

KNOX COUNTY ROE NEWSLETTER

Hon. Bonnie Harris Vol. 2 No. 7 November 1, 2004

Message from the Superintendent

The school year is really flying by. I am just so very Thankful for family, friends, health etc.

Thanks to everyone for all that you do for education. Everyday I hear about some of the exciting things you and your fellow teachers do for students. Not just in your classroom but in the community and world.

I am so proud to be an Educator. Hats off to all Educators and their families!!

Mobilized Soldiers

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service call 1-800-610-8734 and press 1 (for English & then 3 for an operator) and they will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members.

ADEPT

The Family Video donated 10 free movie coupons to the Adept program.

Thanks Kati Gray.

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. A BIG thanks goes to Bonita and David Moore for thinking of their fellow teachers.

- **Outdoor Education**

On Oct. 4th & 5th all 5th grade students from Abingdon, Galesburg, Knoxville, ROWVA,

Williamsfield and Galesburg Christian School participated in this year's outdoor science program. Presenters were: Al Hayden, Al's Sporting Goods; Wayne Allen, Master Gardener; Lori Loving, Two Rivers Professional Development; Liz Haynes, Chris Hilgert, Kyle Cecil, and Cheryl Geitner all from Univ. Of Ill. Extension; Jan King, Walnut Grove Farms; Rhonda Brady, Knox Co. Area Project; Ken Russell, DNR Fisheries Biologist, Cynthia Brewer, Ill. Dept. of Natural Resources; Tom Cerkes, retired teacher; and Susie Richardson, art instructor. This program was sponsored by F&M Bank, First Midwest Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Galesburg Register-Mail and ROE#33. All the children got to fish! Mr. John Delawder planned and implemented this program.

Contests—Prizes

- 1) Jr. High/ Middle School student essay contest. Theme: What does the Brown decision mean to you today? Deadline Dec. 3, 2004
- 2) Art Contest – Theme Building Our Future. All K-5 students can enter. Deadline-Jan 24, 2005

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 – www.roe33.net.

BLOW YOUR OWN HORN!

The Sociology Class at Abingdon High School sponsored a canned food drive and participated in a homeless sleep out on Friday, Sept. 17, 2004. Commando fans who donated three cans of food were admitted free to the football game. The class collected more than 390 pounds of food.

The canned food drive and homeless sleep out was an introduction to a unit on poverty in America. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Children's Defense Fund and other non-governmental organizations, more than 13 million children are at risk of hunger in the United States. Health professionals say that malnutrition is a leading cause of disease, illness, and underdevelopment in children.

The food was donated to the Abingdon Food Pantry which has served more than 1,200 in eight months.

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: Feb. 4, April 8 & May 6.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. (Eduard Everett)

Calendar of Events & Workshops

Nov. 2 – Election Day Vote!!

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Nov. 14-20 – Am. Education Week

Nov. 18 – Parent Meeting at KCA

Nov. 25 – Happy Thanksgiving

Flu Vaccine Advisory

Illinois Department of Public Health is requesting schools to remind students to practice healthy habits. Always remind students to:

- Cover up or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away
- Clean hands often
- Wash hands after using the bathroom
- Get plenty of sleep and physical activity
- Drink water
- Eat good food to stay healthy during the winter

Websites: www.cdc.gov/flu or www.cdc.gov/germstopper/home_work_school.htm

This was from a message from Supt. Randy Dunn.

Notes from Workshop on Poverty

- We can better educate all children, particularly children from poverty.
 - People are our most important resource, regardless of race or culture.
 - Relationships and education are essential for individuals to move out of poverty.
 - Individuals must be able to translate from concrete to the abstract.
 - We can positively affect an individual's quality of life.
 - We can impact family structures so that children and families have more resources available to them.
 - We believe that we can make a difference, and you can too.
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!