used these materials with students to R2NICORCOMAFF@southernco.com with the subject line "Class Grant Entry" or use the hashtag #classgrant along with a photo and brief description on Facebook or Twitter. The deadline to submit entries is March 12. The drawing will take place March 15, with award presentations occurring in the spring.

FEBRUARY IS CTE MONTH
Celebrate
CTE
Educators

SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED

Please note, our offices will be **CLOSED** on

Lincoln's Birthday
February 12, 2021

Presidents' Day
February 15, 2021

