

# Sangamon Schools' News



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## Welcome Back!

I am always surprised when it is time for the Illinois State Fair because that means it is time for school to start. Again this year I was surprised when they announced the start of the fair and as they were cleaning up the fairgrounds on Monday the 18th of August, schools in Sangamon County were opening. At least this year we have had a fairly nice August making those in buildings that were not air-conditioned not totally uncomfortable. The school districts I've visited this year have felt prepared and seem to have found all the necessary teachers to fill openings. It sounds like we are off to a good start.

## Certification News

Each year we are asked questions about the Initial certificate and the number of years it is valid. The part of the rule that seems most confusing to teachers is that when the teacher has successfully completed 4 years of teaching they must apply for a standard certificate. Initial certificates must be renewed every 4 years if the teacher has not completed 4 years of teaching. Some certificate holders might only teach two of the first four years they have the certificate and renew the initial certificate for another four years. If that teacher then teaches for the next two years they have then completed four years of teaching. At that point, the certificate holder needs to bring the letter of teaching experience from the district(s) where they have taught to the regional office of education and apply for their standard certificate. If the teacher does not apply for their standard certificate at that point, then they do not have a valid certificate.

We have seen another problem with initial certificates. When a certificate holder completes 4 years of teaching on their initial certificate they need to complete their statement of assurance and show that they have completed their professional development option. If they have not completed their professional development option they can pay \$5.00 to renew the certificate for one year while they complete the professional development option. At the end of the one year extension they must have all of their professional development work completed. If they do not have the work completed the certificate is no longer valid. In essence it is dead. We hate for people to get in this situation, but it has happened.

## Beginning the Next Renewal Cycle

The pre-printed certificate renewal forms for 2009 will be mailed out to the individual schools once the TSR data is inputted by the school district. NOTE: There are no longer social security numbers on these forms. They have been replaced by IEIN numbers. Administrators that are up for renewal in 2009 are urged to submit their statement of assurance soon after April 1, 2009 so that their administrative certificates are valid on July 1. Teachers may renew their certificates as early as September 1, 2008. The advantage to this is they will be able to rollover professional development beginning on April 1st, 2008 to their next cycle. Directions on how to enter professional development on ECS can be found at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net). At the top of their homepage you will see ECS listed. Click on that and it will take you through the process.

HOUSSE is still available in Illinois. If a teacher has changed positions for this school year, they can use HOUSSE to become NCLB HQ (if they are not already). Rural schools have two years to meet HQ. If there is an audit of a school district, the HOUSSE claims may need to be proven. State Board provides a site at ECS that parents can access teacher's credentials. This makes it even more important for teachers to use the IEA/IFT worksheet and enter highly qualified teaching areas into the ECS system.

Individuals holding a Type 73 or Provisional Vocational Certificate will have new professional development requirements this year. We have reviewed these changes in earlier newsletters, but if you have further questions you can call Julie at 753-6730.

I hope all of you enjoy your best educational year ever! Please feel free to call the ROE about any certification or professional development questions you might have.

Helen

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## Excellent Resources Trunks for Teaching!

Our ROE-SDC has 7 excellent Resources Trunks for teachers to use with their students. Each trunk assembled by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Education Division is full of hands-on and other motivating learning activities for students. Each trunk activity addresses one or more of the Illinois Learning Standards in science, social studies and/or other curricular areas at the targeted grade levels. We have already loaned out 4 of these trunks to schools during the summer. Call our ROE-SDC office (585-8090) for a 30-day loan of any of these trunks. A brief description of each is below:

- **Illinois Birds Trunk** – Filled with field guides, books, track and egg replicas, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs, CDs with bird songs and calls and even bird replicas that sing! Activities can be adapted for any of targeted grades PreK - 8.
- **Illinois Fossils Trunk** – Contains field guides, large posters, a video, a fossil reference kit, fossil molds, books and much more. Activities targeted for grades 7 - 10 but can be modified for other grade levels.
- **Illinois Insects and Spiders Trunk** – Contains field guides, books, lessons, activities, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs, insect models and equipment for “bug hunting” that will interest students in the creepy, crawly things that inhabit Illinois! The activity...
  - Crime Solving Insects* shows how insects can be used in forensic science. Targeted for grades PreK – 6 but can be adapted to other levels.
- **Illinois Tree Trunk** – Includes many items to help students learn about trees, forests, and forestry careers. Posters, forestry tools, tree “cookies,” real leaves, CD-ROMs, tree seeds, video and DVDs, lumber samples are among the items for the activities suggested for targeted grades PreK - 10.

- **Illinois Wild Mammals Trunk** – Field guides, furs, skulls, rubber tracks, rubber scat, lesson activities, CD-ROMs and other items are included for teacher and student use. Targeted for grades PreK - 8, but can be adapted for other levels.
- **People and Animals from Illinois' Past** – Materials and activities to aid learning about Native Americans in Illinois and animals that once lived in Illinois. The “People” section includes items Native Americans used for food, pottery replicas, a video, books, daily staples of Native American life, posters, etc., plus activity suggestions. The “Animals” section has replica species, mammoth and mastodon teeth replicas, and other items for the suggested activities. For PreK - 6, but can be adapted for other levels.
- **The Aquatic Illinois trunk** includes many items to help you teach about the biological, historical, chemical and other aspects of water. Books, posters, water sampling tools, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs and activities are among the contents of this trunk suggested for use in grades 5 - 9.

## Resources Trunks Workshop for Teachers

A workshop entitled “Resources Trunks to Enhance Learning Activities” will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. This workshop for PreK - Grade 8 teachers to be held at our ROE-SDC features our 7 different Resources Trunks we have for loan to teachers to enhance learning activities with their students. The Trunks compiled by IDNR definitely are correlated to specific Illinois Learning Standards in science and social studies for the targeted grade levels for each trunk. Each trunk is a large covered vinyl tub full of a plethora of hands-on and other motivating items along with suggested activities. At the workshop we will delve into the contents of each trunk and preview suggested activities. See the foregoing article for the name and a brief description of the contents of each Trunk. Attendees will receive 3 CPDU's. Registration information is in the Workshop section of this SSN issue.

## Fifty+ Years Are Enough!

"Farewells" are hard to say -- especially when leaving so much behind! Such are my thoughts as I conclude 50+ years of employment in the education field and enter full-time retirement. My career as a teacher and administrator has spanned all or parts of 6 decades: 21 years as a classroom teacher at all levels (including 8 years in building principal/teacher dual roles and another 8 years teaching 2 classes as needed while serving my 17 years in District 186 Central Office administration) and 13 full years with our ROE #51. During my career I've also enjoyed fulfilling requests for several years to design and teach science education courses for teachers on a part-time basis at 3 universities, made a few presentations at both regional and national conferences, and served a couple of times on State committee projects. I won't bore you with a litany of my most satisfying "accomplishments" because I'm sure each of you has your own list of such achievements in your own careers.

Throughout my career in working with teachers and principals I've always regarded myself as a **facilitator** and preferred that word rather than "administrator" to describe my mission (although I've had full administrator certification for most of my years). Whether addressing a group or fulfilling an individual request for help, it has always given me a thrill to provide teachers with ideas and materials to help make their tasks easier in providing exciting and meaningful learning experiences to their children. Of all my fond memories of 50+ years, my fondest memories center around PEOPLE -- children, parents, teachers, principals and administrators -- people like you who may be reading this in my final SSN article.

In my 13 ROE years I've met and enjoyed working with many new people in our Sangamon County schools. Over the years I've seen administrators and teachers come and go, and consider it a blessing to have met and hopefully served so many fine people. I will miss my "regular customers" who contact me often for provided services as well as those who only occasionally need any assistance. I have always appreciated the friendliness of all -- whether a "regular or only occasional customer" or just when we meet at a meeting or by chance in your building or on the street.

When I first joined our Sangamon ROE staff in the summer of 1995, we were in the transition from ESC#14 to ROE#51 (and also served the four counties of ROE#46). Of our original professional staff and office assistants at our ROE-SDC on Toronto Road, only Mary Loken now remains. I've appreciated her friendship and help at the ROE as well as for the many years we worked together in District 186. I also wish to thank **Helen Tolan** who offered me this ROE position in 1995 and has been very supportive over the years and an enjoyable "boss" for whom to work -- whether carrying out her desires or pursuing my own plans in working with schools and teachers.

As all of you begin another school year, I wish you the energy and determination to enjoy a productive and exciting year with the students you serve. If you ever need a "warm body" to volunteer in any way you think I might assist, please don't hesitate to call me at home (546-0968). I'd welcome that contact as it's hard to get children and schools "out of my blood" after 50+ years -- even though I'm looking forward to more family time, travel time, and other pursuits in full-time retirement.

Sincerely,  
Marv Hoech

## Problem-Based Learning Final Session

This is a reminder to all enrollees in our 4-day PBL workshop series that the final session will be Friday, September 19, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This date was picked by the registrants at our first three sessions on June 30 – July 2 and only those registrants are to attend the final September 19th session. (Attendance at this session is mandatory to receive the \$400 stipend!)

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## Administrators' Academy and Workshops

Sangamon County Regional Office of Education will continue to offer relevant high interest topics during the year through Academies, workshops, and UIS roundtables. These professional development opportunities will be open to all area administrators. We will also make administrators aware of Springfield area workshops that are being offered by IPA/IASA/IASBO.

Whatever the resource organization, it is our goal to provide you with the professional development training you need to help you to be an effective administrator operating in an effective educational setting.

Scheduled Administrators' Academy courses offered through ROE 51 for fall of 2008:

- **September 17 & 18 – “Introduction to the Evaluation of Certified Staff”** (AAC #1) – Cost \$220 in area, \$240 out of area (lunch and materials provided)
- **October 21 – “Developing Effective Conferencing Skills”** (AAC #74) – Cost \$135 in area, \$150 out of area (lunch and materials provided)
- **October 29 – “Administrative Leadership for Challenging Times”** (AAC #304) – Cost \$135 in area, \$150 out of area (lunch and materials provided)
- **November 13 – “Dealing with Difficult Teachers – Evaluating and Motivating**

**Difficult Staff”** (AAC #152) – Cost \$135 in area, \$150 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

- **November 18 – “15 Things that Matter the Most in the Making of a Great Principal”** (AAC #499) – Cost \$135 in area, \$150 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

Please contact Barron Robinson or Angie Durall at 585-8090 if interested in taking any of these Academy courses.

## Reminders for Administrators

One Administrators' Academy course must be taken during each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) of the certificate's registration period. Please note that new administrators taking the “initial course” (Introduction to the Evaluation of Certified Staff) in the 2008 – 09 fiscal year **must** also take an additional Administrators' Academy course for the year.

An administrator must participate in at least **as many professional development activities as years in his/her administrative certificate's cycle (registration period)**. A minimum average of 20 hours per year is required. For example, if the administrator works 5 years he/she must complete five activities with a total of 100 professional development hours; working 5 years requires 5 activities and at least 100 professional development hours.

## Administrators Academy Courses for CPDs

Administrators taking additional Administrators' Academy courses during a fiscal year will be granted Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit. For auditing purposes, you do not need to save any evidence documents to indicate that you have taken an Academy course, whether it is your yearly required course or extra courses for CPD credit. Our Regional Office of Education will automatically log the evidence into the ISBE data bank.

If you take more than one Academy course in a fiscal year, the course that has the most hours will be automatically recorded as Academy CPD credit.

Example: if you take an Academy course that is 6 hours in length and you take a 2-day Academy course for 12 hours in the same fiscal year, regardless of the order in which you took the courses, the 12-hour course will be logged in as Academy CPD credit and the 6-hour course will be logged in as your required course.

ROE 51 encourages you to take advantage of the Academy courses that are offered at the Staff Development Center by taking more than one Academy course per fiscal year.

## New Principal Mentoring Program

An educational leader must be able to facilitate, articulate, implement and sustain the vision, culture and management of a school while transforming it from the first day of his/her principalship. The purpose of the Illinois New Principal Mentoring Program is to provide new principals with the individualized mentoring support they need to successfully transition into effective educational leaders.

The New Principal Mentoring Program is mandatory for all new principals new to the position. The program is funded by our State government.

All principals new to the position must participate in this program. **New principals who were formerly assistant principals for five years in the school where they will be principals during 2008 – 2009 are not required to fulfill the mentoring requirement.** However, individual school districts can require these individuals to complete new principal mentoring.

School districts are charged with the responsibility of ensuring each new principal is mentored by a qualified, highly trained mentor. ROE 51 is an ISBE certified mentoring provider/entity. Please contact Barron Robinson, ROE 51 Program Coordinator, if you need New Principal Mentoring services.

## Educator Certification System (ECS)

Access to the Educator Certification System (ECS) is

through the internet. ECS is a web-based system that allows educators/administrators access to certification data and to input professional development activities. ECS can be accessed on any computer with an internet browser at [www.isbe.net/ECS](http://www.isbe.net/ECS).

Call (585-8090) or email Barron Robinson [brobinson@roe51sdc.org](mailto:brobinson@roe51sdc.org) if you have any questions about ECS.

## Helpful Hints When Inputting Professional Development Activities on ECS

- Be sure to include the appropriate information for each professional development listing.
- Please do not submit activities for approval that are part of your regular job responsibilities — i.e., evaluating teachers, facilitating faculty meetings, preparing for a tax referendum, etc.
- Please do not attempt to claim 8 hours for each day of a conference. Note that you cannot receive professional development credit for breakfast, lunch or dinner meetings
- Please do not submit duplicate claims for the exact same activity
- Please do not submit excessive claims for book and journal readings (you can count up to 30% of your total required CPDs)

## Change in CPD Related to Professional Readings of Books and Journals

Professional readings (books/journals) are **limited to 30% of the total Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours needed.** If you list a book or journal as CPDs in your personal ECS account, you must list the full title of the book/journal, the author's full name, and the number of pages read. **The readings must be related to school improvement, school operation, student growth, or student achievement.** For documentation, you are reminded that a written summary of each professional reading is required.

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## Reading First Update

“**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**” is the theme of our high quality professional development offerings for area teachers. We are pleased to share news about the following language arts workshops to be offered during Fall, 2008:

- **October 27, 2008 — Phonemic Awareness/Phonics Instruction - Dr. Michael Heggerty**  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield, IL
- **October 28, 2008 — Supporting Sight Word & Phonics Skills in Early Writing - Dr. Michael Heggerty**  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield, IL

Ever since **DR. MICHAEL HEGGERTY** began coming to our region more than a year ago, teachers have been asking to hear about his writing program. On **October 28, 2008**, he will present his daily writing curriculum with an emphasis on student accountability for sight words and the application of phonics skills. On the day before, **October 27, 2008**, he again will present his *Phonemic Awareness/Phonics* program. Just as before, participants will be able to choose either a Kindergarten or Grade 1 Phonemic Awareness curriculum when they attend.

- **November 21-22, 2008 (Friday & Saturday) — Explicit Teaching of Vocabulary & Comprehension - Dr. Anita Archer**  
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield, IL

If you've spoken to any teacher or principal who came to one of **DR. ANITA ARCHER's** presentations in either April or August, undoubtedly you've heard rave reviews! “*Relevant, phenomenal, amazing, revitaliz-*

*ing*” are just a few of the superlatives used in the evaluations. As one teacher expressed, “*Loved it. I wish every teacher could experience this wonderful workshop!*” Well, the good news is that Anita has squeezed two days out of her busy 2008-09 schedule to spend with us. “Wooo!” (You'll understand that exclamation after you spend a day with Anita!)

If you are contemplating attending any professional development this year, please consider coming to hear **DR. ARCHER** on **Friday and Saturday, November 21-22, 2008**. Her topic is “*Explicit Instruction in Vocabulary and Comprehension*”, but during her entire presentation, she very skillfully models strategies to increase student engagement, as well.

Although we have been working on plans to bring **DEBBIE DILLER** back to Springfield, we have not been able to work out all of the details in time for publication in this newsletter. We are trying to schedule a repeat of her presentation on “*Literacy Work Stations and Differentiation/Small Group Instruction*” during the week of October 20-24, 2008. **Once plans have been confirmed, we will contact districts in our region with that information.**

If you have any questions or comments you would like to share, please contact me at ROE #51: Suzanne Colombo at [scolombo@roe51sdc.org](mailto:scolombo@roe51sdc.org). Wishing you a great start to your school year!

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I am excited to be joining the staff of the ROE as technology coordinator. My previous position was with Springfield High School, where I worked for the past 14 years as technology facilitator. My responsibilities included webmaster class advisor, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) class technology support and club advisor for the Students for the Integration of Technology (SITE).

This past month I have been busy getting the ROE computer lab ready for GIS training for teachers. The computers now have the *ArcExplorer* and *ArcMap* software. The ESRI Company, who makes the soft-

ware, very generously gave the ROE a complimentary copy of their newly released curriculum which starts with introductory lessons for the 3rd grade level and continues through high school and beyond. This gives Sangamon County teachers the opportunity to become comfortable using the curriculum and software right here at the ROE Staff Development Center.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Dianne Fulton, who retired this year from the position of technology coordinator, for her work in developing and expanding the technology services offered by the ROE. I know she will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to attend her workshops and receive her help and guidance throughout her time at the ROE.

### [www.roe51.org](http://www.roe51.org)

Please bookmark the ROE 51 website, <http://www.roe51.org>! Our website is updated frequently with important information for Sangamon County educators so be sure to visit often. Included on the website is a wealth of useful information for Sangamon County schools, including links to online resources, an online school directory, descriptions of the ROE 51 services, workshop information and much, much more!

Follow the “**schools**” link in the left hand column and you will see a new feature called “**Sangamon County Spotlight**”. We would love to feature your school in this spot! Send information, a link to a class project or attach an image so we can share some of the great things going on in our Sangamon County schools. Email information to [mpower@roe51.k12.il.us](mailto:mpower@roe51.k12.il.us).

### GIS Workshop Series

A series of GIS workshops is planned for the fall to allow teachers and technology resource staff to preview lessons from the newly released curriculum by ESRI, *Our World GIS Education*. Teachers will also learn of cost effective ways to acquire GIS resources for their classrooms and their schools.

Teachers from all disciplines are encouraged to participate. GIS projects are greatly enriched through a

cross-curricular approach. Here are just a few ideas how different subject areas could be involved in GIS projects:

- **GIS students** could make the maps.
- **Math students** could convert global coordinates from degrees, minutes and seconds to decimal degrees.
- **History students** could visit the Sangamon Valley Collection at the Lincoln Library in Springfield to research important historical landmarks for a Community Atlas Project.
- **Science students** could take waypoints and routes while on a biodiversity field trip.
- **Art students** could beautify the maps by adding images and artistic elements using PhotoShop.
- **Lit students** could map the journeys of characters in literature.
- **Web design students** could help make an online GIS project which can be shared with the world!

Students of all grade levels may also be involved. For example, kindergarten students make great data collectors! Simply by carrying a hand held GPS unit (check brands that allow downloading to a computer) on a field trip they could collect route data that could be used in a map.

**September 18, 2008**

**GIS Workshop I — *Thinking Spatially***, Level one  
*“Magellan Crosses the Pacific Ocean”*  
 3rd through 6th grade teachers and technology resource staff

Don't miss this opportunity to preview the newly released curriculum, *Thinking Spatially Using GIS*, which was written specifically for grades 3-6. After completing the sample lesson “*Magellan Crosses the Pacific Ocean*” you will have a basic understanding of the ArcExplorer software and see how easy it is to lead your students through the fabulous lessons in this curriculum.

**October 9, 2008**

**GIS Workshop II — *Voting Trends in Your District***  
11th and 12th grade teachers and technology resource staff

Using election results posted on the Sangamon County website and Census 2000 voting district boundaries from the ESRI website, you will create a thematic map showing the distribution of votes for Al Gore and George W. Bush from the 2000 general election. Software used is ArcMap 9.2. You will leave the workshop with a thematic map of the distribution of votes for the two candidates that you can use when you do a follow-up project with your students based on the 2008 general election results in November!

**October 23, 2008**

**GIS Workshop III – *Getting Started with ArcMap 9.2***  
Educators wanting to learn the basics of ArcMap 9.2

Teachers, learn the basics of the software, ArcMap 9.2, by completing the lesson, "*ArcView, The Basics*", from the award winning ESRI curriculum, *Mapping Our World Using GIS*. You will be using the same industry standard GIS software that is used by government agencies around the world, in many industries and even the *National Geographic Magazine*! You will leave this workshop with knowledge of the ArcMap 9.2 tools and ideas about how you can use this with students.

**December 4, 2008**

**GIS Workshop IV — *Community Atlas Project***  
Teachers and technology resource staff

ESRI's U.S. Community Atlas is a project in which teachers and students across the country define their communities through maps and narrative. These projects are then posted on the ESRI website. This workshop will walk you through the process of completing an *ESRI Community Atlas project* with your students. If you follow the Community Atlas guidelines and your project is approved you will receive your choice of valuable rewards, such as software, books or training, from the ESRI company. For more information check out the Community Atlas website [www.esri.com/industries/k-12/atlas/index.html](http://www.esri.com/industries/k-12/atlas/index.html).

## SynchronEyes Workshop

**September 8, 2008**

***Introduction to SynchronEyes Software***  
Technology support staff and teachers

Join us at the Staff Development Center for a webinar on the classroom management software, **SynchronEyes by Smart Technologies**. This software may be used with your Smart Board to connect a teacher's computer with every computer in a networked classroom. Software specialist from Smart Technologies, Joel Bayley, is conducting this webinar, just for us, from his office in Calgary, Canada. If you are interested in attending this webinar from a location other than the Staff Development Center please let Jenni Dahl know and she will send you details about how you can join.

## ECS Training

Once again ECS training for educators will be held the 4th Monday of every month (except December) at the Staff Development Center, between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM. This is your chance for hands-on time to input your CPDU's into the ISBE website. ROE 51 ECS expert, Julie Campbell, will be available to answer questions. ECS training information is posted on the ROE website under "Workshops"

The dates are:

<b>September 29</b>	<b>January 26</b>	<b>April 27</b>
<b>October 27</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>June 22</b>

## Community Events for Educators

**October 11-12, 2008**

***Indian Summer Festival***  
Lincoln Memorial Garden

Contact the Garden at 529-1111, [img2301@com-cast.net](mailto:img2301@com-cast.net)) if you have students who would like to volunteer to assist with children's activities at the festival.

**April 30, 2009 and May 1, 2009**

***Illinois Symphony Educational Concerts***  
Sangamon Auditorium at UIS

The *Illinois Symphony Educational Concerts* will take

place on April 30, 2009 for grades k-3 and on May 1 for grades 4-8 at Sangamon Auditorium at UIS. Two performances will be given each day at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The program is entitled "Space Me Out" and will include the music of Gustav Host's "The Planets" and a timpani concerto by ISO's David Collier. The concerts will be a part of Class Acts at Sangamon Auditorium and the charge will be \$5.50 with a complimentary ticket for every 16th ticket. For tickets and arrangements, call 217-206-6160 or visit [www.Sangamon Auditorium.org](http://www.Sangamon Auditorium.org). Questions can be answered at the ISO office at 522-2838.

**March 26-28, 2009**

***29th Annual Illinois History Symposium***

*"Abraham Lincoln in Ante-Bellum Illinois: 1830-1861"*

**Call for Papers**

Deadline: September 30, 2009

Please visit The Illinois State Historical Society website, [www.historyillinois.org](http://www.historyillinois.org) for more information about the Symposium.

## CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

### *Illinois History for Kids Website*

[www.shs.springfield.k12.il.us/HistoryForKidsishs\\_development/index.html](http://www.shs.springfield.k12.il.us/HistoryForKidsishs_development/index.html)

The *Illinois History for Kids* website was developed last year, in cooperation with the Illinois State Historical Society, to be a website that would engage young people in the study of Illinois history. If your students have a history project that they'd like to contribute to the website, the Springfield High School webmaster class would be glad to post it. Contact William Furry, [wfurry@historyillinois.org](mailto:wfurry@historyillinois.org), Director of the Illinois State Historical Society or Danielle Fox, [dfox@springfield.k12.il.us](mailto:dfox@springfield.k12.il.us), SHS webmaster class advisor, if you'd like to submit a project for consideration.

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## Systems of Support and Standard Aligned Classroom Grants

These spring grant programs are available for school districts to assist with student achievement and school improvement. Last year several administrators and teachers took advantage of these beneficial initiatives. The ***RESPRO Systems of Support (SOS) Initiative*** offers assistance to a school who may not meet Average Yearly Progress (AYP). The ***RESPRO/SOS*** focuses on four key areas:

- 1) **Data Analysis and District/School Improvement**
- 2) **Curriculum Alignment, Instruction and Assessment**
- 3) **Administrator and Educator Quality, and**
- 4) **Student, Parent, Community and Family Support.**

The ***Standard Aligned Classroom (SAC) Initiative*** offers a full year of professional development that allows teachers to gain a better understanding of Illinois Learning Standards and how to align lessons and assessments to the Standards. SAC has three levels of implementation:

- Level I — teams begin with intensive two-day training session**
- Level II — teams write and submit a lesson plan aligned to Illinois Learning Standards, with a focus on assessments**
- Level III — provides school wide training.**

*Also, SAC provides an emphasis on Special Education.*

Educators who are interested in information and details about participating in these initiatives should contact Jeff Vose at **217-585-8090** or e-mail Jeff at [jvose@roe51sdc.org](mailto:jvose@roe51sdc.org).

## Workshop Pre-registration Procedures

Advanced registration is required for all Sangamon ROE-SDC programs. Sangamon ROE-SDC reserves the right to cancel any program due to lack of enrollment.

**Registration** – To register, please fill out the registration form completely and mail with your registration check or purchase order to **ROE-SDC** Registrations, 2201 Toronto Rd., Ste. A, Springfield, IL 62712-3803. Only Administrators' Academy program registrations will be accepted by phone. A confirmation card will be mailed upon receipt of your registration. Please call our office (**585-8090**) if you do not receive confirmation. Your canceled check is your receipt.

**Purchase Orders** – If your school district sends a purchase order to cover registration fees, include registration forms with the purchase orders. ROE-SDC will return any purchase order that is not accompanied by completed registration forms.

**New Policy on Refunds** – Refunds will be issued **ONLY** for registration fees over \$10 and to participants who call the ROE-SDC office at least five days prior to the beginning of the program. If the ROE-SDC cancels the program due to lack of enrollment, all refunds will automatically be made.



### Sangamon ROE-SDC Workshop Pre-Registration Form ONE REGISTRANT PER FORM PLEASE

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, IL Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City \_\_\_\_\_, IL Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School County \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Teacher-grade/subject? \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Administrator-position \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Office Use Only**

*Date Paid* \_\_\_\_\_ *PO/Dist/Pers Ck #* \_\_\_\_\_ *Fee Amt* \_\_\_\_\_ *Ck Amt* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Introduction to Evaluation of Certified Staff (#1)**

Every administrator who is listed as "Evaluator" in the district's plan MUST attend this core evaluation training session before evaluating staff. Participants will gain knowledge and practice skills to improve their ability to supervise and evaluate teachers effectively. Please bring your teacher evaluation instruments with you, as well as criteria for the instrument and preconference/postconference forms. (Seasoned administrators may take this course a 2nd time as a refresher course and receive Academy credit.)

**Administrators  
Academy**

**ROE Contact Person:** J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$220 in County; \$240 out of County



**Materials, lunches & refreshments provided**  
**September 17 & 18, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Mary Loken, Lyle Wind

**Registration Deadline is 09/10/2008**

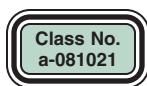
**Developing Effective Conferencing Skills with Teachers (#74)**

A hands-on workshop that focuses on ways to help teachers to reflect more about their own teaching through the conference process associated with the evaluation or supervision of teaching performance.

**Administrators  
Academy**

**ROE Contact Person(s):** J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$135 in County; \$150 out of County



**Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**  
**October 21, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield

**Presenter(s):** Don Kachur

**Registration Deadline is 10/14/2008**

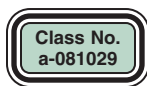
**Administrative Leadership for Challenging Times II (#304)**

This Administrator Academy will provide participants with a structured but flexible model for leadership to address change and the current challenges facing schools today. The workshop will address the following areas: 1) Managing Change 2) A Model for Addressing Systemic Change in Schools 3) Factors That Facilitate Change 4) Focusing on First Things First 5) The S.T.P. Approach to School Improvement 6) Designing a Local Site-Based Blueprint for Action

**Administrators  
Academy**

**ROE Contact Person(s):** J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$135 in County; \$150 out of County



**Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**  
**October 29, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield

**Presenter(s):** Susan Goodale

**Registration Deadline is 10/22/2008**

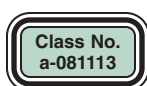
**Dealing with Difficult Teachers-Evaluating & Motivating Difficult Staff (#152)**

This workshop will help building administrators motivate and change behaviors of the staff's most challenging members. Participants will also develop an understanding of change and how the process can be successful.

**Administrators  
Academy**

**ROE Contact Person(s):** J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$135 in County; \$150 out of County



**Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**  
**November 13, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield

**Presenter(s):** Phil Silsby

**Registration Deadline is 11/06/2008**

**Fifteen Things that Matter Most in the Making of a Great Principal (#499)**

This workshop reveals what the most effective principals do differently than their colleagues. Focus will be on fifteen areas that the most successful principals do that other principals do not, why these areas make them more effective and how to immediately implement each of the practices into your school.

**Administrators  
Academy**

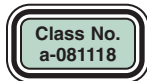
**ROE Contact Person(s):** J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$135 in County; \$150 out of County

**Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**

**November 18, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield



**Presenter(s):** Don Kachur

**Registration Deadline is 11/11/2008**

**Resources Trunks to Enhance Learning Activities**

Teachers will be shown and work with each of the 7 excellent Resources Trunks we have available for loan for classroom use. Each trunk is full of hands-on and other motivating items along with suggested activities for science, social studies and general interest. See the article in the SSN issue for more information.

**Math/Science**

3 CPDUs

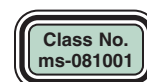
**ROE Contact Person(s):** Marv Hoech/Angie Durall

\$5

**Materials & refreshments provided**

**October 1, 2008 — 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield



**Presenter(s):** Val Keener

**Registration Deadline is 09/24/2008**

**Bicentennial Teacher Preparation**

This workshop will assist Sangamon County 5th grade teachers — reading in content areas — in preparing lessons pertaining to the life of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, Lincoln's farewell address to the citizens of Springfield, music in Lincoln's era, and patriotism.

**Staff  
Development**

3 CPDUs

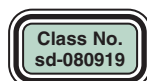
**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jeff Vose/Angie Durall

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**Materials & refreshments provided**

**September 19, 2008 — 12:00 PM-4:00 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room B — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield



**Presenter(s):** J. Dirksen, B. Lestikow, N. Stratton & others

**Registration Deadline is 09/12/2008**

## Parking at SDC Meetings/Workshops at CACC

When attending ROE-Staff Development Center meetings/workshops at the Capital Area Career Center, please **DO NOT park in the numbered spaces or the spaces outlined in red**. These areas are reserved. Unauthorized vehicles parked in these areas are subject to being towed at the owner's expense. **You will need to use the yellow outlined spaces that are not numbered**. If you are attending a professional development meeting/workshop at the Staff Development Center located at CACC, please place the left side of the confirmation card that you receive from ROE-SDC on your dash board.

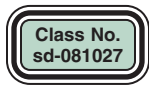
**Dr. M. Heggerty: Phonemic Awareness/Phonics Instruction**

Dr. Heggerty will present the rationale and procedures for his daily phonemic awareness curriculum, as well as strategies for sight word acquisition and phonics instruction.

**Staff  
Development**

**ROE Contact Person(s):** *Suzanne Colombo/Angie Durall*

6 CPDUs



\$75

**Materials & refreshments provided**

**October 27, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield

**Presenter(s):** *Dr. Michael Heggerty*

**Registration Deadline is 10/20/2008**

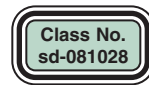
**Dr. M. Heggerty: Supporting Sight Word & Phonics Skills in Early Writing**

Dr. Heggerty will present the rationale and procedures for daily writing instruction with an emphasis on student accountability for sight word acquisition and the application of phonics skills.

**Staff  
Development**

**ROE Contact Person(s):** *Suzanne Colombo/Angie Durall*

6 CPDUs



\$25

**Materials & refreshments provided**

**October 28, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:30 PM**

IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield

**Presenter(s):** *Dr. Michael Heggerty*

**Registration Deadline is 10/21/2008**

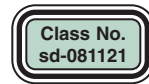
**Dr. Anita Archer: Explicit Teaching of Vocabulary & Comprehension**

Dynamic author, educator, and presenter, Dr. Anita Archer, models and explains techniques to promote student engagement within the context of explicit teaching of vocabulary and comprehension skills during this Friday and Saturday workshop.

**Staff  
Development**

**ROE Contact Person(s):** *Suzanne Colombo/Angie Durall*

11 CPDUs



\$50

**Materials & refreshments provided**

**November 21 & 22, 2008 — 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**

IEA Professional Development Center  
3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield

**Presenter(s):** *Dr. Anita Archer*

**Registration Deadline is 11/14/2008**

**Introduction to SynchronEyes Software**

Technology support staff and teachers - Join us at the Staff Development Center for a Webinar on the classroom management software, SynchronEyes, by Smart Technologies. This software may be used with your Smart Board to connect a teacher's computer with every computer in a networked classroom. Software specialist from Smart Technologies, Joel Bayley, is conducting this webinar, just for us, from his office in Calgary, Canada. If you are interested in attending this webinar from a site other than the Staff Development Center, please let me know and I will send you details about how you can join.

**Technology**

1 CPDU

**ROE Contact Person(s):** *Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall*



\$0

**September 8, 2008 — 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield

**Presenter(s):** *Joel Bayley, Smart Technology*

**Registration Deadline is 09/01/2008**

**Thinking Spatially Using GIS (Level 1)**

3rd - 6th grade teachers, this is for you! Don't miss this opportunity to preview the newly released curriculum, **Thinking Spatially Using GIS**, which was written specifically for grades 3 - 6. After completing the sample lesson, "Magellan Crosses the Pacific Ocean", you will have a basic understanding of the ArcExplorer software and see how easy it is to lead your students through the fabulous lessons in this curriculum.

**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

\$5

**Materials & refreshments provided****September 18, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl**Registration Deadline is 09/11/2008****ECS Training for Teachers**

The Staff Development Computer Lab will be open from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on the last Monday of every month so that teachers can come and get help with ECS (Educator's Certification System). Teachers should bring all evidence of Professional Development and any questions that you have. We will help you set up your ECS accounts and input your data.

**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

\$0

**September 29, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl and Julie Campbell**Registration Deadline is 09/22/2008****Voting Trends in Your District**

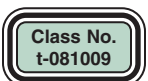
Using election results posted on the Sangamon County website and Census 2000 voting district boundaries from the ESRI website, you will create a thematic map showing the distribution of votes for Al Gore and George W. Bush in the 2000 general election. Software used is ArcMap 9.2. You will leave the workshop with a thematic map of the distribution of votes for the two candidates that you can use when you do a follow-up project with your students based on the 2008 general election results in November!

**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

\$5

**Materials & refreshments provided****October 9, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl**Registration Deadline is 09/29/2008****Getting Started with ArcMap 9.2**

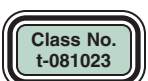
Teachers, learn the basics of the software, ArcMap 9.2, by completing the lesson, "ArcView, The Basics", from the award winning ESRI curriculum, Mapping Our World Using GIS. You will be using the same industry standard GIS software that is used by government agencies around the world, in many industries and even the National Geographic! You will leave this workshop with knowledge of ArcMap 9.2 and ideas about how you can use this with students.

**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

\$5

**Materials & refreshments provided****October 23, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl**Registration Deadline is 10/16/2008**

**ECS Training for Teachers**

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**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

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**Materials & refreshments provided****October 27, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl and Julie Campbell**Registration Deadline is 10/20/2008****ECS Training for Teachers**

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**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

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**Materials & refreshments provided****November 24, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl and Julie Campbell**Registration Deadline is 11/18/2008**

# BICENTENIAL TEACHER PREPARATION

By Gary Sullivan

A special event to commemorate the life of Abraham Lincoln is being planned for February 11, 2009. This event will bring together Sangamon County fifth grade students to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity celebrating the life of Abraham Lincoln.

The program will feature a re-enactment of Lincoln's Farewell Address and will include music of the time, banners, newspapers and more. This event will take place at the **Prairie Capitol Convention Center** and will receive national and international attention.

All school districts are invited to send fifth grade teachers to a preparation workshop to be held on **September 19, 2008** at the **ROE Staff Development Center** from **12:00 until 4:00 pm** and we will provide 3 CPDUs for those who participate. These teachers will then become the lead teacher for involving the other fifth grade teachers in their building.

The purpose of this workshop is to participate in the development of materials and lesson plans to be utilized to involve the students in preparing for the event. In order to reserve a spot for your school please contact Barbara Lestikow by September 12, 2008 at one of the following phone numbers or by e-mail. Phone 217-787-1412; Phone 217-494-5951; [lestikow@comcast.net](mailto:lestikow@comcast.net).

**Community Atlas Project**

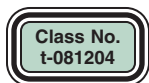
ESRI's U.S. Community Atlas is a project in which teachers and students across the country define their communities through maps and narrative. These projects are then posted on the ESRI website. This workshop will walk you through the process of completing an ESRI Community Atlas project with your students. If you follow the Community Atlas guidelines and your project is approved, you will receive your choice of rewards, such as software, books or training from the ESRI company. The Community Atlas website is [www.esri.com/industries/k-12/atlas/index.html](http://www.esri.com/industries/k-12/atlas/index.html)

**Technology**

2 CPDUs

**ROE Contact Person(s):** Jenni Dahl/Angie Durall

\$5

**Materials & refreshments provided****December 4, 2008 — 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor  
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jenni Dahl**Registration Deadline is 11/26/2008**

# Illinois Symphony Educational Concerts

The Illinois Symphony Educational Concerts will take place on April 30, 2009 for grades K-3 and on May 1 for grades 4-8 at Sangamon Auditorium at UIS. Two performances will be given each day at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The program is entitled "Space Me Out" and will include the music of Gustav Holst's "The Planets" and a timpani concerto by ISO's David Collier. The concerts will be a part of Class Acts at Sangamon Auditorium and the charge will be \$5.50 with a complimentary ticket for every 16th ticket. For tickets and arrangements, call 217-206-6160 or visit [www.SangamonAuditorium.org](http://www.SangamonAuditorium.org). Questions can be answered at the ISO office at 522-2838.