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**Message from the Superintendent**

There are so many great things going on in the schools in Knox County. What great educators! I can simply say I am part of such a tremendous group of learners. Remember if you would like me to read to your class, just give me a call. I am going to try to visit more classrooms this year.

ROE Office hours are M-F 8:30-4:30.

**The Office will be closed on the following days:**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Professional Development:**

Administrator's Academy #1030. Least Restrictive Environment: *Creating an Educational Community to Serve all Students*. December 1, 2010 from 8:00 to 4:00 at the Galesburg Public Library. Cost is \$125.00. Sign up through Two Rivers.

**Homeless Education:**

On Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Mary Scanlon and Lorenzo Pugh presented a Seminar on Truancy and Homeless education. Several people attended. Remember, if a student has been identified as homeless, they are homeless for the whole school year.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 3 Homeless Symposium will be October 29<sup>th</sup> at University Union at Western Illinois University in Macomb from 8:00 to 1:30. CPDU's and CEU's will be offered. If you plan to attend, contact Eileen Worthington at 309-837-4821 before October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Gifted Education:**

The First Bring and Brag session will be October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Knox County Annex, 220 E. Simmons Street in Galesburg. This will be a monthly session for all who attended the Gifted Education Seminars and any other interested educators. RSVP if you can to 345-3828.

**Geography Bowl:**

The Geography Bowl will be Saturday, February 12, 2011 in the Community Room at Sandburg Mall from 8:00 to 5:00. Questions will focus on U.S. and Illinois geography.

**Spelling Bee:**

The Spelling Bee will be Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to Noon at the Sandburg Mall Community Room.

**Knox County Academy**

The Knox County Academy is serving 22 students from three school districts. The funding for the KCA was cut by 22%.

**TAEOP/TRUANCY:**

Due to the large funding cut, the TAEOP program has only two people working. Mr. Lorenzo Pugh continues as Director and Mr. Sharif Sidi-Haji as outreach worker.

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

The Knox County Outdoor Program was held on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success. The weather was perfect for an outdoor program.

There were about 650 Fifth grade students from Abingdon, Galesburg, ROWVA, Williamsfield, Knoxville and the Galesburg Christian School that attended the two-day event.

For the past 12 years, the Knox County Regional Office of Education has provided students with educational, environmental, wildlife and outdoor activities during the two-day event.

**NEW CONSULTANTS:**

The Regional Office has two new consultants working for us. Judith Rubinfeld and Deb Pittard will be working with the schools and districts on school improvement.