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Little Lions Pre-K Center

Carterville Unit School District #5 opened the Little Lions Pre-K Center this past October. In partnership with Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative and Williamson County Education Services, the Little Lions Pre-K Center currently enrolls up to 135 preschool aged students. The Pre-K classrooms are funded through the Illinois State Board of Education's Preschool for All Grant. Additionally, Carterville also offers wrap-around care for students who are enrolled in the half day Pre-K program.



Massac County transitioning to in-person learning

On Friday, February 22, 2021, the Massac County board voted to expand their current in-person learning from Mon.-Thurs.

8:00-1:00 p.m. to Mon.-Fri. 8:00-1:00 p.m.
beginning Monday, March 8, 2021. The board also voted to limit the existing fully remote learning option to only those students with a medical necessity for remote learning.



2020 Educator Shortage

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) is proud to bring you the 2020 Illinois Educator Shortage Study. For several years, IARSS has partnered with Goshen Education Consulting and higher education experts to survey schools across the state about the shortage of educators and to report the findings. This year, an enhanced and expanded report is available. This dashboard allows users to dig deep into the 2020 Illinois Educator Shortage Study.

2020
Illinois Educator
Shortage Survey



[Click Here to View the Report!](#)



Educator Licensure

Did you know? License Renewal

Did you know after April 1, 2021, you may renew your license on your Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account?



National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy

The Illinois State Board of Education is pleased to announce the \$1,900 National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy Application will be available for Illinois teachers and counselors wishing to begin this program during the 2021-22 school year. Funding has been made available for 500 candidates.

Application for the Illinois National Board First Time Candidate Fee Subsidy Opening Date: March 01, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Closing Date: May 10, 2021, at midnight. Resource information and the application for the National Board first time candidate fee subsidy can be found [HERE](#).

Professional Development

ENTICE Professional Development Workshops

Register soon for ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) professional development workshops for educators sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. ENTICE workshops provide background information, networking opportunities, hands-on lessons, supplemental resources on the topic and the opportunity to work with resource professionals. Professional Development Hours are available.

Correlations

to relevant Next Generation Science Standards and/or Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards are provided.

Visit <https://www.enticeworkshops.com>

for a complete list of workshops and to register.

Experience ENTICE!



OPERATION BARBAROSSA: WAR OF DESTRUCTION

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 | 3:30pm–5:00pm

This workshop for educators in grades 7-12 will take a deeper look into the history behind Operation Barbarossa and the Nazi occupation of Soviet Territories. On June 22, 1941, Operation Barbarossa began a two-front war. During this session, participants will analyze the two different campaigns, both military and ideological, and learn how the two mutually reinforced the other, which led to a war of

destruction. Educators will come away with resources that they can implement in their classroom.

Register [HERE!](#)



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& EDUCATION CENTER

Student & Educator Programs

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Upcoming Professional Development

(All events will be virtual)

March 3, 2021 AA #1374
Depression and Suicide:
Implementing a Social &
Emotional System of Support

March 5, 2021 Introduction to
Google Forms and Google Meet

March 30 & 31, 2021 AA #2000:
Principal Evaluation Training
for Principal Evaluators

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

April 8, 2021 Short-Term
Substitute Virtual Training

April 9, 2021 Utilize HyperDocs
for Blended Learning

April 13, 2021 AA #1865
Principal Evaluation Retraining

April 20, 2021 AA #3000 Teacher
/Principal Evaluator Training

April, 22 & 23 2021 AA #2001
Initial Evaluation Training

April 30, 2021 AA #1801 Teacher
Evaluation Training

Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

(All events must be held in person)

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

Please visit www.roe21.org
for additional information

Eldorado High School Partners With Community Prevention Resources to Take Action with a New Anti-Vaping Campaign for Students

According to the Surgeon General's Report "Facing Addiction in America", vaping by U.S. teenagers has reached epidemic levels. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Surgeon General, Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health. Washington, DC: HHS, November 2016.

An article on truthinitiative.org explained that flavors are partially responsible for making vaping more attractive to teens, while somewhat disguising the risks of nicotine dependency for a new generation.

Youth Tobacco Use and Vaping in Illinois used the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) data to confirm that cigarette use among high school seniors has declined steadily from approximately 21% in 2008 to slightly more than 5% in 2018, but unfortunately vaping has increased at an alarming rate. In 2016 18.4% of high school seniors reported using e-cigarettes in the last 30 days, and by 2018 that percentage increased to 26.7%.

According to the Center for Prevention Research and Development, "this is one of the most dramatic annual changes in youth substance use trends the IYS has ever measured." It is clear that young people have misinformation about vaping, with 12.1% of Illinois seniors finding no risk associated with e-cigarette use.

Youth Tobacco Use and Vaping in Illinois. Illinois Youth Survey. Center for Prevention

Research and Development. December 18, 2019.

[https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server_178052/File/2018/Tobacco%20Use%20&%20Vaping%20\(12.18.19\).pdf](https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server_178052/File/2018/Tobacco%20Use%20&%20Vaping%20(12.18.19).pdf)

Eldorado High School has decided to take action, and partner with Community Prevention Resources to help increase awareness and pro-social protective factors amongst Eldorado teens. A new anti-vaping communication campaign targeting high school students began February 2021.

4 things parents need to know about JUUL and nicotine addiction. Aug. 17, 2018.

<https://www.truthinitiative.org/research-resources/emerging-tobacco-products/4-things-parents-need-know-about-juul-and-nicotine>



School NEWS!

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Classroom Resources

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Lessons and Videos for Virtual Learning

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources offers many educational tools that can be used for virtual learning. You will find lessons at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/LessonsInfo.aspx>.



Are you looking for information about a specific topic? Try the "A to Z" page at the following website. <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/AtoZ.aspx>

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Division of Education is adding to the Wild about . . . series of Web pages. Visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/WildAboutPages.aspx> and see what's new!

Spring Season Worksheets

It's almost Spring again! Below you will find a spring worksheet collection for classroom use.

1. [Spring Acrostic Poem](#)
2. [Bank On It! Worksheet](#)
3. [Crossword Puzzle](#)
4. [Do The Research- Spring](#)
5. [Group Creative Writing](#)
6. [If I Were A....?](#)
7. [KWL](#)
8. [Spring Mase](#)
9. [Reading Comprehension](#)
10. [Bingo Card 1](#)
12. [Bingo Card 2](#)
13. [Bingo Card 3](#)
14. [Spiral Puzzle](#)
15. [Spiral Puzzle Answers](#)
16. [Vocabulary List & Definitions](#)



March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The following are lessons, activities, and resources to involve students in the study of women's contributions to the world.

1. [Honoring the American Woman](#)

These lessons will help your students recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of American women throughout history.

2. [Bring Women's History to Life](#)

Educate and inspire tomorrow's men and women with activities relating to important women of the past and present with activities that cross the curriculum and the grades.

3. [Women of Accomplishment: An Internet Scavenger Hunt](#)

Pose a question a day about women's history, and expand your students' knowledge about the many ways women sustain the American spirit.

4. [Women's Words of Wisdom](#)

Create a bulletin board of inspiring quotes by famous women.
(Grades 4-12)

5. [Why Not a Woman?](#)

Many people in the United States think a new federal holiday should be added. Some members of Congress agree, but only if that holiday honors an important woman.



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THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE) IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR & THOSE WHO EXCEL

These Awards recognize the incredible work of Illinois educators, administrators, and school support personnel. ISBE is seeking nominations for: 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year (public and nonpublic school teachers with 5 or more years of experience) - ISBE will recognize 10 Regional Teachers of the Year, then select the 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year from among these finalists. From the nominees for 2020 Illinois Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Early Career Educators, ISBE also will name the:

- Bilingual Teacher of the Year
- Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- Special Education Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Early Career Educator (teachers with one-four years of experience)
- Those Who Excel Administrator Award
- Those Who Excel Team Award
- Those Who Excel Community Volunteer Award
- Those Who Excel Student Support Personnel Award (school nurse, psychologist, social worker, school counselor, or speech/language therapist)
- Those Who Excel Educational Service Personnel Award (aides/paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, custodians, administrative assistants, bus drivers, and school resource officers)



ISBE will accept nominations for Teacher of the Year through April 23. When a teacher is nominated, they will receive a link to complete the application. The deadline to submit applications for both Teacher of the Year and Those Who Excel is May 21. ISBE will name awardees in late summer.



Learn more about the Teacher of the Year and Those Who Excel program requirements and submit a nomination at www.isbe.net/elevatingeducators.



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MARCH 7-13, 2021 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK!

The School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) is proud to promote National School Social Work Week, held the first full calendar week of March (Sunday - Saturday). SSWAA collects and shares resources to help you celebrate and promote SSW Week. You can find useful resources for celebrating School Social Work Week at <https://www.sswaa.org/resources>. We hope you will make some great plans to celebrate as well as receive much-deserved recognition for the vital role they provide to students, administrators, teachers, parents, and the community!!

**Celebrate
School Social
Workers!**

**MARCH
14, 2021
Daylight
Saving
Time
Begins**