

KNOX COUNTY ROE NEWSLETTER

Hon. Bonnie Harris Vol. 2 No. 6 October 8, 2004

Message from the Superintendent

Time is really passing quickly for all of us. Before we know it, it will be time to put out the pumpkins then start making gifts. I have had the opportunity to visit a few classrooms, open houses and read to students. What a great group of students, teachers, administrators and parents to work with here in Knox County. Keep up the great work! I do enjoy talking to everyone and trying to help in any way I can.

Did you know that the Regional Superintendent of Schools

- ✓ Approves the recognition status of public and private schools
- ✓ Collects and allocates institute funds
- ✓ Administers GED programs
- ✓ Administers the Regional Safe Schools Program- KCA

ROE OFFICE

Fall Office Hours—Starting Sept. 7
M-F 8:30 – 4:30 PM
Wed. 8:30 – 6:00 PM
Phone – 309-345-3828
FAX – 309-343-2677
Website – roe33.net

GED

The cost for the GED test is \$35.00.

The next GED Test is October 8th & 9th .
View our website for further details.

ADEPT

If you would like the truancy people to come to your class and talk about the importance of education and having regular attendance at school contact Dave Harpman at 345-0157.

Partnerships

Business, Education and County

- Perkins Restaurant Teacher Appreciate coupon

Perkins Restaurant has a 10% off coupon for teachers and retired teachers. This is their way of saying thanks.

- Outdoor Education funding

This program is for all 5th grade students in Knox County. Mr. Delawder has set up everything for this outdoor learning opportunity. This program is sponsored by F&M Bank, First Midwest Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Galesburg Register-Mail and ROE#33.

- Knox County Sheriff

Sheriff Jim Thompson's office is fingerprinting all new school district employees at the County Jail. Thanks so much to Sheriff Thompson and his staff. This is another way they are looking out for the children of Knox County.

Teacher's Institute Meeting

On Wed. Oct 13 teachers from Knox, Mercer, Warren Counties will meet to decide on the theme and other pertinent issues for the March Institute. The keynote speaker will be Zig Zigler. G.H.S. will again host the event.

Knox County Academy

Evening classes are 2-7, M-F at 850 Mulberry St. Mr. Joel Ward is the Director - 345-0122.

BLOW YOUR OWN HORN!

If you have any items you would like published about your school or school personnel, please submit two weeks before publication dates. Publication dates are: Nov 1, Feb. 4, April 8 & May 6.

Calendar of Events & Workshops

Oct. 4& 5- Outdoor Education

- Oct. 13- TRS Retirement 4:30- G.H.S. Lecture Rm. B
- Oct. 24-Principal's Day

My High School Rocks on Fox!

Students are invited to submit a picture along with a short essay explaining why they feel pride for their school. Entries can include an exciting class or program, a great teacher, or a winning sports team. They can be stories of encouragement, inspiration, dedication, or good will.

A different high school will be selected every week, and the student and the school will be highlighted on Fox 43 News at Nine. This is an opportunity for you to encourage school pride and for us at WYZZ/Fox 43 to depict your school in the best possible light.

If you have any questions, you can contact Kirby Matthews at 309-686-9468.

Teachers Certification News

Public Act 93-0679 went into effect June 30, 2004, significantly changing the requirements for certificate renewal. One change is that Local Professional Development Committees (LPDC's) are **no longer required**. As a result, the Regional Office of Educations' LPDC has been eliminated. We appreciate the dedication, efficiency and countless hours that you and your local committee spent in this process to meet the Recertification rules. We are recommending that you retain your records for five years in the event you are audited.

Some important changes to procedures

Teachers are no longer required to:

- Create or submit Certificate Renewal Plans
- Submit claims for credit
- Request approval from an LPDC for activities

Teachers are required to:

- Complete creditable professional development activities
- Maintain evidence of completion

Additional Options for Professional Development

Please check the ISBE website at www.isbe.net Click on Certification Update. Scroll down to "Procedures for Renewing the Standard/Master Certificate" for further details.

Believe it or not you can read it.

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