

THE
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Vernon

Building Resilience and Fortitude Toward Student Success

OCTOBER 27, 2023

LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF MT. VERNON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS 62864





**Program
Schedule**

**7:30 a.m. Main Gym Entrance,
Registration,
Information & Exhibit Area Open**

**8:00 a.m. Music played by MVTHS Band
8:20 National Anthem, MVTHS Choir Member
Prayer,
Welcome, Melanie Andrews, MVTHS Superintendent
Introductions, Matt Renaud,
Regional Superintendent of Schools**

8:30 a.m.

**Keynote, Dave Burgess
Teach Like a Pirate**

10:15 a.m.

Session 1

11:20 a.m.

Session 2

12:25 p.m.

Session 3

1:30 p.m.

Session 4



Matt Renaud,
Regional Superintendent
Clinton, Jefferson,
Marion & Washington
Counties



Lorie LeQuatte
Regional Superintendent
Franklin, Johnson,
Massac & Williamson
Counties

**A Special Thanks to
Franklin-Jefferson Counties Special Ed.
Director, Jera Pieper**

**The Mt. Vernon Conference would not be celebrating 44 years in serving our schools
if it wasn't for the support of the Administrators, Faculty, Staff & Students
of Mt. Vernon Twp. High School!**

Thank you for continuing to do what you do best to make this Conference a lasting SUCCESS!

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Announcements

Presenter parking is located in the front south side of the building. The building is marked "**Career Center.**"

Participant and Exhibitor parking is located behind the building. This parking is near the entrance to Changnon Gymnasium. You may enter at Ambassador Road. We will have parking attendants to help direct you.

Food: Traditional complimentary coffee and donuts will be available in the Cafeteria upon arrival. Student clubs will be set up for lunch in the cafeteria. **See page 42.** C & K Concessions carnival trailer will be set up outside by the gymnasium entrance to the event. They are serving corn dogs, lemon shake-ups and funnel cakes! Lunch concessions are open after the keynote.

Attendees will be given a \$10 meal ticket prior to the event. This ticket may be redeemed at any of our food vendors. No change will be given with the meal tickets.

A QR code for A.M. and P.M. will be given to the presenters to put them in their presentations.

We will also be handing out the A.M. code as you enter. It will posted around the school.

Internet Café also available in the Exhibit area to record your sessions easily!

In case of an emergency or have questions about the conference, please call **618-246-1812** and you will be directed to the correct person for help.

Exhibits are located in the Stewart Media Center. Exhibits open at 7:30a, close during the Keynote, and open back up first session. Please take time to visit the exhibits.

Giveaways! Pick up your door prize ticket at the ROE table located in the Media Center! Giveaways will be displayed in the Exhibit Area. Tickets will be drawn at the end of session 2 and 3. There are great prizes all educators will like! **You must be present to win. Winners will be announced in the afternoon!**





Introducing Keynote Speaker, Dave Burgess!

Teach Like a PIRATE author Dave Burgess will be speaking a high-energy, entertaining, and inspirational program that will transform the way you look at your role as an educator. Dave uses a combination of magic and humor. He will reignite your passion for the education profession and show you exactly how to make school an amazing place that has students wanting to knock down the walls to get in.



Keynote: 8:30am

"Teach Like a PIRATE"

Changnon Gymnasium

Join New York Times Best-Selling author Dave Burgess for a high-energy, entertaining, and inspirational program that will transform the way you look at your role as an educator. Learn how to dramatically increase student engagement, design wildly creative lessons, and build a course that is a life-changing experience for your students.

Using a unique combination of magic and humor, he will reignite your passion for the education profession and show you exactly how to make school an amazing place that has students wanting to knock down the walls to get in.

Teach Like a PIRATE has sparked a full-scale revolution in the educational world and has inspired teachers from all over the globe to achieve new levels of excellence in their schools and classrooms. This program is your chance to experience the one-of-a-kind presentational style of unbelievable intensity and outrageous energy that has transfixed audiences at packed venues across the nation.

Grade Level: All

2nd Session: 11:20am

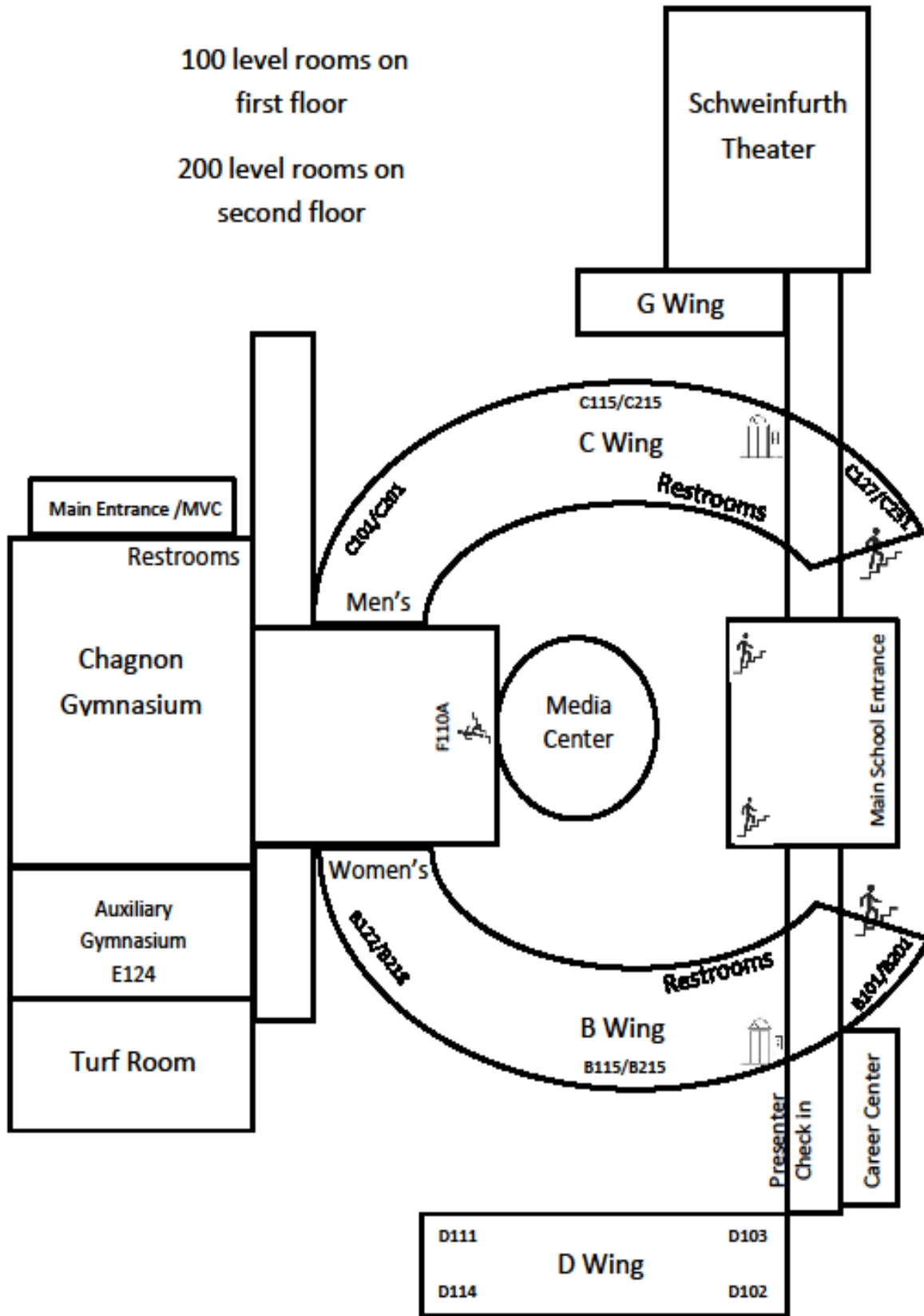
"Teaching Outside the Box: A Crash Course in Creativity"

A fast-paced and fun session designed to teach techniques that will skyrocket creativity. You will learn how to use your brain like Google, create a GPS system for powerful teaching, and magically create new ideas through Creative Alchemy. In addition, learn how to overcome obstacles that stifle creativity by using the Wedding Photographer Principle. You'll leave truly believing you are a creative being. You'll be inspired to add memorable experiences for students and your lesson plans.

Grade Level: All

Session 2 located in Changnon Gymnasium





Four new rooms have been created at MVTHS. Those room numbers are not numerical order. They are located in the correct "wing." C126, C217, B138, B217



Sessions @ A Glance

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Presenter (s)	Session Title	Room
Ashli Adams Deloris Payne	<i>"Accessibility Creates Possibilities"</i>	C218
Ag In the Classroom	<i>"Healthy Soil - Healthy You!"</i>	A205
Melanie Andrews	<i>"Is It Enough? Are You Enough? When Is Enough Truly Enough?"</i>	C125
Raquel Bliffen	<i>"The Lottery" Interactive Role Playing"</i>	C217
Michelle Blok	<i>"Science of Reading"</i>	C126
Katie Blue-Mense	<i>"Pave the Way for Scientific Literacy"</i>	C108
Kara Boozer, Chris Lueking, Amber Heern & Jamie Mahlanc	<i>"How Can Illinois Extension Help in the Classroom"</i>	B138
Annette Braden, Sandra Zawaske, Mike Treece & Chris McMahon	<i>Double Session 1-2 "TeacherEase Discussion Roundtable"</i>	F113
Ranzie Callahan Brandi Gore	<i>"Differentiating with Small Group Reading Instruction in the Primary Grades"</i>	B214
Charley Cass	<i>"Serving Free - Lunch Kids: On Purpose and For Good"</i>	C219
Joe Cipfl	<i>"Declutter Your Digital Life"</i>	C115
Andy Davis	<i>"The Effects of Sleep Issues on Students"</i>	B217
Kari Docherty	<i>"Mental Health First Aid - Why Is It Important for Educators"</i>	B101
Jim Duncan	<i>"Cultivating Wise and Virtuous Students with Literature"</i>	B113
David Edwards	<i>"Foreign Language Teachers Roundtable"</i>	B102
Bill England	<i>"Rappelling"</i>	Changnon Gym
Brian Gamber, Scott Gamber & Doug Creel	<i>"Breaking Down Motion Offense and Mover-Blocker"</i>	E124
Dr. Amanda Ganey Keith Senior	<i>"Student Leadership Impact"</i>	A202
Becky Groennert	<i>"Art or Craft? What is the Difference?"</i>	B208
Marcus Holland	<i>"Challenges Employers Have with New Hires"</i>	B112

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10:15a-11:05

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Chelci Holden David Mateyka	<i>Double Session 1-2</i> <i>"Music: It's Not Just for Fun: How Music Can Enhance Your Curriculum"</i>	G105
Kaskaskia Special Education Sessions	<i>"Special Educator/IEP-Writing Roundtable"</i>	C228
Joel Katte	<i>"Live, Laugh and Love Your Way Back To Teaching and Leading With Passion and Purpose Again!"</i>	B103
Debbie Legg	<i>"The Classroom-Changing Benefits of Kindness"</i>	A203
Dr. Aaron Maddox	<i>"Innovative New Educational Leadership Programs at EIU"</i>	A210
Carrie Mayville Niki Wisniewski	<i>"New and Notable Books K-8"</i>	A206
Sarah Phelps	<i>"State of Computer Science (CS) in Illinois"</i>	B213
Rachell Plote	<i>"Small Moves for Supporting Primary Aged Multilingual Learners" (PreK-2nd)</i>	B201
Brian Schwartz	<i>"Teachers' Legal Update"</i>	C214
Margie Schwartz Tawana Pitchford	<i>"Out With the Old, In With the New"</i>	C201
Shane Smith, Wanda Hill & Shane Garner	<i>"Corrections to Community - Facilitating Future Citizens"</i>	A209
Amanda Spannagel	<i>"Paraprofessional High Practice Leverage Practices"</i>	C210
Kate Ulmer Emma Bandy	<i>"Serving Our Most Vulnerable Youth"</i>	C104
Craig Vieira Clint Wolfe	<i>"A Little Dab Will Do!"</i>	B202
Dhana Wheeler, Michelle Bradley & Hannah Woodring	<i>"Teacher Toolbox"</i>	C208
Coach Tom Wheeler, Jeff Morris & Steve Morris	<i>"Jeff Morris, Author: 35 Logs on the Fire"</i>	C206
Butch Wilson Karen Slous	<i>"AI In Your Classroom - Three Things YOU Want to Know About ChatGPT and Its Friends."</i>	C120
Julie Wollerman Annette Hartlieb	<i>"Re-energize Your Students!"</i>	C212
Brandon Wright	<i>"Top Calls to Your School Attorney in 2023"</i>	A204

Sessions @ A Glance

Session 2

11:20a-12:10p

Presenter(s)	Session Title	Room
Ashli Adams Deloris Payne	<i>"Accessibility Creates Possibilities"</i>	C218
Ag In the Classroom	<i>"Healthy Soil - Healthy You!"</i>	A205
Renea Bauer Terri Waddell	<i>"Are You Where You Want to Be - Grand Canyon University"</i>	C125
Susie Bishop	<i>"Sizzling Science"</i>	C120
Raquel Bliffen	<i>"Fortune Teller Peer Review"</i>	C217
Katie Blue-Mense	<i>"Handwriting for Littles: I Can Form My Letters"</i>	C108
Kara Boozer, Chris Lueking, Amber Heern & Jamie Mahlanc	<i>"How Can Illinois Extension Help in the Classroom"</i>	B138
Annette Braden, Sandra Zawaske, Mike Treece & Chris McMahon	<i>Double Session 1-2</i> <i>"TeacherEase Discussion Roundtable"</i>	F113
Rebecca Bumpus, Crystal Clarke, Amanda Huge & Leeann Ferguson	<i>"Surviving and Thriving in the Special Education Classroom"</i>	C210
Dave Burgess, Keynote	<i>"Teaching Outside the Box: A Crash Course in Creativity"</i>	Changnon Gym
Ranzie Callahan Brandi Gore	<i>"Engaging Activities for Reading Instruction in the Intermediate Grades"</i>	B214
Charley Cass Sean Cochran	<i>"First or Second Year Teacher Roundtable"</i>	C219
Joe Cipfl	<i>"EdTech for All: Creating Accessible Digital Content"</i>	C115
Becky Clark Janet Dickey	<i>"Ar! You Ready?"</i>	B112
Keenan Clark Jacob Towers	<i>"Skills Based Classroom - Rethink Your Traditional Teaching Mode"</i>	B112
Andy Davis	<i>"The Effects of Sleep Issues on Students"</i>	B217
Tiffany Delaney Cindy Bevis	<i>"Give Them Dignity"</i>	C220
Brian Gamber, Scott Gamber & Doug Creel	<i>"Skill Development and Favorite Drills"</i>	E124
Dr. Amanda Ganey Keith Senior	<i>"Student Leadership Impact"</i>	A202

Presenter(s)	Session Title	Room
Shane Garner	<i>"Raising the Bar for Physical Education Programs In Your School District"</i>	A211
Ann Garrett	<i>"Formative Assessment in Writing"</i>	C127
Becky Groennert	<i>"Making Transitions Easy and a Learning Experience"</i>	B208
Nealy Hamson	<i>"The Empty Chair: Dealing with the Death of a Student or Staff Member"</i>	A210
Frank & Tori Hartman	<i>"How to Make Accommodations and Modifications...and Stay Married"</i>	C205
Natasha Hersey Brittani Ronat	<i>"How to Handle It All: Behaviors and Classroom Management Techniques"</i>	A203
Chelci Holden David Mateyka	<i>Double Session 1-2</i> <i>"Music: It's Not Just for Fun: How Music Can Enhance Your Curriculum"</i>	G105
Kaskaskia Special Education Sessions	<i>"Characteristics of Disabilities and Commonly Used Accommodations"</i>	C228
Joel Katte	<i>"Live, Laugh and Love Your Way Back To Teaching and Leading With Passion and Purpose Again!"</i>	B103
Ali Nordin Brittania Webb	<i>"Tips and Tricks Every Special Education Teacher Should Know"</i>	B206
Sarah Phelps	<i>"Introducing Computational Thinking in Elementary Classrooms"</i>	B213
Rachell Plote	<i>"Small Moves for Supporting Elementary Aged Multilingual Learners" (3rd-5th)</i>	B201
Margie Schwartz Tawana Pitchford	<i>"Out With the Old, In With the New"</i>	C201
Lorna Shuman	<i>"Enhancing Your Curriculum: IDNR Science Resources"</i>	C231
Shane Smith, Wanda Hill	<i>"Corrections to Community - Facilitating Future Citizens"</i>	A209
Amanda Spannagel	<i>"Understanding Student Behavior"</i>	C210
Chas Swearingen	<i>"LGBTQ+ Issues in Mental Health"</i>	B101
Kate Ulmer Emma Bandy	<i>"Serving Our Most Vulnerable Youth"</i>	C104
Craig Vieira Clint Wolfe	<i>"The Administrator and SRO Team"</i>	B202



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Session 2

11:20a - 12:10p

Presenter(s)	Session Title	Room
Dhana Wheeler, Michelle Bradley, Hannah Woodring	<i>"Teacher Toolbox"</i>	C208
Coach Tom Wheeler and the News Team at Channel 3	<i>"From Athlete to Anchor at Channel 3, Carbondale"</i>	C206
Butch Wilson	<i>"The Good, The Bad and the AI" Administrators are highly advised to see this session.</i>	C214
Brandon Wright	<i>"Special Education Headlines for 2023-2024"</i>	A204



Helpful Hints for a Successful Conference:

- Dress in layers! Room temperatures vary.
- Cell phones on silent. If you get a phone call, please step out into the hallway.
- Before you leave campus at the end of the day, do you have your cell phone, purse, etc.?
- Visit Your EXHIBIT AREA! The vendors are there for you and key to the success of this event!

Sessions @ A Glance

Session 3

12:25p - 1:15p

Ag In the Classroom	<i>"Healthy Soil - Healthy You!"</i>	A205
Raquel Bliffen	<i>"The Lottery" Interactive Role Playing"</i>	C217
Michelle Blok	<i>"RtI Roundtable Discussion"</i>	C126
Katie Blue-Mense	<i>"Five Ways to Squeeze in Fine Motor Skills"</i>	C108
Kara Boozer, Chris Lueking, Amber Heern & Jamie Mahlanc	<i>"How Can Illinois Extension Help in the Classroom"</i>	B138
Rebecca Bumpus, Crystal Clarke, Amanda Huge & Leeann Ferguson	<i>"Beating Burnout, Finding Balance"</i>	C210
Ranzie Callahan Brandi Gore	<i>"Integrating Technology in the Reading Classroom"</i>	B214
Charley Cass	<i>"Serving Free - Lunch Kids: On Purpose and for Good!"</i>	C219
Megan Chrums, Beth Groves	<i>"Overview of the Illinois PaCE Framework"</i>	C125

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Session 3

12:25p - 1:15p

Presenter(s)	Session Title	Room
Joe Cipfl	<i>"AI and ChatGPT: An Introduction for Educators"</i>	C115
Keenan Clark Jacob Towers	<i>"Skills Based Classroom - Rethink Your Traditional Teaching Mode"</i>	B112
Megan Clodi	<i>"Section 504 Plans: From Basics to Best Practices"</i>	C218
Mallory Crouse	<i>"Canva 101 - A Beginners Guide to Canva"</i>	B115
Andy Davis	<i>"The Effects of Sleep Issues on Students"</i>	B217
Tiffany Delaney Cindy Bevis	<i>"Give Them Dignity"</i>	C220
Bill England	<i>"Rappelling"</i>	Changnon Gym
Brian Gamber, Scott Gamber & Doug Creel	<i>Double Session 3-4 "Rend Lake College Men's Basketball Open Practice"</i>	E124
Becky Groennert	<i>"Art or Craft? What is the Difference?"</i>	B208
Frank & Tori Hartman	<i>"How to Make Accommodations and Modifications...and Stay Married"</i>	C205
Natasha Hersey Brittani Ronat	<i>"How to Handle It All: Behaviors and Classroom Management Techniques"</i>	A203
Chelci Holden David Mateyka	<i>"MUSIC EDUCATOR ROUNDTABLE - FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY AREA MUSIC"</i>	G105
John Kabat	<i>"Motivate Yourself to Motivate Others"</i>	C101
Kaskaskia Special Education Sessions	<i>"Introduction to Section 504 Plans"</i>	C228
Joel Katte	<i>"Using the IGNITE #loveinschools Way to Write Your Story and Your Students' Stories From Here"</i>	B103
Sarah Phelps	<i>"FUN with Micro:bits: Bringing CS to Life"</i>	B213
Rachell Plote	<i>"Small Moves for Supporting Secondary Aged Multilingual Learners"</i>	B201
Cherie Rogier	<i>Double Session 3-4 "Agriculture Teacher Roundtable"</i>	D114
Brian Schwartz	<i>"Teachers' Legal Update"</i>	C214
Lorma Shuman	<i>"Wild Illinois History: Understanding Fur Trapping in Illinois"</i>	C231

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Session 3

12:25p-1:15p

Presenter(s)	Session Title	Room
Shane Smith, Wanda Hill, Shane Garner	<i>"Corrections to Community - Facilitating Future Citizens"</i>	A209
Nick Stabler	<i>"TRS Express for TIER 1 Members"</i>	A206
Amber Tieffel, Victoria Jackson	<i>"Welcome to Ram Nation: Helping Students with Disabilities Transition to MVTHS"</i>	F109
Dr. Jamey VanZandt	<i>"Teachers of English/Language Arts Roundtable"</i>	C127
Craig Vieira, Clint Wolfe	<i>"Complacency is a Disease, Diligence is the Cure"</i>	B202
Dhana Wheeler, Michelle Bradley, Hannah Woodring	<i>"Teacher Toolbox"</i>	C208
Niki Wisniewski	<i>"ERATES"</i>	C201
Julie Wollerman, Annette Hartlieb	<i>"Re-energize Your Students!"</i>	C212
Amy Wright	<i>"RtI/MTSS Resources on the Franklin-Jefferson Special Ed Website"</i>	B113
Brandon Wright	<i>"Restraint and Time Out in Illinois"</i>	A204

Sessions @ A Glance

Session 4

1:30p -2:20p

Ag In the Classroom	<i>"Healthy Soil - Healthy You!"</i>	A205
Raquel Maxey Bliffen	<i>"Fortune Teller Peer Review"</i>	C217
Katie Blue-Mense	<i>"Centers 101"</i>	C108
Kara Boozer, Chris Lueking,	<i>"How Can Illinois Extension Help in the Classroom"</i>	B138
Charley Cass, Sean Cochran	<i>"First or Second Year Teacher Roundtable"</i>	C219
Joe Cipfl	<i>"Creating Dazzling Graphics: A Teacher's Guide to Canva & Adobe Express"</i>	C115
Keenan Clark, Jacob Towers	<i>"Skills Based Classroom - Rethink Your Traditional Teaching Mode"</i>	B112
Megan Clodi	<i>"Social Justice and Unified Programming in Schools"</i>	C218
Raymond Clodi	<i>"Behavior Management Strategies, De-Escalation Techniques"</i>	F108
Kristi Consolino	<i>"Sound Wall Beginners"</i>	B115



Sessions @ A Glance

Session 4

1:30p – 2:20p

Presenter(s)	Session Title	Room
Andy Davis	<i>"The Effects of Sleep Issues on Students"</i>	B217
Tiffany Delaney Cindy Bevis	<i>"Give Them Dignity"</i>	C220
Heather Dunmeyer, Sarah White	<i>"Attendance Matters"</i>	C126
David Edwards,	<i>"Mentors and Protégés': Strategies for Success!"</i>	B101
Bill England	<i>"Rappelling"</i>	Changnon Gym
Brian Gamber, Scott Gamber & Doug Creel	<i>Double Session 3-4</i> <i>"Rend Lake College Men's Basketball Open Practice"</i>	E124
Shane Garner	<i>"Body, Mind, and Heart - 3 Dimensional Coaching"</i>	A211
Frank & Tori Hartman	<i>"How to Make Accommodations and Modifications...and Stay Married"</i>	C205
Kaskaskia Special Education Sessions	<i>"Rtl/MTSS"</i>	C228
Joel Katte	<i>"Using the IGNITE #loveinschools Way to Write Your Story and Your Students' Stories From Here"</i>	B103
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School Student Services	<i>"School Counselors Roundtable Discussion"</i>	A202
Cherie Rogier	<i>Double Session 3-4</i> <i>"Agriculture Teacher Roundtable"</i>	D114
Shane Smith, Wanda Hill	<i>"Corrections to Community - Facilitating Future Citizens"</i>	A209
Nick Stabler	<i>"TRS Express for TIER 2 Members"</i>	A206
Amber Tieffel, Victoria Jackson	<i>"Roundtable for High School Special Education Teachers"</i>	F109
Craig Vieira Clint Wolfe	<i>"A Little Dab Will Do!"</i>	B202
Dhana Wheeler, Michelle Bradley, Hannah Woodring	<i>"Teacher Toolbox"</i>	C208
Amy Wright	<i>"Progress Monitoring - Quick, Easy, and Effective!"</i>	B113
Brandon Wright	<i>"Implementing Threat Assessment Procedures"</i>	A204

Coffee BREAK

Flavored coffee (Iced or Hot)

Cash Only

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MVTHS
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Located in the hallway outside the Exhibits!

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Adams, Ashli
Payne, Deloris
Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Rm: C218

About the presenters: Ms. Payne is a 5th year educator. She enjoys gardening, volunteering, cooking and spending time with family. Mrs. Adams is a 14 year veteran teacher who always goes by *"I believe kids truly don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."* She enjoys coaching Unified Sports, reading, traveling and spending time with her family.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a
Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Accessibility Creates Possibilities"

To join these presenters, we are pleased to have with them a former Casey Middle School and current Mt Vernon Twp. High School student! He will share **accessibility options** for Chromebooks, Keyboard modification, screen readers, games and other tools for those with **vision impairment and reading deficits**.

Grade Level: K-12



Ag In the Classroom

Rm: A205

Fallen Summers, Franklin Co.
Maridy Tso, Saline/Gallatin Co.
Lucille Schlabach, Hamilton/Jefferson Co.

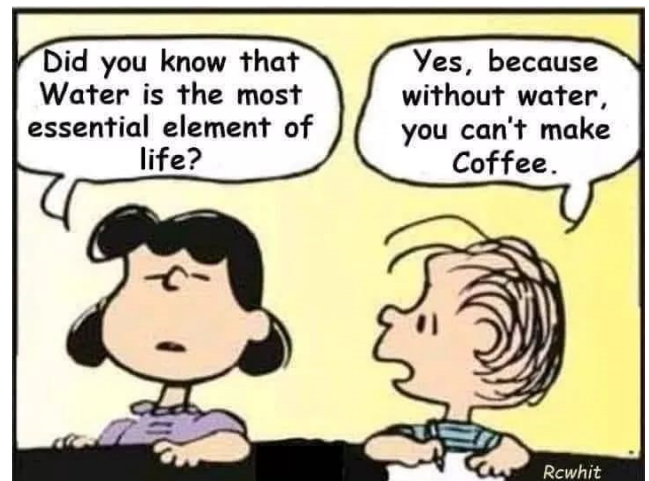
About the presenters: Ag In the Classroom has been a friend of the conference for many years! The names may have changed throughout the years, but one thing remains and that is their love of our children and the importance of Agriculture in all curriculum! Thank you Ag In the Classroom!

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a
Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p
Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p
Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"Healthy Soil - Healthy YOU!"

Come and learn how AITC is making Soil Healthy and You! With fun activities like *"Soil Your Undies," "Soil Sleuths,"* and *"Candy Core Sampling."* These lessons cover soil profiles, soil health, gardening, and much more! **Door prizes!** Books and **activities** will be available! **Common Core** and **NGSS** with lessons and activities! You are encouraged to stop by the **Ag In the Classroom Exhibit** too!

Grade Level: PreK-8.



Presenter with Session Descriptions

Andrews, Melanie Rm: C125
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School, Superintendent

About the presenter: Melanie has been in education for 24 years! The first five years, as a teacher. For 19 years she has served as an administrator under several different titles. Melanie is the recipient of the 2023-2024 IASA Egyptian Region Superintendent of the Year!

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“Is It Enough? Are You Enough? When Is Enough Truly Enough?”

Do you ever feel like you are being pulled 10,000 different directions? Do you want the world to stop for a moment when you finally scream at the top of your lungs “ENOUGH!!!” If you have ever felt this way, join Melanie as she discusses moments in her life where inadequacy has crept in and **strategies** she has used to overcome those feelings. **This session is primarily targeted at female educators, however all attendees are welcome.**

Grade Level: ALL

Bauer, Renea Rm: C125
Waddell, Terri
Centralia, Illinois

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Are You Where You Want to Be - Grand Canyon University”

Are you looking to make a change? GCU offers over 275 fully accredited programs to help you position yourself for **career advancement**. Our online college courses provide a curriculum developed so you receive a well-rounded education. GCU’s online education is personalized with a **flexible schedule** so you can **earn or advance your degree** while living your life. Our counselors are available to help every step of the way with furthering your career. Tuition, scholarship, grants and military incentives available. Visit them in the

Exhibits! Grade Level: All

Bishop, Susie Rm: C120
Olney, Illinois

About the presenter: Susie is a long time friend of Mt. Vernon Conference! She is a retired teacher, author and still has a passion for helping educators navigate!

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Sizzling Science”

If you want **hands-on** exciting activities to help students become engaged in your **science lessons**, come join this session with Susie! **Writing Across the Curriculum** and **Doing Whatever It Takes** are strategies that will also be covered using **Science activities** demonstrated. All activities are research based and evidence based plus lots of fun while we learn!

Susie has an **Exhibit Booth** you won’t want to miss!
Grade Level: K-5

Bliffen, Raquel Rm: C217
Mt. Vernon Twp High School

About the presenter: Raquel has just began her 14th year in education. Among her many passions, she enjoys reading, directing theater, and her beautiful family!

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“The Lottery” Interactive Role Playing”

Are you ready to submerge your students into an **interactive experience** that will make Shirley Jackson’s unforgettable story even more exciting? Join me for an adventure you won’t forget!

Grade Level: 6-12 ELA

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Bliffen, Raquel

Rm: C217

Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Fortune Teller Peer Review”

Are you tired of trying to teach **writing** with no success? Do you dread Peer Review days because students lose focus or don't know where to start? This session is for you! Invented this year for students, **Fortune Teller Peer Review** is a fun, exciting way to raise the stakes for your students AND get you pumped to grade their feedback!

“Come with a copy of an average student essay!”

Grade Level: 6-12

Blok, Michelle

Rm: C126

Mt. Vernon District 80

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“Science of Reading”

An introduction to the **Science of Reading**. You will learn what it is and walk away with six easy ways to begin the shift in your classroom.

Grade Level: K-2

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“RtI Roundtable Discussion!”

If you are involved in any way with intervention, join us as we share tips and tricks!

Grade Level: All

Blue-Mense, Katie

Rm: C108

Germantown School District, Illinois

About the presenter: Katie Blue-Mense is a children's author, a nationally recognized speaker, and an energetic Kindergarten teacher in Southern Illinois with more than 15 years of classroom experience. She has a passion for creating fun, hands-on lessons and activities designed to meet the needs of all students. As a student who struggled through school, she truly understands that every student has different needs and learning styles. Katie is a McKendree University graduate, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and later, a Master of Arts degree in education. Katie is a boy mom and loves to spend time in the great outdoors with her 3 sons, Brody, Grady, and Finn. She loves to share her ideas and teaching experiences online and on social media!

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“Pave the Way for Scientific Literacy”

Kids are naturally curious about the world around them. Tap into that curiosity by blending Science into your everyday instruction. In this session, Katie will show you lots of fun, hands-on ways to engage your little scientists and build their scientific understanding through authentic exploration.

Grade Level: PreK-1

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Handwriting for Littles: I Can Form My Letters”

Start your kindergarteners off on the “write” foot by giving them explicit and consistent instruction in fine motor and handwriting. Join Katie to learn how to teach your children to form their letters correctly, why it's important, what research says about the benefits of explicit instruction, and how it eventually evolves into kindergarten writing!

Grade Level: TK-K

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Blue-Mense, Katie

Rm: C108

Germantown School District, Illinois

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Five Ways to Squeeze in Fine Motor"

Your standards are plenty and your curriculum is fast paced. You know as a teacher that those little hands in front of you need to build fine motor skills, but there's seemingly no time to teach it! Join Katie as she gives you five concrete, practical ways to "squeeze" fine motor skills into your day, from ways to integrate sensory bins to building a proper pencil grip. This session will give you tips of the trade from inside the trenches of a primary classroom to implement immediately back to yours!

Grade Level: PreK-1

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"Centers 101"

There are many ways to organize and manage your center times. Katie identifies the most effective. Discover lots of tricks and tips to keep your center time running smoothly. And experience the best kinds of activities to use in centers and simple ways to differentiate them.

TK-1

Boozer, Kara

Rm: B138

Lueking, Chris

Amber Heern and Jamie Mahlanc

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"How Can Illinois Extension Help in the Classroom?"

Illinois Extension has program experts and curriculum that are here to help teachers. We are happy to provide **educational resources, lessons, and materials** to help local teachers. This will be an overview over several different resources available. Examples include, **Ornithology, Hydroponic, Financial Planning and SEL**

Grade Level: 3-12

Braden, Annette

Rm: F113

Zawaske, Sandra

Treece, Mike

McMahon, Chris

Double Session 1-2 10:15a-12:10p

"TeacherEase Discussion Roundtable"

This is a time for those counselors/secretaries/technology people to come together to meet and discuss using the TeacherEase program. Let's learn from each other by sharing what works for you at your school. Brainstorming and sharing ideas!

Grade Level: 9-12

Bumpus, Rebecca

Rm: C210

Clarke, Crystal

Huge, Amanda

Ferguson, Leeann

Special Education Educators

Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

About the presenters: This group of presenters have a total of 58 years of experience in Special Education at Mt. Vernon High School. They bring knowledge, wisdom and experience to their sessions.

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Surviving and Thriving in the Special Education Classroom"

Effectively managing your workload, developing a working relationship with your paraprofessionals and **co-teachers, classroom management, and maintaining a positive work-life balance** are all important pieces to ensure that your year is successful.

Grade Level: 9-12 Special Education

Presenter with Session Descriptions



Introducing Keynote Speaker, Dave Burgess!

Teach Like a PIRATE author Dave Burgess will be speaking a high-energy, entertaining, and inspirational program that will transform the way you look at your role as an educator. Dave uses a combination of magic and humor. He will reignite your passion for the education profession and show you exactly how to make school an amazing place that has students wanting to knock down the walls to get in.



Keynote: 8:30am

"Teach Like a PIRATE"

Changnon Gymnasium

Join New York Times Best-Selling author Dave Burgess for a high-energy, entertaining, and inspirational program that will transform the way you look at your role as an educator. Learn how to dramatically increase student engagement, design wildly creative lessons, and build a course that is a life-changing experience for your students.

Using a unique combination of magic and humor, he will reignite your passion for the education profession and show you exactly how to make school an amazing place that has students wanting to knock down the walls to get in.

Teach Like a PIRATE has sparked a full-scale revolution in the educational world and has inspired teachers from all over the globe to achieve new levels of excellence in their schools and classrooms. This program is your chance to experience the one-of-a-kind presentational style of unbelievable intensity and outrageous energy that has transfixed audiences at packed venues across the nation.

Grade Level: All

2nd Session: 11:20am

"Teaching Outside the Box: A Crash Course in Creativity"

A fast-paced and fun session designed to teach techniques that will skyrocket creativity. You will learn how to use your brain like Google, create a GPS system for powerful teaching, and magically create new ideas through Creative Alchemy. In addition, learn how to overcome obstacles that stifle creativity by using the Wedding Photographer Principle. You'll leave truly believing you are a creative being. You'll be inspired to add memorable experiences for students and your lesson plans.

Grade Level: All

Session 2 located in Changnon Gymnasium



Presenter with Session Descriptions

Bumpus, Rebecca Rm: C210

Clarke, Crystal

Huge, Amanda

Ferguson, Leeann

Special Education Educators

Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Beating Burnout, Finding Balance"

In this session we will discuss **strategies** to decrease stress and find the joy in teaching.

Grade Level: 9-12 Special Education

Callahan, Ranzie Rm: B214

Reading Specialist - Bethel Grade School

Gore, Brandi

2nd Grade - Carlyle Elementary School

About the presenters: Ranzie Callahan has been teaching for the past 11 years with this being her sixth year as the Reading Specialist at Bethel Grade School. She is passionate about helping struggling readers and creating a fun and engaging learning environment. Brandi Gore is a 14 year teacher. She has done everything from middle school to 2nd grade. Her passion is bringing life to academic studies to students!

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Differentiating With Small Group Reading Instruction in the Primary Grades"

We will be discussing how to use and implement small groups to provide students with **differentiated instruction**. You will leave with new **reading activities** to use during **small group instruction** and center time. This session will be full of **hands-on activities** that you will be able to immediately implement into your classroom next week.

Grade Level: K-2

Callahan, Ranzie

Rm: B214

Reading Specialist - Bethel Grade School

Gore, Brandi

2nd Grade - Carlyle Elementary School

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Engaging Activities for Reading Instruction in the Intermediate Grades"

During this session, we will introduce you to various **interactive activities** that will keep your students engaged during **reading instruction** (small group or whole group). And these activities can immediately be implemented into your classroom next week.

Grade Level: 3 and up

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Integrating Technology in the Reading Classroom"

Come and learn about new and exciting ways to **integrate technology** into your classroom. We will explore websites and apps to make **your life easier** and **your students more engaged**.

Grade Level: All

Cass, Charley

Rm: C219

Bethel School District

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Serving Free - Lunch Kids: On Purpose and For Good"

Poverty touches all of our schools in some way. In this session, participants will learn how to overcome the barriers of poverty that students face through actions that are *"On Purpose and For Good."* This approach is based on the presenter's personal experience leaving generational poverty and his professional practice in serving his low-income students.

Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Cass, Charley
Bethel School District
Mt Vernon, IL 62864

Rm: C219

Cochran, Sean
Odin School District
Odin, Illinois

About the presenters: This is Charley's 22nd year in education with 17 years in administration. He sought his administrative license so he could broaden his impact on students beyond classroom walls. This is Sean's second year of teaching. He's had a few careers prior, but most recently was an engineer in the Army and then a corporate attorney. His passion for teaching is connecting with his students and inspiring them to believe in themselves. He teaches middle school English and high school math, computers, and SAT prep. He enjoys cycling, trivia, and traveling.

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"First or Second Year Teacher Roundtable"

Join in this session for a podcast setting led by Charley Cass and Sean Cochran. This roundtable is for **any subject and grade level teacher who is new** and may be feeling a bit overwhelmed or a bit unsure.

Grade Level: All

Chrum, Meghan
Groves, Beth
Professional Development Specialist (ISAC)

Room: C125

Session 3 12:25p-1:15p

"Overview of the Illinois PaCE Framework"

This session provides an overview of the Illinois Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) Framework. We will discuss steps involved with creating and implementing a school/districts own PaCE-aligned framework, support and resource options available through ISAC.

Grade Level: 6-12

Cipfl, Joe
Regional Educational Technology Coordinator South

Rm: C115

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Declutter Your Digital Life"

This session for daily **Google Workspace** users will help you develop a workflow to **improve efficiency**, cut down on the clutter, and help you get stuff done. Most of our focus will be on Google workspace tools. This session will combine **tech tips** with strategic choices that will help you improve efficiency and work smarter. **Participants should bring a laptop or Chromebook to the session to practice the skills as they learn.**

Grade Level: All

Session 2 11:20a-12:10p

"EdTech for All: Creating Accessible Digital Content"

As so many teachers have shifted their **curriculum** to include more **blended, technology-rich instruction**, are you creating more digital content than ever before? Is your **digital content** truly accessible to all students? Would your content be accessible to students with **visual/hearing impairments or neurodiversity**? By intentionally and thoughtfully considering accessibility in the initial phases of content design, we can develop content that is available to **all learners**. Join us to explore the qualities of creating **accessible digital curricular content** that works for everyone. With so many avenues for **digital content** and communication, it can be difficult to know how to make each accessible. In this session, we'll discuss the best practices for **creating accessible titles, headings, formatting, hyperlinks and more!**

Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Cipfl, Joe Rm: C115
Regional Educational Technology Coordinator South

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“AI and ChatGPT: An Introduction for Educators”

Join us as we dive into the world of **artificial intelligence** (AI) and its potential applications in education. During this session, educators will learn about the **basics of AI functionality, its benefits and limitations, and how AI tools can be used in the classroom to enhance teaching and learning opportunities.**

Grade Level: All

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Creating Dazzling Graphics: A Teacher’s Guide to Canva & Adobe Express”

This session is designed to equip educators with the skills and knowledge needed to **create beautiful and professional graphics** for their classrooms, presentations and digital teaching materials. Participants will learn how to use **Canva** and **Adobe Express**, two of the most popular graphic tools used by professionals and amateurs alike. Through **hands-on activities** and demonstrations, **teachers will learn how to create** eye-catching graphics, select appropriate fonts and colors, and manipulate images and text to create visually appealing designs.

Grade Level: All

Clark, Becky Rm: B112
Dickey, Janet
Franklin-Jefferson Special Education

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Ar! You Ready?”

The school year is back in full swing which means it is time to **write** some **IEPs**. Where do you even start? After attending this session, you’ll know what information to collect, what to send home in draft, as well as how to **collaborate** with the general education teachers and related service providers.

Grade Level: PreK-12

Clark, Keenan Rm: B112
Towers, Jacob
Carterville High School Math Teachers

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Skills Based Classroom—Rethink Your Traditional Teaching Mode”

Skills Based Classrooms replaces daily homework and misleading compliance grades with an alternative assessment strategy that accurately reflects **student learning**. Get ideas to streamline your teaching while being more productive. We will discuss a model that will be **less work for you and more learning for your students.**

Grade Level: 6-12

Clodi, Megan Rm: C218
Mt. Vernon Twp High School

About the presenter: Megan Clodi is the Special Ed. Coordinator, 504 Coordinator, and Special Ed. Department Chair at Mt. Vernon Township High School with 22 years of experience in education. She spent 15 years teaching in a variety of Special Ed. classroom settings at MVTHS before starting in her current position seven years ago.

Coaching is another of Megan's passions. She has coached Special Olympics for nearly 25 years.

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“Section 504 Plans: From Basics to Best Practices”

It has been 50 years since **Section 504** was enacted and more students than ever have conditions which are substantially limiting major life activities, requiring 504 Plans. Do you fully understand the **law, paperwork, procedures, plans, and are you implementing the best practices?** Come and find out from a 504 Coordinator with a case load of 50+ students with 504 Plans. **Grade Level: All**

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Clodi, Megan

Rm: C218

Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Social Justice and Unified Programming in Schools”

How to create a **school climate** which respects and celebrates **human diversity** while providing equity so **youth leaders** are empowered to build **inclusive communities** where everyone knows they belong. This session will focus on **Ableism** and how a camp in upstate New York helped ignite the **Disability Rights Movement** 50 years ago so we can also become agents of change!

Grade Level: All

Clodi, Raymond

Rm: F108

Certified CPI Instructor

HS Behavior Teacher

About the presenter: This is Raymond’s 12th year teaching, the last 9 have been in Behavior classrooms. Raymond has recently become a certified CPI instructor. He shared a quote: *“My world is never dull and I would not have it any other way.”*

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Behavior Management Strategies, De-Escalation Techniques”

CPI Instructor and High School behavior teacher will tie together **CPI principles** and **real world examples** to help change your mindset on how to handle **challenging behaviors**. All behavior is communication. Our job is to understand what is being said.

Grade Level: Middle - High School

Consolino, Kristi

Rm: B115

Selmaville Grade School

About the presenter: This is Kristi’s 27th year in education. She taught Special Education for 24 years, and this is her third year teaching Title Reading. *“I want all children to be confident in their reading abilities and to enjoy reading.”*

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Sound Wall Beginners”

Are your students struggling with learning what letters spell which sounds? Have you thought about switching to a **Sound Wall**, but don’t know where to start? Learn how to explicitly **teach phonemes** and **graphemes** by using a sound wall. English is not as tricky as you may think. **Special Education and Reading Intervention.**

Grade Level: K-3

Crouse, Mallory

Rm: B115

Technology Coach

Selmaville Grade School

About the presenter: Hello! I am Mallory Crouse. I have been teaching the past 12 years. I have taught 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grades. Currently I am the technology coach and librarian at Selmaville School. Technology has been a passion of mine since high school, so teaching tech is a dream come true!

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“Canva 101 - A Beginners Guide to Canva”

Looking for a way to make your presentations, worksheets, & flyers more exciting? **Canva for Education** makes it easy to create, collaborate, and communicate visually in the classroom. **This is a class for educators who are brand new to the world of Canva.** Bring your laptop and come create with us!

Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Davis, Andy

Rm: B217

Sleep Services Regional Manager SSM Health
Centralia, Illinois

Session 1	10:15a - 11:05a
Session 2	11:20a - 12:10p
Session 3	12:25p - 1:15p
Session 4	1:30p - 2:20p

"The Effects of Sleep Issues on Students"

This session will discuss common **sleep issues** students encounter and how that affects **student behavior** in class and what help is available.

Grade Level: All

Delaney, Tiffany

Rm: C220

Tiffany's Closet Founder

Bevis, Cindy

About the presenters: Tiffany has been an educator for over 20 years, has a Masters Degree in Administration and currently teaches at McClellan Grade School. Being a single mother, she saw a need in the community and founded the NFP Tiffany's Closet. Cindy is a director for Tiffany's Closet and Real Estate Broker. As Tiffany's mother, Cindy taught her the art of helping others.

Session 2	11:20a - 12:10p
Session 3	12:25p - 1:15p
Session 4	1:30p - 2:20p

"Give Them Dignity"

Social and emotional support can be just as important as academics. Learn about Tiffany's Closet and how educators can give their students dignity in everyday ways.

Grade Level: All

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Docherty, Kari

Rm: B101

Professional Development Coordinator
Spero Family Services

About the presenter: Kari started working for Spero in 2018. Kari discovered her passion for training other educators and working with at-risk youth in the court system.

Session 1	10:15a - 11:05a
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"Mental Health First Aid - Why Is It Important for Educators?"

In this session, you will learn more about what **Mental Health First Aid** is, steps to take to initiate the tough conversations with someone experiencing a mental health crisis, why your understanding of **MHFA** can benefit your students and their families, and how to become a certified **MHFA** provider through the **National Council of Mental Wellbeing**.

Grade Level: All

Duncan, Jim

Rm: B113

Curriculum Consultant

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

About the presenter: Jim has been involved in classical education since 2010 as a founder, head of school, teacher, and now a curriculum director consultant. His passion is to get books filled with Truth, Goodness, and Beauty into the hands, minds and hearts of students in order to help them to become wise and virtuous.

Session 1	10:15a - 11:05a
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"Cultivating Wise and Virtuous Students with Literature"

Good books are great tools to shape the moral imagination of students. In this session, learn how to use good books to **cultivate wisdom and virtue**. **Don't miss Jim's Exhibit Booth!**

Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Dunmeyer, Heather Rm: C126
Director of Truancy and Student Services
White, Sarah
Regular Attendance Program Specialist and SEL Coach -
ROE #13

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"Attendance Matters!"

Attending school is mandatory for good reasons. Children can't achieve success without the benefits of education. Unfortunately, lack of an **attendance** is a wide spread issue that deprives children of their potential. In this session, learn about the attempts to **reduce absences** within our region, the **truancy process**, our **RAP program**, and **social emotional learning**.

Grade Level: PreK-12

Edwards, David Rm: B102
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

About the presenter: David Edwards is in his 30th year as a teacher. He is grateful that he can do what he loves every day.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Foreign Language Teachers Roundtable"

Foreign Language instruction in the digital age can be a challenge. **Bring a couple of activities, links to sites, or apps** that you use to incorporate technology in your **instruction**. You can access your online storage or bring a flash drive. (We will be assigned a computer lab.)

Grade Level: K-12

Edwards, David Rm: B101
Hubbard, Shaylynn
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"Mentors and Protégés: Strategies for Success!"

The collaboration between mentors and protégés in the foundation for an effective **probationary period**. Hear and discuss practical approaches to make the most of a program aimed at **educator improvement** and retention.

Grade Level: All

England, Bill Rm: Changnon Gym
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"Rappelling"

This is a basic, fun session. You will be taught the fundamentals like proper body position, and how to brake. Please wear tennis shoes or boots! **We will rappel down the gym wall!** Gloves will be provided! (Limit 8 attendees.)

Grade Level: All



Presenter with Session Descriptions

Gamber, Brian
Gamber, Scott
Creel, Doug

Rm: E124
(Auxiliary Gym)

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Breaking Down Motion Offense and Mover-Blocker"

This session will be breaking down the **principles of motion offense**. We will be teaching the basics of mover-blocker motion and how you can incorporate it into your program.

Grade Level: 6-12

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Skill Development and Favorite Drills"

This session will show a variety of **basketball skill development drills** in a breakdown of how you can teach your athlete proper technique when it comes to the **fundamentals of basketball**.

Grade Level: 3-12

Double Session 3-4 12:25p - 2:20p

"Rend Lake College Men's Basketball Open Practice"

Open practice for anyone to come watch a full practice with **drills and instruction**.

Practice plans available.

Grade Level: All

"PROVIDE AN **UNCOMMON**
EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR STUDENTS
AND THEY WILL REWARD YOU
WITH AN **UNCOMMON** EFFORT
AND **ATTITUDE.**"

Dave Burgess
Teach Like a Pirate

Ganey, Dr. Amanda
Senior, Keith

Rm: A202

About the presenters: Dr. Amanda Ganey - I have been in education for 17 years and have served in the middle school, intermediate elementary, and primary elementary settings. Leadership was never on my radar...leadership found me. In fact, I found myself on this expedited administrative journey-two years as an assistant principal, two years as a principal, and now as a superintendent. The world needs more leaders, and it is my mission to help find them at all ages! We must live our journey and believe in our destiny. :) Keith Senior - Okawville Unit 10 Superintendent in his 22nd year in education, 14 in administration. Truly believes that the job of administration is to make leaders of all those below them. Students can be our best leaders in our districts as long as we give them the tools and pathways to do so.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Student Leadership Impact"

Presenters will review the impact of **student leadership** in your school district and how you as a **classroom teacher** can develop **leadership skills** in your daily routine. You will dive into **leadership practices** developed by John Gordan using a three book study. These skills focus on **positivity, transformation, and perseverance to overcome obstacles**.

Leadership has no age boundary.

Grade Level: K-12



Presenter with Session Descriptions

Garner, Shane

Rm: A211

Benton Community High School

About the presenter: Shane started his teaching career at Sesser Valier Elementary teaching 5th grade for 12 years before transitioning into the Physical Education Program. He has coached JH Softball, JH Track, HS Asst. Baseball, Football and head HS Basketball. In 2014, he led his team to the Illinois State Tournament. He is a Level 2 Certified Functional Strength Coach along with the Level 1 CrossFit trainer. He brings experience and updated knowledge to help “*raise the bar*” in physical fitness to your district and class!

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Raising the Bar for Physical Education Programs In Your School District”

In this session, Shane will focus on how to bring fitness into your school districts. Learn how to enhance your already established **P.E. curriculum** as well as **general education curriculum**.

Grade Level: All

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Body, Mind, and Heart - 3 Dimensional Coaching”

In this session, Shane will focus on being a **transformational teacher/coach** compared to a **transactional one**. In this session he will go through how to teach/coach the body, mind and heart! All of this together creates high quality **successful students**.

Grade Level: All

Garrett, Ann

Rm: C127

Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

About the presenter: Mrs. Garrett is a retired educator who continues to devote her life to serving students at the high school and college level. Ann remains the Media Specialist at MVTHS, teaches pre-service teachers at SIUC and presents workshops to educators across the state.

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Formative Assessment in Writing”

A discussion of the role of **formative assessment in writing** development and growth. **Approaches** and **strategies** will be presented, shared and discussed.

Grade Level: All

Groennert, Becky

Rm: B208

ROE 13 PreK Program

Albers Elementary School

About the presenter: Becky has been working in early childhood for over 19 years. Her work experiences include Head Start, tuition preschool program, grant funded preschool programs, and STAR NET. She has always had a love for working with children. She strives to engage children in an environment that encourages creativity, confidence, and a love for learning. She resides in Clinton County with her husband, sons, and dogs.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“Art or Craft? What is the Difference”

Art is about process. A craft is all about product. How do you meet **several standards** and **please families**? In this session we will discuss materials to use to help children learn about art.

Grade Level: PreK-4th Grade

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Groennert, Becky
ROE 13 PreK Program
Albers Elementary School

Rm: B208

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Making Transitions Easy and a Learning Experience"

Transitioning to another activity can be chaotic for your class. In this session we will discuss how they can run smoothly and keep the learning going.

Grade Level: PreK-4th

Hamson, Nealy
Mt. Vernon Twp High School Counselor

Rm: A210

About the presenter: 22 years in education with a masters in School Counseling and Educational Administration. My passion is being able to support and build relationships with students and families, especially during difficult times in their lives.

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"The Empty Chair: Dealing with the Death of a Student or Staff Member"

This session will focus on procedures to follow when dealing with the death of a student or staff member in a school district. Participants will be given examples of documentation to help school officials make decisions and guide them through the process from the moment they are notified of the death up until the days after the funeral.



Hartman, Frank
Hartman, Tori
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

Rm: C205

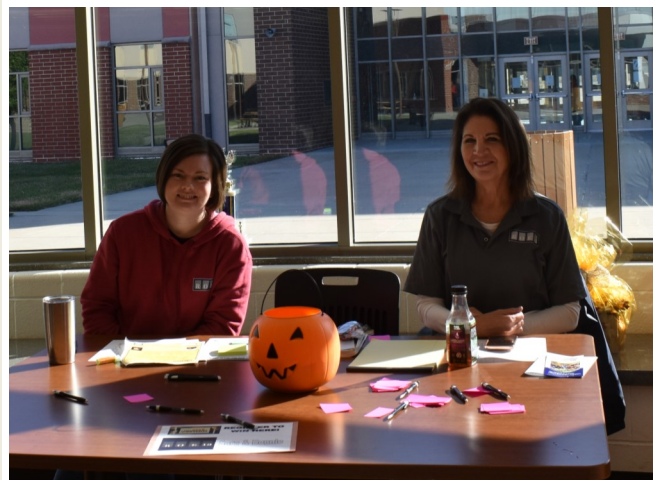
About the presenters: Frank Hartman - History Teacher, 29th year in education, 22 years as Social Studies Department Chair. Tori is a Special Education Teacher, 22nd year in education. (20 years as an educator and 2 years in administration.) They have been married for 19 years and have a 13 year old son.

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p
Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p
Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"How to Make Accommodations and Modifications...and Stay Married"

A look at practical methods of implementing **accommodations** and **modifications** of **504 plans** and **IEP** in a **general classroom** from the perspective of both the **general education teacher** and a **special education teacher** using real life examples and current law.

Grade Level: All



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Presenter with Session Descriptions

Hershey, Natasha
Ronat, Brittani
Andy Hall District 80

Rm: A203

About the presenters: Natasha has been a public school teacher for 9 years. She taught in daycare five years before that for a total of 14 years. Natasha is passionate about being a safe place for her students! She enjoys hunting and the outdoors!

Brittany has been in education for 9 years, teaching pre-school, English as a Second Language, and providing special education services in her blended classroom. She loves working with the little ones and their families! In her free time, Brittany spends time with her husband, two daughters, and two sons, mostly traveling to all their sporting events. She loves to read and spends an insane amount of time she should be sleeping watching TikToks.

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"How to Handle it All: Behaviors and Classroom Management Techniques"

Come discuss tips and tricks for calming upset students and managing yourself and your classroom. Get ideas to implement in your classroom and please bring your own ideas to share as well. There will be a time of roundtable discussion included in the presentation.

Grade Level: Prek-K



Holland, Marcus

Rm: B112

Executive Director of Centralia, Illinois Chamber of Commerce

About the presenter: Marcus has been the Executive Director of the Centralia Chamber of Commerce since 2017. Previously, he was a VP of the board of directors for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. He has had careers in sales, marketing, fundraising, and business.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Challenges Employers Have with New Hires"

What skills do employers actually look for when hiring your students? Marcus will share updated information from potential employers. This session is an open discussion for **all guidance counselors, CTE, STEAM, or career focused educators.**

Grade Level: 6-12



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Presenter with Session Descriptions

Holden, Chelci Rm: G105
Mateyka, David
Mt. Vernon Twp High School Music Educators

About the presenters: Chelci Holden- Choral Director at MVTHS, she studied Music Education at Illinois Wesleyan University. This is year 8 of teaching, all at MVTHS! MVTHS choir has received over 200 Superior awards for Solo & Ensemble and Organizational Contest under her direction.

David Mateyka- Band Director at MVTHS, he studied music at the University of Notre Dame, and received a Masters of Music Education from Vandercook College of Music. This is his 5th year teaching and 4th year at MVTHS!

Dbl Session 1-2 10:15a-12:10p

“Music: It’s Not Just for Fun: How Music Can Enhance Your Curriculum.”

Music isn’t just another subject at your school. It can be a great tool for you to more clearly communicate your own classroom material, connect to your students on a personal level, or even engage students who are tough nuts to crack. In this double session, we will provide you with research and resources for your classroom on how music can be more than just a “fun” activity in session 1. In session 2, we will apply everything we’ve learned in the first hour to show you how these methods are currently being utilized not only in other classrooms around the country, but also in the real world, to amazing results. Participants will also receive plenty of free resources and lesson examples to use in their own class. Participants will engage in their own “mini lesson” during the session that shows just how powerful music can be, even for adults. Join us to see how you can showcase RIGOR through RHYTHM!

Holden, Chelci Rm: G105
Mateyka, David
Mt. Vernon Twp High School Music Educators

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“MUSIC EDUCATOR ROUNDTABLE-Jefferson County Area Music”

Educators can meet and eat during a roundtable that discusses the opportunities of bringing BACK festivals and performances that existed prior to covid, as well as other topics related to music education.

Topics of Discussion:

- Concerns/Curriculum/Needs
- Fundraising opportunities
- County tour–Nov. 1
- Music In Our Schools: It’s happening this year! Be there! March 7th at 7:00pm in Changnon Gym
- RLC Festival updates?

We all know that education unlocks the door of opportunity for the young.

Gordon B. Hinckley

ROE21

Kabat, John Rm: C101
Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Session 3 12:25p-1:15p

“Motivate Yourself to Motivate Others”

In this session, John will talk about what prevents us from being motivated and how we can turn that around to motivate others! We need to help build each other up and motivate each other to keep a healthy attitude.
Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Kaskaskia Special Ed Sessions

Rm: C228

Abby Clark

Olivia Schimp

Kristina Unverfehrt

Dr. Jacob Purcell

About the presenters: Abby is a second year special education coordinator for KSED. She has a total of 24 years experience in the field of special education, primarily at the high school level.

Olivia is currently a special education coordinator for KSED and this is her first year in the position. Prior to this, she was the Special Education Admin at Salem Elementary. Before that, she taught special education in the Triad School District for four years.

Kristina started her special education career as a paraprofessional in Carlyle school district. She began teaching in Centralia City as a special education resource teacher for eight years and then went on to be a special education supervisor for two years. This is her first year as coordinator at KSED.

Dr. Purcell is entering his 19th year, and his 18th year in special education. He taught social studies for one year at Patoka and went on to Salem High School for five years. This is his 13th year at KSED as an administrator. He is currently serving as associate director.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Special Educator/IEP-Writing Roundtable"

Join us for a discussion and guidance on the following topics: **IEP Writing 101** and general **tips and tricks**, a review of the **components of present levels and goals, placement pages, EE codes, accommodations**, and more.

Grade Level: K-12

Kaskaskia Special Ed Sessions

Rm: C228

Abby Clark

Olivia Schimp

Kristina Unverfehrt

Dr. Jacob Purcell

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Characteristics of Disabilities and Commonly Used Accommodations"

General overview of the 13 **disability categories** and their **key characteristics** as well as examples of some of the **accommodations** that align with each **disability category**.

Grade Level: K-12

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Introduction to Section 504 Plan"

Information related to **Section 504 plans**, accommodations, and compliance.

Grade Level: K-12

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"RTI/MTSS"

Review of appropriate implementation of **RTI/MTSS** to promote meaningful gains for students.

Grade Level: K-8



Presenter with Session Descriptions

Joel Katte
Louisville, Kentucky

Rm: B103

About the presenter: Joel Katte has been inspiring our Mt. Vernon Conference educators to live and work with more passion and purpose every year since 2018. He started as a breakout session presenter, then a Key-note in 2021. Joel returns to the conference with new sessions!

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a
Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Live, Laugh and Love Your Way Back To Teaching and Leading With Passion and Purpose Again!”

Not Feeling Yourself? Need More energy? Learn simple yet powerful strategies for increasing engagement and connection! Joel Katte’s IGNITE #loveinschools professional learning experiences have been catapulting classroom and school cultures since 2015. Participants will **laugh and leave inspired and ready to live and teach with even more passion and purpose!**

Grade Level: All

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p
Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Using the IGNITE #loveinschools Way to Write Your Story and Your Students’ Stories From Here! “

The best way to predict your future is to design it yourself! Joel Katte has been inspiring Mt. Vernon Conference educators to live and work with more passion and purpose every year since 2018. Join him for this newly created session on how to use **fun, funny, and creative reading, writing, and speaking strategies** through the lens of his powerful IGNITE #loveinschools movement. This session is guaranteed to increase both **educator and student engagement** while boosting **literacy skills and confidence!**

Grade Level All.

Legg, Debbie
Fairfield, Illinois

Rm: A203

About the presenter: Debbie is a writer, speaker, and author of What Would Christmas Be? and a sorely neglected blog. She is currently researching the application of Nature’s characteristics to personal and cultural development. In her off hours she supports her farmer husband and two sons in their various activities and exploits, drinks coffee, and sleeps in whenever she can.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“The Classroom-Changing Benefits of Kindness”

Through stories and practical examples, Debbie covers topics such as three levels of kindness, **what prevents kindness and encouraging kindness in your classroom. Most importantly, be kind to yourself.**

Grade Level: Elementary - 12

Maddox, Dr. Aaron
Eastern Illinois University

Rm: A210

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“Innovative New Educational Leadership Programs at EIU”

This session will provide information on **graduate programs in Educational Leadership**. EIU now offers a Masters Degree (MSED) program with options that lead to both the **Principalship & Teacher Leader Endorsement**. EIU also offers an **Ed.S. program** which leads to the **Superintendent Endorsement**. The session will also discuss the **future job market** for school administrators.

Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Mayville, Carrie
2nd Grade Teacher
Wisniewski, Niki
Retired Reading Specialist

Rm: A206

About the presenters: Carrie has been a teacher for 24 years, with the majority of that time dedicated to second grade. She holds a Master's in Education with a specialization in reading and is passionate about fostering literacy, imagination, and a love for reading in young learners. Outside of teaching, she enjoys reading for her own pleasure, creating educational content, and cherishing moments spent with her family.

Niki: I have taught for 26 years in various grade levels and states. Whether it was inner city Chicago summer school or small town regular education, I enjoyed building relationships with my students and making learning fun. Now that I am out of the classroom, I am enjoying subbing at my hometown high school and running a book club for adults.

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"New and Notable Books K-8"

Come to our session and hear and see **new books** that should find their way from your classroom shelf into the hands of your most reluctant readers.

Grade Level: All

Mt. Vernon Twp. High School
Student Services

Rm: A202

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"School Counselors Roundtable Discussion"

This will be a **roundtable session** including topics **relevant to school counselors**. Participants are welcome to bring questions, topics, or best practices to share with the **group for collaboration** purposes.

Grade Level: K-12 School Counselors

Nordan, Ali
Frank/Jeff Special Ed Supervisor
Webb, Britannia
Frank/Jeff Special Ed Supervisor

Rm: B206

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Tips and Tricks Every Special Education Teacher Should Know"

Want to get your planning time back??? Join us for **tips and tricks** that all **special education teachers** need to know. We will be sharing **multiple resources, materials** and **AI hacks** so you have more time with your students.

Grade Level: K-12



Eastern Illinois University Reception Area 10:15a to 2:20p

Outside room A210 Hosted by: Dr. Cliff Karnes!

Graduates of the Department of Educational Leadership are invited to network and gain informational updates.

Located outside room A210

Refreshments provided!

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Phelps, Sarah

Rm: B213

CS & STEM Program Manager Learning Technology Center (LTC)
St. Jacob, Illinois

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"State of Computer Science (CS) in Illinois"

This session will help you unpack the Illinois **CS standards**, **organize** them into **strands** that show **vertical alignment**, and make sense of the requirements for teachers. We'll explore **resources** that can be implemented within content areas or as **stand alone lessons or courses** and learn about ways to **connect** with the larger **Illinois CS community!**

Grade Level: K-12

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Introducing Computational Thinking in Elementary Classrooms"

Computational thinking is a key component for being successful with **computer science and coding**, but it is also a valuable set of skills to **support students** with **problem solving** and **critical thinking** in every subject. Participants will put on the learner hat and be able to participate in some **computational thinking activities** that incorporate various subjects including **math, ELA, and science**.

Grade Level: K-5

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"FUN with Micro:bits: Bringing CS to Life"

This session will show how to utilize the **physical computing resource, micro:bits**, to support CS concepts in **elementary and middle school classrooms** with **project-based activities** that can be easily incorporated into any classroom!

Grade Level: 3-8

Plote, Rachell

Rm: B201

Education Specialist
Illinois Resources Center

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Small Moves for Supporting Primary Aged Multilingual Learners"

This session will explore how to support **multilingual learners** at the **primary level**. We will explore some features of **language development**, as well as dig into strategies that can support **students' literacy** and oracy development across any content area. Teachers will leave this session with **strategies** they can begin **using immediately**.

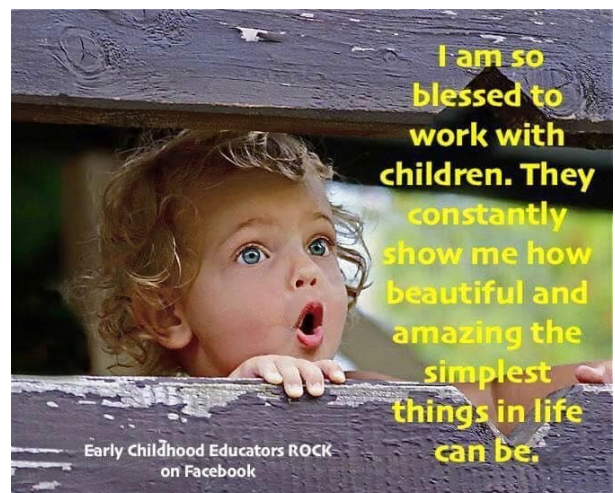
Grade Level: PreK-2

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Small Moves for Supporting Elementary Aged Multilingual Learners"

This session will explore how to support **multilingual learners** at the **elementary level**. We will explore some features of **language development**, as well as dig into strategies that can support **students' literacy** and oracy development across any content area. Teachers will leave this session with **strategies** they can begin **using immediately**.

Grade Level: 3-5



Presenter with Session Descriptions

Plote, Rachell
Education Specialist
Illinois Resources Center

Rm: B201

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Small Moves for Supporting Secondary Aged Multilingual Learners"

This session will explore how to support **multilingual learners** at the **secondary level**. We will explore some features of **language development**, as well as dig into strategies that can support **students' literacy** and **oracy development** across any content area. Teachers will leave this session with **strategies** they can begin **using immediately**.

Grade Level: 6-12

Rogier, Cherie
Agriculture Teacher & FFA Advisor
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School

Rm: D114

Double Session 3-4 12:25p - 2:20p

"Agriculture Teacher Roundtable"

Roundtable discussion for agriculture teachers and FFA Advisors. Discussion topics will include **current issues** affecting **agricultural education** at the **local, state** and **national level**. **All participants are asked to bring one item/management practice/helpful tip to share, and one question for the profession.** This is a **rare opportunity to gather together!** Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Grade Level: 9-12

Schwartz, Brian
Attorney at Law
Rochester, Illinois

Rm: C214

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Teachers' Legal Update"

There have been a number of **new laws** and **legal requirements** adopted in the past year. These involve new **curriculum mandates** and **student discipline** requirements. Stay legally safe and up-to-date! Questions are encouraged.

Grade Level: PreK - 12

Schwartz, Margie
Pitchford, Tawana
Casey Middle School
Mt. Vernon, IL

Rm: C201

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Out with the Old, In with the New!"

Come listen as two 20+ veteran educators share their ideas to make your **classroom** really work!

Grade Level: 6-8

The Illinois Principals Association is offering a hospitality Room

Room C216 10:15a - 2:20p



**ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS
ASSOCIATION**

Hosted by Brian Schwartz

Refreshments provided!

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Shuman, Lorna

Rm: C231

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Springfield, Illinois

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"Enhancing Your Curriculum: IDNR Science Resources"

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Education provides Illinois - **specific materials and programs** to the teachers in the state. On a tour using our website, we will explore ways to **enhance the science curriculum with grants, lessons, professional development, publications, items for loans, and videos and podcasts**. Learn about the various ways IDNR can help you with **science** learning in the classroom.

Grade Level: PreK-12

Shuman, Lorna

Rm: C231

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Springfield, Illinois

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

Wild Illinois History: Understanding Fur Trapping in Illinois"

Explore Wild Illinois History **online game** and **lessons** for students to learn about fur trapping in Illinois. This online, interactive game allows students to learn about Fur Trading History with a French guide and the differences between the 1700s fur trapping and fur trapping today. Included in this is the decrease in species. Along with the game, there are **various lessons** exploring fur-bearing species, maintaining species in the wild, the **history** of fur trading, and the American conservation movement.

Grade Level: 3-8



Looking for a unique way to make your conference experience unforgettable?

Look no further!

*Our fun Photo Booth, hosted by the new ROE #13 Early Childhood Collaboration is here to add a dash of excitement and a ton of memories to your educational and fun day!
Located in the Exhibit Area!*



We will have plenty of fun props to choose from!

Come see us!

Opens at 7:30a.m.

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Smith, Shane
Hill, Wanda
Big Muddy River Correctional Center
Ina, Illinois

Room: A209

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a
Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p
Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p
Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Corrections to Community—Facilitating Future Citizens”

We will speak on the importance of **behavior modification** and **life skills** programs in a correctional environment, to reduce recidivism. Also teaching individuals in custody coping skills to deal with difficult emotions and circumstances by improving **critical thinking skills**. Our hope is to promote healthy fathers and productive members of society. We also want to convey the equal importance of facilitators and educators representing what a healthy member of society should look like. Our primary focus will be on the *Inside Out Dads Program*.

Shane Garner will join in sessions 1 and 3

****These sessions are not limited to Correctional Center instructors. They are also geared toward the educators for the risk students in the behavior classes and Alternative Learning Centers.****

Spannagel, Amanda
Carterville School District

Rm: C210

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“Paraprofessional High Practice Leverage Practices”

High Leverage Professional Workshop for Paraeducators is aimed at providing an overview of the importance of **collaboration, assessment, social/emotional, and instruction**. Through this training, educators can better support students with **diverse needs**.

Grade Level: K-12

Spannagel, Amanda
Carterville School District

Rm: C210

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Understanding Student Behavior”

Students who exhibit negative **behavior** is a challenge for all educators. In this professional development we will go over a **framework of behavior** and how educators can **respond to challenging behaviors** that will support **student growth and learning**.

Grade Level: K-12

Stabler, Nick
TRS, Outreach Coordinator

Rm: A206

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“TRS EXPRESS for TIER 1 Members”

In this session, Tier members (those whose Illinois public service began **BEFORE** January 1, 2011) will learn about the TRS benefit structure, including retirement, disability, death benefits and the TRS Supplemental Saving Plan (TRS-SSP). Information on the retirement timeline, health insurance, and post-retirement matters will be given as well. Time will also be allotted for questions at the end of the session. **Grade Level: All**

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“TRS EXPRESS for TIER 2 Members”

In this session, Tier members (those whose Illinois public service began **AFTER** January 1, 2011) will learn about the TRS benefit structure, including retirement, disability, death benefits and the TRS Supplemental Saving Plan (TRS-SSP). Information on the retirement timeline, health insurance, and post-retirement matters will be given as well. Time will also be allotted for questions at the end of the session.

Grade Level: All

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Swearingen, Chas Rm: B101
Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center
Springfield, Illinois

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“LGBTQ+ Issues in Mental Health”

This presentation covers the **basics of LGBTQ+ terminology**, recent research and explanation of gender, orientation and presentation. It will include best practices for professionals to establish and maintain rapport, write clinical documentation and use appropriate language.

Grade Level: All

Tieffel, Amber Rm: F109
Jackson, Victoria
Mt. Vernon Twp. High School Special Education

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“Welcome to Ram Nation: Helping Students with Disabilities Transition to MVTHS”

Want to learn about the continuum of services offered to students at MVTHS to help students with disabilities make a smooth transition to high school? If you teach middle school grades at a “feeder school” and write IEPs for students who are transitioning to MVTHS, this roundtable discussions is for YOU! Topics include: descriptions of co-taught, departmentalized, and self-contained settings with skill sets students need to be successful; tips for transition plans/goals and electives; what accommodations look like in high school, and more! **Grade Level: Jr. High - Grade School.**

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Roundtable for High School Special Education Teachers”

We will be open for topics and discussions related to high school special education. We plan to discuss transition goals and assessments, and questions regarding transition plans. Please bring any other questions or topics you would like input on from other special education educators. **Grade Level: 9-12**

Ulmer, Kate Rm: C104
State McKinney-Vento Coordinator
Bandy, Emma
State Youth in Care Coordinator
Springfield, Illinois

Session 1 10:15a-11:05a

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Serving Our Most Vulnerable Youth”

Join us for a discussion on how to better support your youth in care and **homeless students** in your district. Learn the important role you play supporting the family system for both of these important subgroups of youth through providing wrap around supports. Discussions about –**supporting school stability, IEP’s, post secondary education assistance, and whole child approach.**

Grade Level: All

VanZandt, Dr. Jamey Rm: C127
Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Session 3 12:45p-1:15p

“Teachers of English/Language Arts Roundtable”

Come sit down with other teachers of English/Language Arts. We will discuss current texts, teaching strategies, and engagement of English students. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to connect with area ELA teachers! **Grade Level: 7-12**

Vieira, Craig Rm: B202
School Resource Officer, Salem High School
Wolfe, Clint
Assistant Principal Salem High School
Salem, Illinois

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“A Little Dab Will Do!”

Common drugs found in schools and the effects they have on students. **Grade Level: All**

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Vieira, Craig Rm: B202
School Resource Officer, Salem High School
Wolfe, Clint
Assistant Principal Salem High School
Salem, Illinois

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"The Administrator and SRO Team"

In this session you will learn the role of the SRO and the **working relationship** with the school district administrators.

Grade Level: All

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Complacency is a Disease, Diligence is the cure"

What we can learn from past violent events to ensure our schools are a safe environment.

Grade Level: All

Wheeler, Dhana Room: C208
Bradley, Michelle
Woodring, Hannah
5th Grade Teachers, Christopher Elementary School

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

"Teacher Toolbox"

With our 46 years of combined teaching experience, we are sharing with you our **"Teacher Toolbox."** Our best, simplest, and most **effective practices** that are sure to bring you to G.O.A.T status!

Grade Level: K-8

Wheeler, Coach Tom Rm: C206
Buckner, Illinois

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"Jeff Morris, Author: 35 Logs on the Fire"

Jeff will share his secrets to writing a book and go into personal stories of his experiences of being part of a small town school winning a Illinois State Basketball Championship! Special guest is Jeff's father, Steve Morris. Steve is a retired educator, retired Asst. Regional Superintendent of Schools for ROE #25 - Hamilton/Jefferson Counties! This will be a heart warming session with reminiscing about the *"good ole days!"*

Grade Level: All

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

"From Athlete to Anchor at Channel 3, Carbondale"

Among the panelists are: Christopher School District athlete, **Rachel Gartner**. She will describe her steps from being an outstanding high school athlete to being a regular on the early morning news. She brings along **Gabriella Sorrentino** from the sports department, David Davis from the morning anchor and a longtime favorite **Mark Kiesling**, interim news director!

Grade Level: All.

Wilson, Butch Rm: C120
Slous, Karen

Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

"AI in Your Classroom - Three things YOU want to know about ChatGPT and Its Friends"

Interesting times - Rumors and noise, cheating scares, and time saving tools. What does AI mean to your classroom and how can you understand it and take advantage of it? Join us for a session on understanding and ideas for using AI in your classroom. You'll get at least three things that you can do to both protect your lessons and streamline some of your day to day.

Grade Level: K-Adult

Presenter with Session Descriptions

Wilson, Butch

Rm: C214

Mt. Vernon Twp High School

Session 2 11:20a-12:10p

"The Good, The Bad and the AI"

A discussion of possibilities and district policy.

Artificial Intelligence resources are out in the wild and in our schools, with tools and implications that impact (and support) our staff and students, from the classroom to the main offices, bus routes to maintenance. This session is intended to be an administrator/dept. head discussion of possibilities, policies and concerns.

Grade Level: All Administrators

Wisniewski, Niki

Rm: C201

ERate Specialist

Retired Teacher

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"ERates!"

Are you always looking to stretch your budget a little bit further? Erate is a noncompetitive grant that helps schools and libraries get partial reimbursement for their internet bills and network maintenance and equipment. Come to this session to see how Erate can help your school get money back!

Grade Level: All

Teacher

(n) [tee-cher]

*A multi-tasking educational
rockstar*

*who lives to inspire and
loves to encourage.*

They're kind of a big deal.

Wollerman, Julie

Rm: C212

Regional Superintendent

Hartlieb, Annette

Asst. Regional Superintendent

ROE #3 - Vandalia, Illinois

About the presenters: Julie Wollerman has been the Regional Superintendent @ ROE #3 for 12 years. She has been in education for 33 years.

Her passion is Alternative Education.

Annette Hartlieb has been in education for 26 years

She has been Assistant Regional Superintendent @

ROE #3 for 6 years. Her passion is Elementary Education/Professional Development.

Session 1 10:15a-11:05a

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

"Re-energize Your Students!"

Come discover strategies and tools to utilize with your students to **increase motivation, engagement,** and ultimately academic success. This is a great session for the at risk youth and alternative education educators.

Grade Level: 6-12

TEACHING PRO TIP

Find your teacher squad and never let them go. They'll help you through the bad days and rough patches, but they'll also be here to share all the amazing and priceless moments in the classroom.

**There's nothing like
a teacher friend.**

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Presenter with Session Descriptions

Wright, Amy

Rm: B113

Franklin-Jefferson Special Education

Session 3 12:25p-1:15p

“RtI/MTSS Resources on the Franklin-Jefferson Special Ed Website”

In-depth look at intervention resources available on the Franklin-Jefferson Special Ed Website. Description and instruction in the use of interventions for academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs. Participants will learn how to find these resources, tips for using them effectively, and practice with some common interventions.

Session 4 1:30p-2:20p

“Progress Monitoring - Quick, Easy, and Effective!”

A variety of progress monitoring tools will be introduced to show their ease of use and utility. Participants will learn how to use basic progress monitoring tools effectively, find additional resources, and consider the data that these tools provide.

Grade Level: K-12

TEACHER FAIRY TALES

“...and then the teacher sat down to eat lunch and she didn’t have to rush or gobble down her food because there was plenty of time. The end.”

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TEACHERS

Wright, Brandon K.

Rm: A204

Attorney at Law

Monticello, Illinois

Session 1 10:15a - 11:05a

“Top Calls to Your School Attorney in 2023!”

Join Brandon as he walks through the greatest hits of his phone calls for 2023-2024: social media, Title IX, legislative changes, student discipline, and more!

Grade Level: K-12

Session 2 11:20a - 12:10p

“Special Education Headlines for 2023-2024”

Join Brandon to hear about recent updates and trends in **special education** and **Section 504** that are important for all educators: behavior and discipline, child find and eligibility, IEP design, placement, and other vital special education issues.

Grade Level: K-12

Session 3 12:25p - 1:15p

“Restraint and Time Out in Illinois”

Join Brandon to review the current state of the rules for the use of restraint and time out in Illinois. What must we be doing? What should we be doing? And what is coming in the future.

Grade Level: K-12

Session 4 1:30p - 2:20p

“Implementing Threat Assessment Procedures”

As **school safety** continues to be a front-burner issue, join Brandon to discuss the legal requirements and the practical considerations for a valid threat assessment procedures. This session will also include roles, responsibilities, documentation, and next steps!

Grade Level: K-12

Grub served near the Galley

Redeem your \$10 meal card at these locations. (No cash back.)

Student Group, FBLA

**Walking Tacos, Cookie
and Drink**

Student Group, FCCLA

**Italian Beef, Chips,
and Drink**

Student Group, Skills USA

**Pork Chops, Chips,
and Drink**

Student Group, Lifesavers

**BBQ Pork Loaded Baked
Potatoes**

Student Group, CEO

Grilled Hamburgers

Music Boosters

**Soups & Salads!
Taco Soup
Cheesy Potato Soup
Zupopa Toscana
Vegetable
Vegetable Minestrone
House Salad
Caesar Salad
Water or Tea**



**Corn Dog, Chips & Drink \$10
Funnel cakes \$6**

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**Just outside the Exhibits! Student Group, NHS
Coffee Booth is BACK!
Serving Chicken Salad Croissant too!**





EXHIBITS!

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Early Childhood Collaboration ROE #13
PHOTO BOOTH
Session 1 Dave Burgess, Keynote
will join on the photo fun and sign books

Dental Safari

Memorial Press

Hembeez Honey Farm

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts

Illinois Ag In The Classroom

IEA

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Jefferson County Retired Teachers

Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center

McKendree University - School of Education

Grand Canyon University

Scentsy/Becky Bauman

S & M One Stop Paparazzi Shop

Susie Bishop, Author & David Vaught

SSM Health Illinois Sleep Disorder
Center & Medical Group

Internet Cafe will be set up for
attendee's convenience!



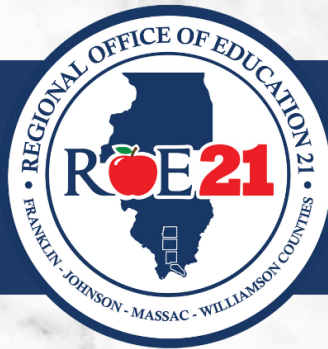


Matt Renaud, Regional Superintendent
Regional Office of Education #13
Professional Development
2023/2024

- 11/01/23 Foundations of Reading: Reading Fluency (Delivered Via Email)
- 11/08/23 AA 3835: Framework for Successful Technology Integration in Schools
- 11/09/23 Assessing Student Threats: Implementing the Salem-Keizer System
- 11/13/23 3D Printing for the Greater Good
- 11/14/23 AA 3972: Administrator's Guide to Achieving School Code Compliance
- 11/15/23 Stepping Up Your Science Program
- 11/16/23 The Science of Reading: What Is It and How to Apply It (In-person)
- 11/28/23 Leading Poverty on Purpose and for Good
- 12/01/23 Foundations of Reading: Teaching Vocabulary (Delivered Via Email)
- 12/11/23 Educational Technology Roundtable
- 01/02/24 Foundations of Reading: Reading Comprehension (Delivered Via Email)
- 01/02/24 Awakened: Changing Your Mindset to Transform Your Teaching (Book Study)
- 01/22/24 From Ideas to Creation: Empowering Educators
- 01/25/24 Keep Them On the Edge of Their Seat
- 02/01/24 Words Have Power: Academic Vocabulary Training
- 02/01/24 Handwriting Brain-Body DisConnect (Book Study)
- 02/07/24 AA 4025: Artificial Intelligence in the School Setting
- 02/07/24 Educational Technology Roundtable
- 02/09/24 Clarity in Assessment Literacy (Virtual)
- 02/21/24 Recommitting to Best Practices in Reading (Virtual)
- 02/28/24 Creative Classroom Management (Two Sessions: Grades K-4 and 5-8)
- 02/29/24 Harnessing AI Tools for Dynamic Classroom Content Creation
- 03/01/24 Literacy for All Middle and High School Classrooms
- 03/14/24 AA 1452: Teacher Evaluator Competency Skill Building
- 03/20/24 Flipping the Classroom with Screencasting and Video Editing
- 03/20-21/24 AA 2001: Initial Teacher Evaluation Training
- 04/10/24 Educational Technology Roundtable
- 04/16/24 AA 3988: Humanity and Leadership: A Holistic Path Forward
- 04/25/24 Digital Whiteboard Magic: Mastering Google Jamboard
- 06/10-14/24 Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training
- 06/17/24 Engagement 2.0 Minds ON!

Everyone is welcome to attend our professional development.

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2023-2024 TRAININGS AND EVENTS

Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent
Mandy Horn, Asst. Regional Superintendent

ROUNDTABLES

502 W. Jackson St. Marion, IL

Social Work/Counselor

9:00am - 11:00am
November 15, 2023
February 26, 2024
April 19, 2024

Technology

9:00am - 11:00am
January 18, 2024
April 12, 2024

Principal

9:00am - 11:00am (Principals)
1:00pm - 3:00pm (Asst. Principals)
April 11, 2024

Curriculum

9:00am - 12:00pm
January 31, 2024

Special Education

1:00pm - 3:00pm
March 7, 2024

Health Life Safety

9:00am - 11:00am
January 22, 2024

Transportation

9:00am - 11:00am
February 16, 2024

McKinney-Vento

9:00am - 12:00pm
March 20, 2024

OTHER

Listening Session on the Draft of the Illinois State Literacy Plan

4:00pm - 6:00pm
November 6, 2023: Marion

SHORT-TERM SUB TRAINING

502 W. Jackson St. Marion, IL

9:00am - 1:00pm
December 6, 2023
February 14, 2024
April 3, 2024

BUS DRIVER TRAINING

Initial Bus Driver Training

8:00am - 4:00pm
December 16, 2023: Marion
February 10, 2024: Metropolis
April 13, 2024: Marion

ELDT Theory Training

5:30pm - 7:30pm
December 19, 2023: Marion
February 13, 2024: Metropolis
April 16, 2024: Marion
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Bus Driver Refresher Training

5:30pm - 7:30pm
February 15, 2024: Vienna
April 23, 2024: Goreville
April 25, 2024: Metropolis

ADMINISTRATOR ACADEMIES

#2000: Initial Principal Evaluation

8:30am - 3:30pm
February 9, 2024: Marion
February 16, 2024: Virtual

#1865: Principal Evaluator Competency

8:30am - 3:30pm
February 9, 2024: Marion

#3000: Teacher/Principal Evaluation (Student Growth)

8:30am - 3:30pm
February 9, 2024: Virtual

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

A Day with Ruby Payne: A Framework for Poverty

9:00am - 3:30pm
November 30, 2023: Marion

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9:00am - 3:30pm
February 22, 2024: Vienna
February 23, 2024: Mt. Vernon

ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS

502 W. Jackson St. Marion, IL

Quarterly Professional Development

9:00am - 3:00pm
November 8, 2023
February 13, 2024
April 24, 2024

Paraprofessional Training 101

9:00am - 11:00am OR 1:00pm - 3:00pm
January 17, 2024

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