

KNOX COUNTY ROE NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Regional Superintendent

We all made it through the Holidays. Now we are in the final phase of planning for the March Teachers' Institute. I just received a call that our keynote speaker, Mr. Zig Ziegler, for personal reasons, will not be able to speak. Dr. Robert Wallace, noted columnist and educator, has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Therefore, our program will be late. We are making adjustments to the program as this newsletter goes to print. I really appreciate everyone's understanding. This last minute change could not have been avoided. I hope that everyone will receive a program by the last week of February. I know there will be some workshops that we ask you to call in, so please do that as soon as possible. We will not have the lead time we have had in the past.

Did you know?

The Regional Office.....

Establishes its guidelines by the ISBE and the Illinois School Code.

- Operates and maintains the ROE #33 website at www.roe33.net
- Conducts a county-wide Spelling Bee
- Provides information in the office of job vacancies for educators
- Received applications and issue work permits for summer employment to 14-15 year old students.
- Publishes a regional directory of school personnel.
- Provides Initial and Refresher Training for Bus Drivers.
- Reviews and monitors Health/Life Safety projects and new construction, and approve health life safety amendments,
- Conducts compliance visits annually.
- The superintendent is elected every 4 years.

ROE Office Hours

The office is located at:
121 S. Prairie
Galesburg, IL 61401
309-345-3828

Office hours are:

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wed.

FAX – 309-343-2677

The office will be closed March 24 – 28th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Spelling Bee

Friday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m.
2nd floor --- Galesburg Public Library

Home School Spelling Bee

Friday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m. ---
at the Knox County Annex,
220 E. Simmons

Geography Bowl

Saturday, February 19th at Knoxville Jr. High School
Elementary --- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Jr. High -- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Programs will be available on ROE website.

Non-Public School Recognition ----- Costa Catholic School

Teachers' Institute Art Contest Winners!!!

First Place -- Kelsea Mc Namara - Lincoln School in Monmouth
Second Place-- Juana Sierra - Lincoln School in Monmouth
Third Place -- Tyler Hunt - Lincoln School in Monmouth
Ms. Finch is the Art Teacher.

School District Compliance Visits:

2003/04

Abingdon
ROWVA
Williamsfield

2004/05

Galesburg
Knoxville

Health/Life Safety checks conducted in 2004/05

Abingdon	KCA	Knoxville	Costa
ROWVA	Galesburg	Williamsfield	Christian School

Teachers' Institute Fund

Knox County Regional Office of Education
Teacher Institute Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Cash Balance, June 30, 2003		\$ 13,011
	Sources of Funds	
Local Sources	12,899	
State Sources	20,593	
Due to Other Gov. Units	1,746	
Total Sources of Funds		\$ 35,238
	Uses of Funds	
Purchased Services	19,830	
Supplies & Materials	3,614	
Due from Other Gov. Units	1,141	
Total Uses of Funds		\$ 24,585
Cash Balance, June 30, 2004		\$ <u>23,664</u>

Martin Luther King Writing Contest Winners:

Justin Davidson and Rachel Welch

Honorable Mention:

Samantha Johnson and Michael Inness

Knox County Academy

The KCA has 52 students enrolled in the day and night programs. We serve all of the districts in Knox County. The hours are: 7:45 – 1:45 and 2:00 – 7:00.
Mr. Jeremy Kleine is the day director and Mr. Joel Ward is the evening director.
Mr. Rodney Blue recently joined the day staff as a science teacher.

Thank you to Congressman Lane Evans for the donation of two Printers

Recertification

A visual guide to assist educators in using the ISBE’s electronic resources for certification is available at The Mid-Illini website: <http://Ith3.k12.il.us/miec>, or call our office. We have a limited supply.

We cannot take certification renewals until April 1st. Memos will be sent to each school giving the time we will be at your school.

Teachers have three options:

1. Renew online 2. Come into our office 3. Renew at your school

- *Standard to Standard Completion of Professional Development for renewal of Standard/Master Certificates using CeRTS or by paper copy.*
- *Complete ISBE Form 73-10, Certificate Registration Form. 73-10*
- *Submit appropriate registration fee of \$25.00*

- *Initial to Standard:*
- *Complete four years of teaching*
- *Complete ISBE Form 73-97 Assurance Statement for Initial to Standard*
- *Complete ISBE Form 73-03C Application for Teaching Certificate - \$30 and Form 73-10 Certificate Registration - \$25*

Maintain your records for five years for a possible audit.

Knox County Musicians Coalition of Illinois

Mission Statement:

Rewarding deserving young musicians of Knox County that have displayed Academic excellence, musical promise and good character with the tools and knowledge necessary to achieve their musical brilliance. They can be found on the web at:

<http://kcmc.il.org.tripod.com>

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Illinois School Board Presidents Rate Statewide ROEs as Excellent Value to the Districts

From the office of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois:

The annual “Service Evaluation Survey” was completed by Illinois school board president’s focuses on the primary service areas of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Regional Offices of Education (ROEs).

The overall service rating of statewide ROEs was 55% Excellent, 35% Satisfactory and only 10% Needs Improvement.

ROEs earned the highest grades in the category of “responsiveness” where they were rated excellent in about 60% of the responses. Almost 69% of respondents interact with ROEs at least once every three months with 31% interacting weekly.

- ROEs overall scored 90% satisfactory and above
- ROEs have substantially better marks for responsiveness
- Over half the respondents considered the ROE internet services excellent, although people communicate with ROEs more often through phone calls than the website.
- 15% of respondents visited the website on a weekly basis
- ROEs scored very high on program leadership with an excellent rating of 50%

ROE Service Evaluation Percentage Representing
Excellent or Satisfactory Rating

Regulatory functions: 91%
Advisory functions: 89%
Program leadership: 88%
Service assistance: 89%

Accessibility: 91%
Responsiveness: 93%
Communication: 93%
Overall rating of ROEs value to school districts: 90%

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Homeless Grant

Mr. Jeremy Kleine is the liaison for the five school districts in Knox County.

The purpose of the grant is to eliminate barriers to enrollment for children who qualify. Typical barriers include transportation, lack of enrollment documentation, school selection (choosing the school attended prior to becoming homeless or the school closest to where they currently live), school records, etc.,

In addition, the family is connected with agencies to address specific needs of homeless children such as housing, medical care, food, clothing, and school supplies.

The Homeless Liaisons for Knox County are:

Mr. Patrick Callahan – Knoxville
Mr. Jim Rich – Galesburg
Mr. Gary Buckingham – ROWVA

Mr. Rich Putnam - Williamsfield
Dr. Magie Roberts - Abingdon

February is Black History Month

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as “Negro History Week” and later as “Black History Month.” African American history had barely begun to be studied, or even documented, when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in American at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books. The celebration of Black History Month, and the study of black history is owed to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. He spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age 20. H later went to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. He was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population.

In 1926, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson and other African American and white scholars, launched “Negro History Week” so that Americans could reflect on the history and contributions of African Americans. In the 1970s, the celebration of African American history was expanded to include the entire month of February.

Don’t forget to watch “Slavery and the Making of Americans”

February 9 & 16 -- 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. on PBS

Scholarship Opportunities for Students

Illinois Promise: Direct questions to Dan Mann at the University of Illinois Director of Financial Aid Office at 1-217-333-0100 danmann@uius.edu

Poetry contests: www.poeticpower.com

Essay contests: www.studentessaycontest.com

SCAT

The SCAT team was called out early this fall. We are all grateful for all of the time and effort that went into helping the students, teachers and administrators at Churchill Jr. High School.

Project ADEPT

Project ADEPT appreciates your continued support and please feel free to contact our office for further assistance. We have spoken to 6 grade school classes this year about the importance of education and to attending daily. Please call to have us speak to your grade school students.

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