

Sangamon Schools' News



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Another Great Year

Fall is coming. It will hopefully cool off soon and make activities easier in those un-air-conditioned classrooms. It won't be long before the snow flies and warm weather returns to enable us to continue the educational cycle. There is so much excitement in the air this year that I believe it will be one of the best school years ever in Sangamon County.

This past summer we met many new teachers and administrators who are joining the ranks of Sangamon County educators. They seemed to share an excitement about bringing new, scientifically researched programs to assist our students in finding success in the work world of the 21st Century.

Our office is implementing a program to assist students in graduating on time. We have adopted the use of the **A++ Computer Based Courseware in the Sangamon County Learning Academy**. We realize that there are often students who need a specific course or courses in order to graduate on time. We believe the 36 courses we are offering will enable many youth to meet these goals and assist them in continuing academic or vocational training. We plan to have the programming up and running quite soon. Our staff is finalizing the plans and will be getting the information to the counselors and deans in the very near future. The classes will be held at the Capital Area Career Center from 3:15 to 5:15 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Certification News

Certificate renewal has been confusing to a lot of teachers/administrators and it doesn't need to be. The Sangamon County Regional Office of Education can send ROE representatives to your school's workshops to explain the process of certification renewal. Please call Julie at 753-6730 to set up an appointment to have Helen Tolan, Julie Campbell or Dianne Fulton (585-8090) come to your school for power point presentation or a workshop on certification renewal. Please tell staff to keep up with new information on the Sangamon Schools' News which is online at www.roe51.org.

The pre-printed certificate renewal forms for 2008 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 They have been replaced by IEIN numbers.* Administrators that are up for renewal in 2008 are urged to submit their statement of assurance soon after April 1, 2008 so that their administrative certificates are valid on July 1. Teachers may renew their certificates as early as September 1, 2007. 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 pro-

Professional development on ECS can be found at 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 is working on providing 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.

HB 1647 (Representative Phios; Senator Cronin): This bill, **beginning July 1, 2008, requires that individuals with a Type 73 School Service Personnel certificate must have 80 hours of continuing professional development in order to renew the certificate every five years.** The legislation sets forth the requirements and procedures for renewal, including requiring the completion and the types of activities that can be completed for professional development. The process for renewal and the types of professional development required for certificate renewal under this legislation are similar to provisions already established for teacher's professional development. The bill also provides for exceptions for individuals who (1) hold an active license issued by the State as a clinical professional counselor, a professional counselor, a clinical social worker, a social worker, or a speech-language pathologist; (ii) holds national certification as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist from the National School Psychology Certification Board; (iii) is nationally certified as a National Certified School Nurse from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses; (iv) is nationally certified as a National Certified Counselor or National Certified School Counselor from the National Board for Certified Counselors; or (v) holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-hearing Association. These individuals shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional development requirement.

Statistics on Certificate Renewal

Total number of renewals in 2004: **86**

Total number of renewals in 2005: **982**

Total number of renewals in 2006: **879**

Total number of renewals in 2007: **667**

Number of staff that used the ECS for their renewal in 2007: **314**

Number of staff that moved from their Initial to Standard certificates: **95**

Did you know that an Initial Certificate is invalid on the teacher's fifth year of teaching? They MUST move to Standard.

Have a great school year!

Helen

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.

Marv Hoech
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Singapore Math Workshop Here November 6!

Singapore Math is a program of promise that is sweeping the country! Our full-day workshop on **Tuesday, November 6**, will focus on the 8-Step Model Drawing process which is a main problem-solving technique used in Singapore Math, but can be implemented by teachers using other math programs. Workshop attendees will learn the basics behind this process, how to apply it to more advanced problems, and when to use this method with students. See the Workshop Section of this SSN issue to register.

Each registrant also will receive a copy (\$25 value) of the practical *8-Step Model Drawing* manual co-authored by two leading Singapore Math experts in America who both have studied the process in Singapore and are training teachers coast-to-coast. One of them, Bob Hogan, also has been invited to train teachers in Singapore! These two foremost experts also led an intense 4-day workshop in Boston this past summer to which we sent District 186 math teacher Terry Schoppenhorst. Terry will lead our ROE-SDC workshop here.

You should attend if you are searching for a proven way to teach math and raise student achievement without necessarily changing your existing curriculum. The workshop will introduce you to what the math experts claim to be the most powerful approach to basic math instruction in a generation! Here's your chance to find out how Singaporean children catapulted to the top in math achievement worldwide. (The 2003 TIMMS study showed Singapore as the world's math leader with the U. S. coming in 15th out of the 45 participating nations.) Now the best teaching techniques from the world's math leader have been newly adapted for the U. S. classroom.

Singapore Math is a unique approach to teaching math that focuses on building students' problem-solving, mental math, and high-level thinking skills. By starting with the concrete, then moving to the pictorial, and finishing with the abstract, Singapore Math adds greater depth to your instruction and improves students' mastery of basic math concepts. Our November 6 workshop will focus on the problem-solving technique.

Other features of Singapore Math will be addressed in two separate half-day workshops to be held in early December or in January. Watch for details in our next SSN issue and on our ROE-SDC website.

Safe Chemicals in Education Workshop

This workshop will be held **Friday, September 21**, at our ROE-SDC. It will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end by 3:00 p.m. The workshop will provide teachers with timely information on safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals used in science classes, procedures for safely using and storing hazardous materials, and microscale chemistry. Lunch will be provided and 5 CPDU's given to each teacher attending. The workshop will be led by educators from the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Flinn Scientific. See the Workshop Section of this SSN issue to register.

The Illinois EPA has funding to collect hazardous educational and mercury waste from schools. A school will qualify for a free chemical pick-up by Illinois EPA by sending a teacher to this workshop. Attendance at a workshop like this by a teacher is a **definite requirement** for participation in the free chemical pick-up program.

Opportunity for Science Educators Doing Environmental Work

Since 1993, the Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks have recognized outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers across the country who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. The Sea World/Busch Gardens/Fuji Film Environmental Excellence Awards provides school and community groups with a monetary award, national recognition, and some well-deserved fun at one of the adventure parks. Eight winning groups are selected each year to win \$10,000. One environmental educator/leader each year receives \$5,000. The deadline for applications is November 30, 2007. For information on how you, your school, or a student group could win both money and recognition, call toll-free 877-792-4332.

National Science Teacher Association Conferences

The NSTA is conducting three outstanding Conferences this fall: October 18-20 in Detroit, November 8-10 in Denver, December 6-8 in Birmingham. Each Conference offers its own program, but all have featured speakers of national and international renown, a smorgasbord of workshop choices, exhibits and demonstrations of the latest teaching/learning strategies, equipment, materials and activities. Thousands of science teachers attend these NSTA state-of-the-art Conferences. For full program and registration information and other details contact <http://www.nsta.org/conferences>.

Help Available from the SDC Science/Math Office

As you teachers plan your classroom activities you are invited to call Marv (585-8090) or at home (546-0968) for any additional activity ideas, information, equipment loans, materials needed, procedural problems, etc. for which you would like his help in planning a unit or lesson. We still have some equipment and kit items to loan and also some consumables and other items to give away where needed. We also have many different large and attractive full-color teaching posters to give away as requested for teaching and/or “educationally decorating” your classroom.

STARLAB Teacher Training Workshop

This year we plan to conduct this workshop twice, but at 2 different locations – one at Williamsville and one at Pawnee. Dates and other arrangements have not been finalized at the time this SSN issue went to press. See details in our next SSN issue and on our ROE-SDC website.

This practical workshop shows teachers how to set up, care for, operate, and use our \$15,000 STARLAB System. In the past 8 years, 97 Sangamon County teachers have been trained and thus are eligible to use the System themselves with their own students. The workshop also demonstrates each of the 10 STARLAB programs we have available for use. They can be used in several subject areas and easily can be adapted to a wide range of grade levels.

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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 2007:

September 13 – “Using a Data Driven Process to Improve Student Performance” – Cost \$125 in area, \$140 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

September 18 & 19 – “Introduction to the Evaluation of Certified Staff” – Cost \$200 in area, \$220 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

October 11 – “Managing Mood and Behavior Disorders” – Cost \$125 in area, \$140 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

October 30 – “Developing Leadership Principles Through the Study of Great Leaders” [Book to read – *The Soul of Battle* by Victor Davis Hanson] – Cost \$125 in area, \$140 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

November 7 – “Using Curriculum Mapping for School Improvement” – Cost \$125 in area, \$140 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

November 29 – “Palm Piloting for Educators – Administrative and Educational Use” – Cost \$125 in area, \$140 out of area (lunch and materials provided)

Scheduled Workshop

(Non-Administrators Academy) for fall 2007:

October 15 – “Bullying Prevention Basics” – Cost \$15 (lunch on your own) 5 CPDs

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

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 2007 – 08 fiscal year **must** also take an additional Administrators' Academy course for the year

Administrators must participate in at least **one professional development activity for each year** of certificate's 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.

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. There are many outstanding features to ECS. ECS can be accessed on any computer with an internet browser at www.isbe.net/ECS.

Call 585-8090 or email Barron Robinson at brobinson@roe51sdc.org if you have any questions about ECS.

Professional Development Activities/Hour

Your professional development activities must represent *LEARNING ACTIVITIES* for you. Your professional development activities are NOT synonymous with administrative responsibilities such as running curriculum committees or attending athletic conference meetings or meeting with teachers to discuss school improvement plans or district administrator meetings. Meetings of any sort are usually considered part of your job, and are not considered to represent learning situations for you as an administrator. If there is professional development as part of a meeting, you can include that portion of the meeting in your CPD hours. You must state the topic and the presenter. If you list attending or presenting at a conference, workshop, or symposium, you must list the title and the presenter and entity that sponsored the event. If you attended a local conference, list it as a regional conference as there is not a local conference choice.

When ECS says "I attended a workshop on..." and leaves space for you to fill in, it is looking for the topic or title, not the dates, which are listed on a different screen. If you list a book, you must list the full title of the book, the author's full name, and the number of pages. You can count the hours you spent reading the book. It must be a leadership or education related book. If you take a graduate course, you can count 15 hours for each semester hour of graduate credit.

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

Administrator Certificate Renewal

To assist you with renewing your certificates, please refer to the ROE 51 website at www.roe51.org (see "administrative links")

The following topics are addressed in detail:

- Where do I begin?
- Professional Development Status
- Approved required Administrators' Academy
- Missing the Yearly Academy Requirement
- Professional Development Activities/Hours
- Types of Statements of Assurance
- Submitting a Statement of Assurance
- Completing your renewal
- Audits

If you have any questions or need any help in regards to the renewal process, please call 585-8090 or email Barron Robinson at brobinson@roe51sdc.org.

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Reading First Update

An air of anticipation accompanies the beginning of every new school year whether you're approaching it from the perspective of an administrator, teacher, parent, student, or a combination of these roles. I get nostalgic because it has always been a favorite time of year for me! As a grade schooler, my mom and I would make an annual trip to the Osco Drug Store downtown on Monroe Street for a new book bag, packs of pencils, Bic pens, notebook paper, and the ubiquitous new compass and protractor which I was quite sure I needed every year.

By the time I was a student at Lanphier, I'd take the bus downtown with my friends to shop for shoes—I mean, school supplies, or we'd walk to Hudson's Variety Store on North Grand Avenue for Pee-Chee portfolios and ink cartridge fountain pens.

Many years later, when I had to prepare both my own classroom and my two children with necessary supplies, fall was a real budget-buster! But, when it was time for my kids to go off to college, finances weren't the most painful part—it was saying good-bye! My colleague, Deb Coet-Hanna, had that experience in early August when she and her family took her son to Rose-Hulman in Indiana. Good luck, Robert!

Here at ROE #51, Reading First plans include several ISBE-sponsored professional development activities. Principals and Reading Coaches will be sharing those plans with teachers in each school. We are excited about extending the opportunity to attend the Reading First Teacher Academies to non-Reading First schools, once again. The summer academies were very well-received by Kdg.-Gr. 1 and Gr. 2-3 participants. If you are interested, please see the workshop listing in this newsletter. We chose to offer the four days of training in one-day sessions during October, November, January, and February.

For those of you who are familiar with the work of nationally-known author and educator Debbie Diller, Reading First will be sponsoring a two-day workshop with her in June, 2008, on the topics of literacy work stations and making the most of small group instruction. Watch for complete details on her workshop in the winter edition of this newsletter.

If there are other workshop opportunities that become available, we will be in contact with districts in our region, or if you have specific requests that you would like to discuss, please contact me or Deb Coet-Hanna at ROE #51.

This school year will be filled with excitement and challenges, as expected! So, enjoy making your memories, whether with your family back-to-school rituals or special back to school traditions with colleagues and students in your own classrooms!

Jeff Vose
jvose@roe51sdc.org

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 email jvose@roe51sdc.org.

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Be sure to bookmark our improved ROE 51 Website <http://www.roe51.org>.

We have been adding to our Workshop pages and updating our Links. Discover some of our useful tools including:

- Services (includes all departments)
- Links (including Administrators, Teachers, Curriculum...)
- Calendar (includes detailed, up-to-date information on all of our Professional Developments and registration)
- Schools (lists include the links and School Report Cards for all Sangamon County Schools)
- Sangamon County Online Directory
- Newsletters
- Staff (names, emails, and phone numbers)
- Applitrack (employment opportunities)
- Board Members

Technology Workshops

Teachers: Use Data to Improve Student Performance

In this highly interactive workshop, teachers will become acquainted with all the features of the IIRC (Illinois Interactive Report Card). Teachers will learn how to

organize data, and develop and implement strategies to improve student performance for ISAT. October 9, 2007 from 4-6 PM.

We are very willing to come to your school and provide your staff with this valuable information!

Google Earth

Teachers will learn how the amazing, FREE, web-based Google Earth can enhance your classroom in all areas of the curriculum! Zoom in, tilt and explore the world in 3D! Besides a tutorial in using the Google Earth features, teachers will learn many applications to bring this amazing technology into the classroom. Oct. 22, 2007 from 4-6 PM.

“Grant Writing: How, When, Where”

Participants will learn “How” to search for grant money to use in your classrooms and schools. Participants will learn “Where” to look for these grants, and “When” is the best time to write for grants. Attendees will learn how to best use the ISBE Grant websites, and receive grant writing tips. Myron Mason from the ISBE will be presenting this information. Oct. 5, 2007 from 1-3 PM.

Fine Arts Integration Reading and Writing

Participants for this workshop will explore various curriculum integration concepts with emphasis on integrating reading and writing concepts into art lessons. They will also examine and receive a copy of the publication Integrated Curriculum Arts Project a collection of activities written by Illinois educators in which K-12 dance, drama, music, and visual arts instruction are integrated with other disciplines. Attendees will have an opportuni-

ty to create integrated activities with other educators and will receive copies of the activities developed during the workshop. This workshop will be held at Williamsville Jr. High School, on Oct. 5, 2007, from 9:30-11:30 AM.

TI Inspire-

Math Teachers, don't miss this one! Have you seen TI's (**Texas Instrument**) latest "TI-Nspire" handheld? TI-Nspire learning technology includes handhelds and computer software. Grasp the math with multiple representations of a problem that can be dynamically linked together. Teachers will use this technology and see the benefits! Educators will leave with hand-on activities that use this technology to enhance the learning of mathematics. View a demonstration at www.ti-nspire.com Kara Harmon will be presenting this workshop from 4-6 PM on Sept. 17th.

ECS Training for Teachers

The Staff Development Computer Lab will be open from 4-6 PM on the last Monday of every month so that teachers can come and get help with ECS (Educator's Certification System). We will work with teachers to input their CPDU's for certification. The dates are **Sept. 24th, Oct. 29th, Nov. 26th, Dec. 17th, Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th, March 31st, April 28th, and May 19th.**

Website Review

<http://www.sitesforteachers.com/index.html>. A long list to choose from!

http://www.roe51.org/Links_New.htm#forteachers. Our own updated list!

National Expert on Children's Gardens to Speak in Springfield September 5

Gardening with a child is a great way to learn and grow together. Jane L. Taylor, founder of the Michigan State University Children's Garden, will present a program on “Bringing Magical Elements into a Garden for Kids” on Wednesday, September 5, from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Jane will examine some enthusiastic ideas to enhance, enrich, educate, excite and entertain kids in the garden for their enjoyment, for their eating pleasure, and for the environment.

This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to hear a nationally known children's garden consultant share her ideas about what makes a garden a great experience for a child.

The program is sponsored by and will be held at the University of Illinois Extension Sangamon-Menard Unit building #30, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield. Cost for the program is \$10.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Check made payable to University of Illinois Extension may be mailed to Sangamon-Menard Unit, 2501 N. 8th Street, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, 62702. For more information call (217) 782-4617.

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 _____

Workshop Title	Class No.	Date	Fee
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Total \$ Enclosed _____

For Office Use Only

Date Paid _____ PO/Dist/Pers Ck # _____ Fee Amt _____ Ck Amt _____

Using a Data Driven Process to Improve Student Performance (#97)

This course will help participants understand the components of an effective School Improvement Plan, analyze their existing plan, learn how to organize data in a process to help staff analyze data, and develop and implement strategies to improve student performance.

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

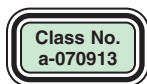
ROE Contact Person: Lyle Wind/Angie Durall

\$125 in County; \$140 out of County

Materials, lunch & refreshments provided

September 13, 2007—8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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



Presenter(s): Lyle Wind

Registration Deadline is 09/06/07

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.

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

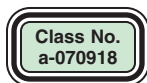
ROE Contact Person(s): J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$200 in County; \$220 out of County

Materials, lunches & refreshments provided

September 18 & 19, 2007 — 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 09/11/07

Managing Mood and Behavior Disorders (#597)

This course will provide tools and research to understand and manage mood disorders ranging from anxiety, depression and bi-polar to Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders in school. It will also include characteristics of common mood and behavior disorders, and overview of medical treatments for identified disorders and strategies for managing these disorders.

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

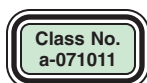
ROE Contact Person(s): J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$125 in County; \$140 out of County

Materials, lunch & refreshments provided

October 11, 2007 — 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 10/04/07

Developing Leadership Principles Through the Study of Great Leaders (#224)

This course will help participants understand components of effective leadership, analyze the principles used by recognized leaders, and assist with the preparation of a personal leadership plan to provide organizational change when it is appropriate. Advance reading of a book on leadership is required in order to allow participants to discuss the content of the book and the leadership qualities of the historical figures included in the book. **The Soul of Battle** by Victor Davis Hanson will be delivered to participants upon receipt of payment for the workshop. **(Payment is required in advance.)**

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

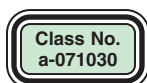
ROE Contact Person(s): J. Barron Robinson/Angie Durall

\$125 in County; \$140 out of County

Materials, lunch & refreshments provided

October 30, 2007 — 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. Paul Craig

Registration Deadline is 10/16/07

Curriculum Mapping for School Improvement (#336)

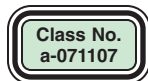
This course is an adaptation of Administrators' Academy #78, "Using Curriculum Mapping for School Improvement" (7.30 hrs.). This course will provide participants with a structured model for school improvement using curriculum mapping as a means to sequence, articulate, analyze, and improve instruction for all students across the curriculum.

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

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

\$125 in County; \$140 out of County

Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**November 7, 2007 — 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 10/31/07

Palm Piloting for Educators - Administrative and Educational Uses (#14)

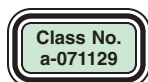
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**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

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Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**November 29, 2007 — 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Jan Leonard*

Registration Deadline is 11/22/07

ECS Training for Administrators 2008 Certificate Renewal

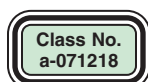
Administrators will learn about the Certification requirements, documentation needed, and the ECS online website. Time will be allowed to answer your specific questions.

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

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

\$0

December 18, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PMSangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *J. Barron Robinson, Dianne Fulton*

Registration Deadline is 12/11/07

Effective Transition of English Learners (#496)

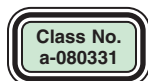
This course will cover the Minimum Program Requirements for English Language Learners, with an introduction to the State's English Language Proficiency Standards for ELL including an overview of the ACCESS for ELLs (English Language proficiency test). It will also provide a framework for participants to independently design an appropriate pre-referral process for ELLs.

**Administrators
Academy**

n/a CPDUs

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

\$125 in County; \$140 out of County

Materials, lunch & refreshments provided**March 31, 2008 — 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Debra Cole*

Registration Deadline is 03/24/2008

Fine Arts Integration/Reading and Writing

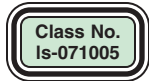
Participants will explore various curriculum integration concepts with emphasis on integrating reading and writing concepts into arts lessons. They will also examine and receive a copy of the publication Integrated Curriculum Arts Project, a collection of activities written by Illinois educators in which K-12 dance, drama, music, and visual arts instruction are integrated with other disciplines. Attendees will have an opportunity to create integrated activities with other educators and will receive copies of the activities developed during the workshop.

Learning Standards

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$30

**Materials & refreshments provided****October 5, 2007 — 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM**Williamsville Jr. High School
500 South Walnut Street, Williamsville**Presenter(s):** *Roberta Volkman*

Registration Deadline is 09/28/07

Safe Chemicals in Education

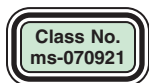
This workshop will provide teachers with timely information on safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals used in science classes, procedures for safely using and storing hazardous materials, and microscale chemistry. A school will qualify for a FREE chemical pick-up by Illinois EPA by sending a teacher to this workshop. See the article in this SSN issue for more information.

Math/ Science

5 CPDUs

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

\$20

**Materials, lunch & refreshments provided****September 21, 2007 — 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *K Runkle, J Davis, P Schlinder, B Lockart*

Registration Deadline is 09/14/07

Singapore Math Problem-Solving

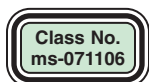
Singapore Math is a program of interest that is sweeping the country! This workshop will focus on the 8-Step Model Drawing process which is a main problem-solving technique used in Singapore Math, but can be implemented by teachers using other math programs. Attendees will learn the basics behind this process, how to apply it to more advanced problems, and when to use this method with students. See the article in this SSN issue for more details.

Math/ Science

6 CPDUs

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

\$40 (\$0 - S.O.S. school teachers)

**Materials, lunch & refreshments provided****November 6, 2007 — 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):** *Terry Schoppenhorst*

Registration Deadline is 10/31/07

Bullying Prevention Basics

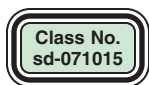
This training will provide participants with a basic overview of bullying and relational aggression; definitions; statistics; myths; gender differences; risk and protective factors; effective interventions; and essential components of an effective bullying prevention program. Participants will leave this training with an expanded ability to identify bullying and relational aggression, direct themselves and others to helpful resources, and be knowledgeable about effective prevention strategies for their organization and community.

**Staff
Development**

5 CPDUs

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

\$15

**Materials provided (lunch on your own)****October 15, 2007 — 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Patti Faughn and Judith Taylor

Registration Deadline is 10/08/07

Reading First Academies for Non-Reading First Schools(K-1 private/public teachers)

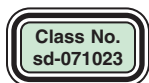
Updated Reading First Academies will offer participants a comprehensive experience with current research-based literacy instructional practices for teaching Oral Language Development, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension. Academy materials, plus professional and student resources will be provided. This workshop will target Kindergarten and First Grade teachers of regular education, resource and special education. Registration will be limited to 30 so **please register early!**

**Staff
Development**

24 CPDUs

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

\$25

**Materials/refreshments provided (Lunch on your own)****Oct. 23, Nov. 14, 2007, Jan 23, Feb. 6, 2008 — 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Rooms A/B — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** RF Certified Academy Presenters

Registration Deadline is 10/15/07

Reading First Academies for Non-Reading First Schools(Gr. 2-3 private/public teachers)

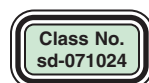
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**Staff
Development**

24 CPDUs

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

\$25

**Materials/refreshments provided (Lunch on your own)****Oct. 24, Nov. 15, 2007, Jan 24, Feb. 7, 2008 — 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Rooms A/B — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** RF Certified Academy Presenters

Registration Deadline is 10/15/07

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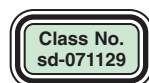
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**Staff
Development**

6 CPDUs

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

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2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** Jan Leonard

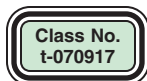
Registration Deadline is 11/22/07

Become Inspired with the TI-Nspire Learning Technology

Have you seen TI's (Texas Instrument) latest – the "TI-Nspire" handheld? TI-Nspire learning technology includes handhelds and computer software. Grasp the math with multiple representations of a problem that can be *dynamically linked* together. Teachers will use this technology and see the benefits! Educators will leave with hands-on activities that use this technology to enhance the *learning* of mathematics. View a demonstration at www.it-nspire.com. (Geared toward 8th-12th grade teachers)

Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$5

Materials & refreshments provided**September 17, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Jan Leonard*

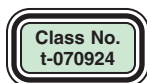
Registration Deadline is 09/10/07

ECS Training for Teachers

Teachers will receive hands-on instruction for the ECS system and learn how to input professional development. Time will be given for individual questions and teachers may input their data.

Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$0

September 24, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PMSangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Dianne Fulton, Julie Campbell*

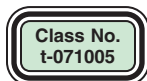
Registration Deadline is 09/17/07

"Grant Writing: How, When, Where"

Participants will learn "How" to search for grant money to use in classrooms and schools. Participants will learn "Where" to look for these grants, and "When" is the best time to write for grants. Attendees will also learn how to best use the ISBE Grant websites and receive grant writing tips.

Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$5

Materials & refreshments provided**October 5, 2007 — 1:00 - 3:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Activity Room A — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Myron Mason, ISBE*

Registration Deadline is 09/28/07

Teachers: Use Data to Improve Student Performance

In this highly interactive workshop, teachers will become acquainted with all the features of the IIRC (Illinois Interactive Report Card). Teachers will learn how to organize data and develop and implement strategies to improve student performance.

Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$5

Materials & refreshments provided**October 9, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Dianne Fulton*

Registration Deadline is 10/02/07

Using "Google Earth" in the Classroom

Teachers will learn how the amazing, FREE, web-based Google Earth can enhance your classroom in all areas of the curriculum! Zoom in, tilt and explore the world in 3D! Besides a tutorial in using the Google Earth features, teachers will learn many applications to bring this amazing technology into the classroom.

Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$5

Materials & refreshments provided**October 22, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PM**Sangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd floor
2201 Toronto Rd (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Dianne Fulton*

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Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

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2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Dianne Fulton, Julie Campbell*

Registration Deadline is 10/22/07

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Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$0

November 26, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PMSangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd Floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Dianne Fulton, Julie Campbell*

Registration Deadline is 11/19/07

ECS Training for Teachers

Teachers will receive hands-on instruction for the ECS system and learn how to input professional development. Time will be given for individual questions and teachers may input their data.

Technology

2 CPDUs

ROE Contact Person(s): *Dianne Fulton/Angie Durall*

\$0

December 17, 2007 — 4:00 - 6:00 PMSangamon ROE Staff Development Center, Computer Lab — 2nd Floor
2201 Toronto Road (Exit #90 off I-55), Springfield**Presenter(s):** *Dianne Fulton, Julie Campbell*

Registration Deadline is 12/10/07