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Special points of interest:

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Greetings for this New School Year!

I know some of you are just getting started while others have been in class since August 1. This year for RICE begins with our meeting on Thursday, September 4. I hope you are looking forward to the meeting as much as I am. RICE meetings are a sharing of education ideas and resources by people focused on students and learning. The people I have met through RICE continue to uplift and energize me. This opportunity to gather together to focus on modifying and hopefully improving is one of main reasons I got involved. The topics that are covered often include computer or technology, but the focus is always on students and learning. The members are what make this organization strong and vibrant. **YOU** are the source of our best ideas and, many times, the answers to questions for other members. For your participation I am truly grateful.

This year RICE can provide our members with a new membership benefit. RICE is a chapter of Illinois Computing Educators (ICE). ICE has created a Blogging Website using TypePad software. Each chapter has its own blog site for members to access, but you may also view other chapter sites. The address for the RICE blog site is <http://ice.typepad.com/rice/> . Please take time to visit the site and choose to link to it with your email address. Many of our members live too far out to be able to attend all our meetings. This will enable us to keep everyone updated with the latest information. Julie Cox has graciously volunteered to be the RICE blogger and will be posting information on a regular basis. This is intended to be an active exchange of ideas, questions, comments, and whatever else our members need. So please take a few minutes to take a look and register your email address.

I am extending an open invitation to all parties interested to come to any of our meetings. The RICE Web page and Blog site both contain information about our meetings. Please share the meeting information with your fellow staff and educators. We offer pizza at each of our meetings, so please do email me to make sure we have enough. I would love to see you on September 4 at the RIROE (Moline ROE).

NFI Fall 2008

Dates: Wednesday & Thursday, November 5 & 6, 2008

Location: Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort, Galena, IL

Times: Tuesday, Early Registration: 4:30 - 6:00 PM
 Wednesday, Sign in: 8 - 9 AM, Training: 9 AM - 3 PM
 Thursday, Sign-in: 8 - 9 AM Training: 9 - 11:30 AM

Cost: \$150

To Register: www.kidsroe.org/KIDS/Catalog/Class.cfm?clsNumber=4726 or call LoriAnne at 815/921-8475.

Room reservations: You must make your own room reservation at Eagle Ridge. Call 1-800-892-2269 and ask for the rooms held for the Learning Technology group to get a special conference rate.

Questions? Contact Lori Whitman at (815) 737-3040
lwhitman@kidsroe.org
 Or Jerry Johansen at (309) 736-1111
jjohansen@bhsroe.k12.il.us

Two great topics from which to choose! More extensive session descriptions can be found at www.kidsroe.org/LTC2E/NFI08SessionDescriptions.htm

Session 1: Enhancing Education with Online and Electronic Games

Sean C. Duncan and Ivan Alex Games, from the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will highlight predominant themes in recent games and learning research while facilitating workshops in which participants will explore the potential of games and education.

Session 2: On Being a Better Technology Leader: Choices & Journeys

Presenters will cover a variety of topics that will help you to make good choices along the journey of a Technology Leader. Discussions, group break out sessions, and handout materials will provide those who attend with valuable tools to be successful. Basic topics (quick side trips on our Journey) will be addressed for those with gaps in their background or understanding, while advanced and HOT topics (short detours on our Journey) will be covered for those who have more technology experience. A brief discussion will also be held for those who came from outside of an educational setting into the world of educational technology.



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“Help your students understand the presidential election process. This information and more on www.teachervision.fen.com/elections/teaching-methods/56372.html.”



2008 Presidential Election Resources

Bios of Nominees

Encourage your students to learn more about the 2008 democratic and republican presidential candidates with these short biographies.

Democrat

- [Barack Obama](#)

Republican

[John McCain](#)

Lesson Plans

- [The Presidential Election Process](#)
Students will understand that presidential elections are decided by the electoral college and not popular votes.
- [Presidential Trading Cards](#)
Students will gather data using the Internet to create research projects.
- [Inaugural Poetry](#)
Review poems read at presidential inauguration ceremonies with this lesson plan.

References

- More [Elections Resources](#)
- [Presidential Elections](#)
An explanation of the presidential election process appropriate for those in elementary school.
- [Presidential Conventions](#)
A brief history of presidential conventions.
- [Closest Presidential Races](#)
An article comparing close presidential races in U.S. history.
- [History of Presidential Inaugurations](#)
Share an article that outlines the history of presidential inaugurations in the United States.
- [How a President Gets Elected](#)
Use this article to help explain how the U.S. president is elected.
- [Unusual Voting Results in the U.S.](#)
The results of the 1872, and 1876 presidential elections exemplify the difficulties of the electoral process.
- [Election of the President & Vice President: Electoral College](#)
An article explaining the electoral college in the election process for the President of the United States.
- [USA Election Vocabulary](#)
Here is a list of over 60 commonly used words that relate to elections.



Planned Meetings 2008-2009

Thursday, Sept 4, 2008
 Location: RIROE (ROE Moline)
 Meeting 4:30 - 5:00 PM
 5:00 - 6:00 PM Photoshop CS
 Presenter: Dixie Schroeder

We are excited to reschedule Dixie. So many members expressed an interest in her presentation that was cancelled due to snow. Come join us for a great opening presentation and pizza. Yes, this is a little later than our usual meeting. This allows travel time for presenter. Please RSVP [Nancy](#) for food count. Stay for Pizza and Questions 6-6:30 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008
 Location: RIROE (ROE Moline)
 4:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 PM Web 2.0 Free Resources for Teachers
 Presenter: Nancy Licko and Rick Miers

Rick and Nancy will share the resources we have tried and explored. Please come and share any experiences you have had with Web 2.0 resources.
 Stay for Pizza and Questions 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Thursday, Feb 5, 2009
 Location: Glenview Middle School, East Moline
 4:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 PM Technology Grant Resources and Practices
 Presenters: Patrick Versluis

Join us at Glenview where Patrick will demonstrate how the resources provided by the Technology Grant have been integrated into the students' curriculum and practices.
 Stay for Pizza and Questions 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
 Location: RIROE (ROE Moline)
 4:00 - 4:30 PM Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 PM ICE Conference Showcase/Election of Officers
Members who attend the ICE Technology Conference will share the best of their conference session resources.
 Stay for Pizza and Questions 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Please share this information with your co-workers. We have some exciting presentations this year we would like to share with you and your fellow educators. Have a great fall!

Nancy Licko
 RICE President



"RSVP Nancy Licko at nlicko@gmail.com and let her know you are coming in order to order enough pizza."





RICE Information

"Illinois Technology Conference for Educators occurs every February at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Illinois. Over a 100 national vendors displaying products and offering more than 250 breakout sessions."



Next RICE Meeting
November 5 2008 at Glenview Middle School, East Moline.

ICE/RICE Membership Benefits

STAR Online (www.star-online.org) has over 50 modules in a virtual teaching and learning community. It is an interactive, self-paced staff development model, which allows participants to gain knowledge and skills in the application of educational technology. Email the ICE office for your access password (info@iceberg.org).

Illinois Technology Conference for Educators (IL-TCE) occurs every February at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Illinois (www.il-tce.org). There are two days of pre-conference intense training workshops on a variety of technology topics, followed by two full days of the conference. We have over a hundred national vendors displaying their products and offer more than 250 breakout sessions, with leading innovators in technology as our keynote speakers. CPDUs are available.

ICECube is our quarterly newsletter of professional articles about technology in education. Written by leaders in the field throughout the state and beyond, information is provided to enrich your experiences and knowledge. All members are encouraged to contribute to our newsletter.

TECH2008 is a student technology showcase that continues to impress state legislators and their constituents from year to year. For the past sixteen years, public policymakers from around the state have banded together to promote the most comprehensive and diverse demonstration of classroom technology in the Midwest by those who use these technologies on a daily basis -- students and teachers.

The "Collaboratory in Your Classroom" eCourse is for educators who want to use the Collaboratory to develop technology enriched, standards-aligned, project-based learning activities for their students that meet Illinois Learning Standards and Goals. Librarians, media specialists, and technology facilitators who are collaborating with classroom teachers attending the Collaboratory online class are encouraged to participate. The eCourse is free, and Illinois participants may receive 15 CPDUs for completing this class.

<http://collaboratory.nunet.net>

Web Services

ICE provides to its members free email, 5 MB of server space to post personal or classroom web pages, and FTP access to personal documents on the server. Contact info@iceberg.org for more information.

Scholarships

Ice provides annual scholarships to its members and families given in the following categories:

- ICE members pursuing advanced degrees
- ICE members attending professional development workshops and conferences,
- ICE members taking online classes

ICE members' children pursuing a degree in Education



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The Illinois Association of School Business Officials, the Illinois Computing Educators and Illinois Chief Technology Officers are pleased to announce the second annual:

TechCon: Technology and Financial Issues for the 21st Century Conference

Technology is changing society and education. From business managers to technology directors, investment in technology will change the future of learning. As access moves faster than understanding, education professionals must keep pace. Illinois ASBO, the Illinois Computing Educators and the Illinois Chief Technology Officers have created a conference to meet these needs.

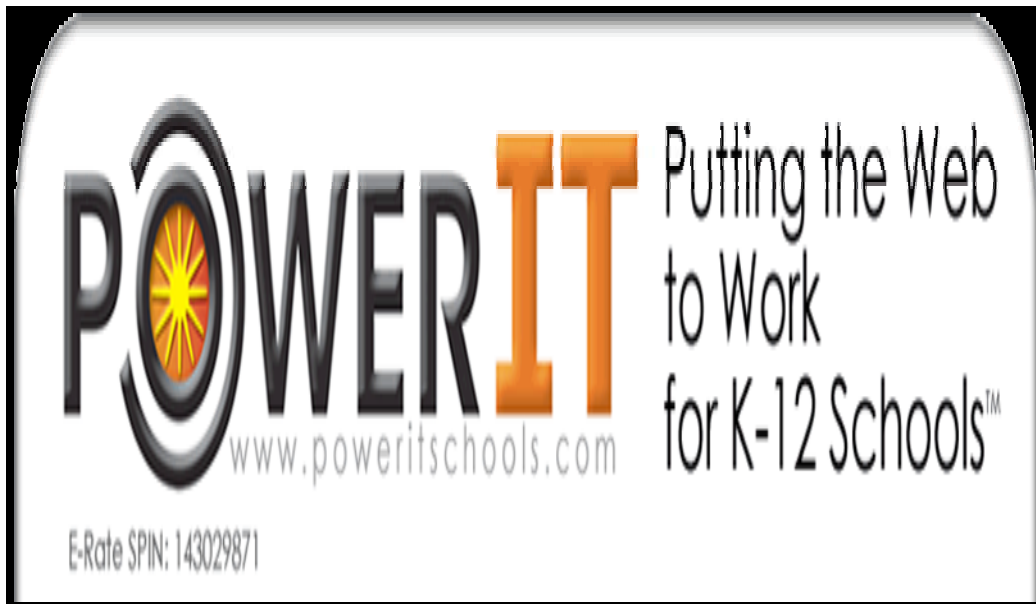
Of special interest to educators is the fact that noted speaker **Wesley Fryer** will give the keynote presentation in addition to a breakout session later in the day. ICE members **David Jakes** and **Charlene Chausis** are also featured presenters during the day, and each will present sessions focusing on the challenges and opportunities that Web 2.0 resources present to teachers and school administrators.

The 2008 TechCon will be held on **Friday, October 17, 2008**, at the **Holiday Inn Select in Naperville**; 1801 Naper Boulevard, Naperville, IL 60563. For more information about the event and links to the online registration site, please click the link below to view the conference web site:

<http://events.iasbo.org/techcon/index.html>

Last year's conference was a great success and this year's event promises to be even more powerful. Please save the date and plan to join us for a valuable and thought-provoking program!

Information Page



Presenters needed for ICE Conference 2009

We seek presenters for half-day and full-day workshops, general breakout sessions, and poster sessions. You can find more information on the ICE web site, and if you are interested in being a presenter, all of the online registration forms are on the site as well:

www.iceberg.org

Just look for the link labeled "ICE Conference 2009" and select the link to the proposal form that best matches your interest.

Our last conference was a resounding success and ICE Conference 2009 promises to be even bigger and better. If you know of other colleagues who might be willing to serve as conference presenters, please pass along this information to them. Be sure to save the dates and make plans to join us next February!



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