

# ROE NEWSLETTER

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## Congratulations

Cindy Hamblin, director, Area III Learning Technology Center, will be honored on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the coveted *Making It Happen* jacket for her contributions to the successful integration of technology in Education, in K-12 Schools. Founded in 1995, the *Making It Happen* Program Highlights the dramatic role educators are having on the learning process by using technology, and rewards those individuals for their commitment, and innovation. To date, more than 260 individuals nationwide have been awarded this recognition. More information about the conference can be viewed at:  
<http://www.il-tce.org>

ICEARY – Outstanding Student Award Finalists:  
Region 5 (TIE)  
Devon Blackburn  
Nominated by Joel Ward  
Director of Knox County Academy Evening Program

## Spelling Bee Winner

Aidan Schierer – Costa Catholic Academy

## Runner-up

Dakota Stipp – Abingdon Middle School

## Scholarships

- Ameren Illinois Minority Scholarship Program  
Due on April 6 - *Eligible Students must have plans to major in an engineering discipline – Forms available at [www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com)*
- *Dr. Martin Luther King - Due April 15*  
*Must demonstrate financial need. Applications are available at Knox ROE*

## Congratulations

### GEOGRAPHY BOWL

#### Elementary Winners Gale Elementary

1. Forest Thompson
2. Tori Bledsoe
3. Taylor Blackburn
4. Savannah Krisher
5. Danielle Beetler
6. David Whittle
7. Trace Decker
8. Micaela Creech
9. Calihan Morling
10. Emily Ribelin

#### Junior High Winners Churchill Junior High

1. Marc Cooper
2. Nate Smith
3. Alex Anderson
4. Kayla Beadles
5. Mark Wilson
6. Amber Schlomer
7. Michael Harms
8. Axel Peterson
9. Evan Kelly
10. Ben Whittle

**BEST OF LUCK  
on the ISAT  
THINK POSITIVE!**

The Big Read  
March 16<sup>th</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup>  
The Grapes of Wrath

Contact 309-221-9953 or  
[sandburgdays@yahoo.com](mailto:sandburgdays@yahoo.com)

## Workshops

### **Math Matters:**

#### **Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World**

WIU Union

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ISMAA Conference Contact: Dr. Bob Mann at:

[rr-mann@wiu.edu](mailto:rr-mann@wiu.edu)

or 309-298-2037

### **Family Matters Workshop**

**FREE**

NCLB & Children Receiving  
Special Education Services

At the Knox County Annex

220 E. Simmons St.

Galesburg, IL

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 13<sup>th</sup>

IEA Professional Development Center

3440 Liberty Drive

Springfield

10:00 am – 12:30pm

No Cost

Register:

<http://www.trackitpd.org/portfolio/login.jsp>

### **Illinois ASPIRE – Central Grant**

This past year the Illinois State Board of Education received a 5-year State Personal Development (SPD) Grant that was issued by the U. S. Department of Education. Six demonstration sites were selected in the central region based upon the RFP that was submitted from their school. The hope is to select possibly 3-5 additional sites. Please take the time to discuss this opportunity with your districts, building administrators, teachers and support staff. Attached you will find general information regarding the RFP proposal process in order to be considered as an Illinois ASPIRE Demonstration Site. Schools that are currently funded through Illinois Reading First Initiatives are not eligible to serve as a data collection/demonstration site for Illinois ASPIRE. More information can be found at: [www.illinoisaspire.org](http://www.illinoisaspire.org)  
Or you may contact Sandy Behrens, Grant Director, at 309-657-9337.

## CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
For Children

CASA advocates are appointed by the court to recommend the best possible outcome for an abused or neglected child's future. The goal of the CASA Volunteer is to help ensure each child can live in a safe, permanent and loving home.

CASA of Knox County is accepting applications for Volunteer Advocates. Advocate training will be held this spring and consists of 10 weekly sessions.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call the CASA office at 343-4299 by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A  
CHILD'S LIFE!!!

Teaching Tolerance magazine & free educational kit

such as: Free Posters – One World Poster Set:

Shadow of Hate (grades 8-12).

One Survivor Remembers (grades 8-12)

Rinos & Raspberries (pre K-6)

[www.teachingtolerance.org](http://www.teachingtolerance.org)

### **DVD's For Elementary Teachers**

Did your school receive the 3 DVD's from the Illinois Math & Science Academy? If you haven't seen them, please ask or call and we will lend them out to you.

IMSA On Wheels --- DVD

1. **Three Sections: Newton's Three Laws (26 min)**  
**Properties of Song (12 min)**  
**Do It Yourself (9 min)**
2. **Three Sections: Air & Pressure (35 min)**  
**Bernoulli's Principle (11 min)**  
**Do It yourself (5 min)**
3. **Two Sections: State of Matter (20 min)**  
**Chemical Reaction (30 min)**

### **PARA PROFESSIONAL MEETING**

**Who:** All Paraprofessionals, Attendants & Aides

**When:** Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Best Western Inn

**RSVP by Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 345-3828**

**Prizes and Refreshments**

Your kids can fill in the blanks. Can you?

Laughing out loud

LOL: \_\_\_\_\_

BRB: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSM: \_\_\_\_\_

A/S/L: \_\_\_\_\_

BF: \_\_\_\_\_

TAW: \_\_\_\_\_

LULAS: \_\_\_\_\_

POS: \_\_\_\_\_

WTGP: \_\_\_\_\_

LMIRL: \_\_\_\_\_

Answers in the next Newsletter!!

### Help Delete Online Predators

Report any disturbing incidents by giving the screen name or email address and any other information known about the online sexual predators to your Internet Service Provider, local law enforcement, and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Cybertipline.com (1-800-THE-LOST)

The majority of children who use the Internet do not get into serious trouble. The Internet is a wonderful tool; but, like anything else, you need to be careful.

### OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F  
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wed  
CLOSED ON APRIL 6th

*Remember, everyone likes a compliment!!*  
*Abe Lincoln*

## Certification

Effective March 1, 2007, the following types of applications will not be able to do so online:

- Applicants from out-of-state who are applying for Illinois certification
- Anyone who is applying for a first substitute teaching certificate, and
- Certified Illinois Teachers who are applying for Subsequent Endorsements

They will be required to submit a paper application together with the required documentation through their respective Regional Office of Education

### Illinois Area 3 National Board Certification

#### Awareness Session for Knox County

Spring 2007

Tuesday, March 20th

4:15 p.m.

Knox County Annex

220 E. Simmons, Galesburg

Please RSVP to Carole Allert –

[callert@galesburg205.org](mailto:callert@galesburg205.org)

### Internet Liability Issues for Schools

A legal perspective on the evolving changes in the electronic world and their impact on school districts. *Christi Flaherty, Attorney representing Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd will be providing an update on the latest Internet liability issues that should be addressed by school districts. With the recent update to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governing discovery of documents many districts are re-examining their policies and procedures in relation to Internet liability and electronic communications. Ms. Flaherty will address the evolving changes in the electronic world and their impact on school districts. Issues to be discussed are the retention of electronic student records, investigating student and employer cyber misconduct both on and off school property, and implementation of computer usage policies*

March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

IEA Professional Development Center

3440 Liberty Drive -- Springfield

No cost - Register at:

<http://www.trackitpd.org/portfolio/login.jsp>

### **IS YOUR CERTIFICATE DUE TO BE REGISTERED IN 2007???**

1. The best way is to enter your professional development, register and make any personal changes online in ECS.
2. Bring paperwork into the ROE

Registration Information will be sent out soon!!

## Symptoms of a Stroke

Susie is recuperating at an incredible pace for someone with a massive stroke all because Sherry saw Susie stumble – that is the key that isn't mentioned below – and then she asked Susie the 3 questions.

This literally saved Susie's life – Some angel sent It to Susie's friend and she did just what it said to do. Susie failed all three so 911 called. Even though she had normal blood pressure readings and did not appear to be having a stroke, as she could converse to some extent with the Paramedics, they took her to the hospital right away. Thank God for the sense to remember the 3 questions.

Read and Learn!! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify.

Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE. (Such as – It is sunny out today).

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of non medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

### Instead of Mourning a Genocide – What if We Could Stop One

We know what happens when indifference prevails. That is why we came together and built the Holocaust Memorial in Peoria to teach everyone these lessons. We said "Never Again". We certainly didn't expect to ever be witnesses to another genocide.

Yet, here we are in the year 2007 watching, reading and hearing the news stories about the murder of over 400,000 people and the displacement of an additional 2.5 million people in Darfur. What is taking place in Darfur has been declared a genocide!! How much more do we need to witness before we take action?? Now is the time. So, under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Peoria, we have formed a committee for a new Project, the S.T.A.M.P. Project, Save Darfur, Take Action, Mail Postcards.

The S.T.A.M.P. committee has begun a major campaign to ask everyone in our community to pick up a postcard, put a stamp on it and mail it to the Save Darfur Coalition. The coalition will then forward these postcards carrying an important message to the White House and/or the United Nations Secretary General. That message will be one of

hope for increased humanitarian aid, the deployment of a strong UN peacekeeping force and whatever else is necessary to bring an end to the murder, starvation, disease and rape of the men, women and children in Darfur.

We are putting these postcards in every place where people gather – schools, stores, restaurants, places of worship, theaters, offices, and anywhere else that we will be permitted to display them. We need your help.

Each and every student can feel empowered by mailing a postcard. Discussions can follow after students are asked to watch the news for information, visit related websites and learn about the genocide in Darfur. They will be showing an interest in a part of history that still can be written with a different outcome. Future generations will be reading about this genocide. But perhaps they will read about the tremendous efforts of people around the world who ended it sooner.

The students will be learning to participate in something outside their own community and to try to make a difference. From this one postcard, an education on so many levels can follow.

We are beginning this journey because we refuse to stand silent!!!

Now is the time. Please participate by contacting the Jewish Federation of Peoria.  
309-689-0063 to order postcards.  
Evelyn Vogel – Chairperson The S.T.A.M.P. Project

### TAKE ACTION

What you can do on your own and in your community.

1. Go to the website: [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org) and send a message to President Bush and the UN Secretary-General
2. Show a film such as Hotel Rwanda, Schindler's List, Sometimes In April, Darfur Diaries or the Killing Fields.
3. Invite a speaker: Raise public awareness about the ongoing genocide in Darfur by emailing [speakers@savedarfur.org](mailto:speakers@savedarfur.org) to invite an expert to speak on the issue
4. Generate Media Coverage: Keep Sudan in the spotlight by writing letters to the editor, meeting with editorial boards, and encouraging community leaders to write op-ed pieces about Darfur.

*When you extinguish hope,  
You create desperation*

*Abe Lincoln*

## IT'S ME!!! A SELF-PORTRAIT SHOW

The Galesburg Civic Art Center is requesting the help of the community for an upcoming exhibition. The exhibition is called *Its Me! A Self Portrait Show*. We are asking the community to create self-portraits for an exhibition to open on April 27, 2007. The portraits will cover the walls of our building at 112 E. Main Street. We will need a minimum of 6000 works to do this. There are only a few rules to follow.

- ✓ Portraits can be no larger than 4x6 (an average postcard).
- ✓ Any media is acceptable
- ✓ The mounting side of the portrait must be flat
- ✓ If a title or signature is desired, please put it on the display side
- ✓ Portraits will become the property of the Galesburg Civic art Center, including rights to reproduce any image.
- ✓ To be displayed for the April 27<sup>th</sup> opening, artwork must be received by April 25<sup>th</sup>, *but we can accept them as soon as tomorrow.*

It is easy to be part of this community display!! Simply create a work, send it to the Art Center and invite ALL your friends and family to do the same, they don't even have to be from Galesburg. It is also a great group activity. If portraits are sent in together, they will make every effort to display them together.

Remember, we cannot reach our goal of 6000 portraits without your help!!

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### *Teachers' Institute Program Cover*

## ANNUAL ART CONTEST

### For High School Students

Design Artwork for the 2007 Teachers' Institute Program – Win a \$100 prize

The Regional Superintendent of Schools announces an art contest for High School students who wish to design artwork for the October 5, 2007 Teachers' Institute Program.

#### The rules and guidelines are as follows:

1. Artwork must be based on the theme, "Share our Dream"
2. Contest is open to any High School student in Knox County
3. Entries will be limited to no more than five entries from each school to be selected by the teachers from each school  
Size must be 8 ½ x 11 in vertical (portrait) format  
Media can be pen and ink, pencil, watercolor or acrylic  
Artwork should have plenty of contrast – not all dark  
Awards will be made to first, second and third place winners, \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively  
First place winner's artwork will be printed on the cover of the program in color. Second and Third place winners' art will appear elsewhere in the program in black & white  
Computer-generated artwork will not be accepted  
Student's name and grade, as well as the teacher's name and school must be on the back of the design
4. Completed works must be turned in to the art/classroom teacher. The art/classroom teacher(s) will then select no more than 5 entries and deliver or send them to the ROE by 4pm on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Artwork becomes the property of the Regional Office of Education and will not be returned
5. Judging will be done by committee on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 with winners being announced the next day.

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