



# Southern Indiana Education Center

## News Notes

Vol. 2010

March, 2010

No. 3

### SCHOOL WELLNESS COUNCIL MEETING



On Tuesday morning, April 13, a School Wellness Council Meeting will be held at the SIEC. This meeting provides a chance for school wellness educators to network and share ideas. Plans for the 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon meeting also feature presentations by: Consumer and Family Sciences Educator Jan Dougan from the Purdue Extension Service, Physical Education and Health Teacher Becky Genet from Perry Central High School, and Director of the American Cancer Society - Southwest Indiana, Eric Herndon. There is no charge to attend this meeting. To register or view a copy of the flyer, visit the SIEC website at: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops).

### IMPROVING ISTEP WRITING SKILLS USING THE SIMPLE 6



Kay Davidson will be the presenter for this workshop on May 13 at the SIEC. The intended audience is Grade 1-6 teachers. Learn how easy it really is to improve your student's writing scores! Everything you learn will be based on the Indiana academic standards and ISTEP+. This hands-on workshop will focus on standardized assessment, prompt format, Prompt Attack, program implementation, scoring, and data analysis. Participants will receive a copy of the book, "The Simple 6: A Writing Rubric for Kids." The cost for the workshop is \$175 for ESC members. For further details or to register, visit: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops)

### EXPLORING 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS



In order to prepare students to be successful, it is necessary to not only ensure that they acquire content knowledge but also real-world life skills. It is no longer enough to carry around a virtual briefcase of knowledge and skills. Students must also be able to communicate and collaborate, access and evaluate new information, and have an awareness of their entire environment. This workshop explores the facets of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and shares ideas for how to integrate them into your daily classroom routines. The workshop will be held on Friday, April 16, at the SIEC from 9:00 – 3:30 ET. The cost is \$150 for ESC members and you do need to bring along a laptop computer. For further details or to register, go to: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops)

### INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT BASED LEARNING



Whether you are investigating the project based learning model for possible implementation or you are preparing students who will attend a middle or high school with a PBL focus, this informative workshop will be helpful. It will explore the basic attributes of project based learning including: what PBL is and what it is not, various implementation models, the features of a PBL unit vs. doing a "Project", and the role of the teacher in a PBL classroom. Participants will have access to a variety of sample project templates to explore. The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 15, at the SIEC from 9:00 – 3:30 ET and you do need to bring along a laptop computer. The cost is \$150 for ESC members. For further details or to register, visit: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops)

### THE SIMPLE 6 FOR BEGINNING WRITERS IN GRADES K-2



This full-day workshop focuses on motivation for beginning writers. Learn how to integrate The Simple 6 as you read aloud to your students each day. Kay Davidson, author of The Simple 6 will give you the information and hands-on practice you need to teach beginning writers to aspire to a Score 6 on formal writing assessments. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at the SIEC from 9:00 – 3:30 ET and each participant will receive a copy of the book, "The Simple 6 for Beginning Writers." The cost is \$175 for ESC members and you can learn more about the workshop by visiting: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops)

### SPRING MEDIA MEETING



"Promoting Your School Library" is the theme of the Media Meeting planned for Thursday afternoon, April 22. The meeting will be held at Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School and details are being finalized at this time. Librarians, watch for further information sometime soon!

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY  
OFFERS FREE CLASSROOM  
PRESENTATIONS TO CELEBRATE  
EARTH WEEK 2010**



April 22 is Earth Day, and Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) staff are available to conduct complimentary classroom presentations to offer students a glimpse into how behavior affects the environment. Through entertaining, yet educational games such as “Environmental Jeopardy” or art projects like an edible landfill, IDEM professionals use class time to conduct interactive presentations that illustrate possible environmental careers while teaching students about the environment. “An Earth Day presentation provides an excellent opportunity to further children’s knowledge and appreciation of the environment,” said IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly. “Developing good environmental stewardship habits at a young age is very important, and by learning simple ways to reduce their impact on the environment now, we hope these students will be more conscious of their actions.” Presentation topics include air quality, water quality, land quality, and recycling. The 30 to 50 minute presentations are free, and each school may request up to four. IDEM will be available for classroom presentations from April 12 through April 23. To register for a program, please complete the IDEM Earth Day Celebration Speaker Reservation form, located online at [www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/53454.pdf](http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/53454.pdf), and fax to (317) 233-5627. For further information, call (800) 988-7901, ext. 3-5433.

**MOODLE BEYOND THE BASICS  
RESCHEDULED**



This workshop on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 is designed for educators who have a basic understanding of creat-

ing a Moodle course and are ready to explore additional aspects of Moodle to meet the needs of learners with different learning styles. Specifically participants will:

- ◆ Learn how to setup a blog, chat, questionnaire, glossary, quiz, and wiki
- ◆ Add content/activities to their course using the materials that they bring such as textbooks, tests, resources and websites
- ◆ Receive feedback/input on course development

Teachers should also bring along any materials that will be helpful for developing these activities. The session will be held on the campus of Vincennes University Jasper Campus from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The cost for SIEC and other ESC members is \$95 and \$150 for non-members. About the Presenter: Connie Champlin has worked as a classroom teacher, school library media specialist, district administrator, library consultant, staff development coordinator, and media technology consultant. For the past several years, Connie has developed Moodle courses for the Indiana DOE and presented Moodle staff development programs across Indiana.



**SIEC  
Executive Board  
for 2009 - 2010**

**Mr. Terry Enlow, Chairman**  
SW Dubois County Schools

**Dr. Keith Spurgeon, Vice Chairman**  
MSD Mt. Vernon

**Dr. Mark Eastridge, Secretary**  
Crawford County Schools

**Mr. Walter Hoke, Member**  
Southwest Sullivan Schools

**Mr. John Lantis, Member**  
Mitchell Community Schools

**Mr. Joe Adams, Member**  
North Knox Schools

**Mr. Ty Mungle, Member**  
Eastern Greene Schools

A publication of the

**Southern Indiana Education Center**  
1102 Tree Lane Drive  
Jasper, IN 47546-8157  
812-482-6641 FAX 812-482-6652  
<http://www.siec.k12.in.us>

**SIEC Staff**

J. Scott Turney, Executive Director  
Amy Gonnerman, Media Coordinator  
Chadd Smith, Technology Coordinator  
Vacant Position, Program Coordinator  
Mida Creekmur, Title I SES Coordinator  
Martha Hammond, PATINS Regional Site Coordinator  
Lori Kane, PATINS Technology Consultant  
Sharon Gunselman, Executive Secretary  
Peggy Wiesehan, Media Scheduling and Insurance Trust  
Teresa Stuffle, Program and Media Assistant  
Herald Stuffle, Van Driver  
Ron LaGrange, Van Driver  
Ron Brosmer, Van Driver

## GRANT WRITING 101 FOR EDUCATORS



Do you have a great idea to support teaching or learning in your school, classroom or library? Do you need funding or other resources to support it? This workshop, scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 from 9:00 – 3:00 ET, will help demystify the grant-seeking process.

Participants will:

- learn grant writing basics
- identify a variety of grant sources for small and large initiatives
- tweak grant requests to better match interests of potential donors
- explore grant writing resources
- draft a grant proposal outline for a project of interest

The workshop will be held at the SIEC with Nancy Miller of INTEConsulting as the presenter. The cost is \$140 for SIEC/ESC members and participants are asked to bring a laptop computer if possible. For further details or to register, visit the SIEC website at: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops/](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops/)

## EXPLORING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY TOOLS TO ASSIST WITH ELL INSTRUCTION



This workshop to be held on Monday, April 12, is designed for any educator who teaches ELL students and is searching for ways to engage their students and enhance their teaching. We will focus on ways to integrate technology tools into ELL classrooms. Participants will take home a list of tools and ideas for integrating technology alongside adaptations for each LEP level. Participants are asked to bring one lesson that they are using/want to use with ELL students that we can adapt for use with technology and ensure that it follows sound second language pedagogical theories. We will also hold a roundtable session to share and learn more about successes and challenges in ELL from each other. About the Presenter: Stephanie Krajlcek has worked with INTEConsulting, She has taught English and French at Lafayette Jefferson High School for 5 years. She has worked with ELL students in pull-out courses as well as in integrated regular classes. Stephanie has teaching degrees in both French and English. This session is FREE to the SIEC ESL Consortium, \$40 to other ESC members, and \$75 for all others. We will hold this workshop in Administration A-103 on the campus of Vincennes University Jasper Campus from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Register today or learn more by visiting our workshop website: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops)

## TEACHING READING IN THE CONTENT AREAS – KRISTINA SMEKENS



When faced with students who struggle with basic reading skills, it is difficult to teach within the content areas. This one-day workshop provides educators with practical strategies to support struggling readers, increase comprehension, and incorporate writing across the curriculum. Join Kristina Smekens, a very popular and talented educator for Teaching Reading in the Content Areas at the Huntingburg Event Center on Friday, May 7, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$225 for ESC members and \$295 for non-members. Register today or learn more by visiting our workshop website - [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops) .



## SUMMARY OF ANSWERS AND SKILLS (SOAS)

### RESCHEDULED DATE!



Join us for this PSAT/NMSQT® Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS) presentation on Tuesday, April 6, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the SIEC Offices in Jasper. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop (we have wireless access at the SIEC). The PSAT/NMSQT® Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS) is provided free-of-charge to every school that tested at least 25 students in a single grade. The report allows users to analyze aggregate test question information and to examine students' academic skill level at the time they took the test. The analyses include comparisons with the nation's performance, your state's performance, and a comparable group's performance. SOAS keeps the focus on student skills as answers are analyzed across each grade-level, providing insight into how well students understand and apply the skills taught in your curriculum. Presenter: Carroll Easterday, Senior Educational Manager K-12 Services - The College Board – Indiana Office. The cost is \$10 and a light lunch will be served. This session is especially appropriate for Teams of Math Chairs, ELA Chairs, Administrators and Guidance Directors from each high school. You can register through the SIEC workshops registration page: [www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops](http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops).



# SIEC Schedule of Events 2009 - 2010



## SIEC Schedule of Events 2009 - 2010

Feb 9, Mar 11, Apr 8	School-based PD – SIEC – 4:00 – 7:00
Feb 23, Mar 18, Apr 13	Teacher Networking Days - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Check with SIEC for location
March 9	Learn 360 Video Streaming – Energize your Curriculum- SIEC – 9:30 – 11:30
March 11	Math Workstations K-2 Debbie Diller Associate – Christi Cantu – SIEC – 9:00 -3:30
March 12	AP Potential and My College Quick Start – SIEC – 10:00 – 12:30
March 12	Instructional Coaches Networking – SIEC – 1:00 – 2:30
March 16	Teacher Retirement Fund – Session II – SIEC – 5:30 – 6:30
March 17	Literacy Cohort I – 8:30 – 3:00
March 17	I Have an ELL – Now What? 9:00 – 3:00 – SIEC
March 18	Summary of Answers & Skills SOAS – SIEC – 10:00 – 1:00
April 7-8	Teaching American History Grant Session III – Huntingburg Event Center – 9:00 – 3:00
April 6	Summary of Answers and Skills - <b>RESCHEDULED</b> - SIEC - 10:00 - 1:00
April 7	Moodle – Beyond the Basics – VUJC – <b>RESCHEDULED DATE</b> – 9:00 – 3:00
April 12	Exploring the Latest Technology Tools to Assist w/ELL Instruction and ESL Roundtable VUJC – 9:00 – 3:00
April 13	School Wellness Council Meeting – SIEC - 10:00 – 12:00
April 14	Algebra Readiness – ISTEM – Math Consortium Members – 9:00 – 3:30 Huntingburg Event Center
April 15	Introduction to PBL: Part I – SIEC – 9:00 – 3:30
April 16	Exploring 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills –SIEC – 9:00 – 3:30
April 20	Grant Writing 101 for Educators – 9:00 – 3:00 - SIEC
April 22	Spring Media Meeting - Time TBA - Forest Park Jr/Sr High
May 4	Math Interventions with M-Class - Watch for Flyers
May 7	Reading in Content Areas – Grades 3-12 – Kristina Smekens - 8:30 – 3:30
May 12	Simple 6 for Beginning Writers – K-2 – SIEC – 9:00 – 3:30
May 13	Simple 6 – Improving Prompt Writing Skills for ISTEP – Grades 1-6 – 9:00 – 3:30
June 9-10	Teaching American History Grant Session IV – Huntingburg Event Center – 9:00 – 3:00
June 14-18	Literacy Cohort I
June 21-25	Teaching American History Field Trip – Washington D.C
June 28 - July 2	Teaching Writing in Today’s Classroom - Watch for Flyers.

For more information/registration go to <http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops/>

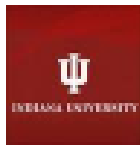
### MISSION OF THE SOUTHERN INDIANA EDUCATION CENTER



The mission of the Southern Indiana Education Center is to meet the needs of our member-schools in southwestern Indiana by:

- ✓ offering educational, supplemental, and support services effectively and efficiently on a cooperative basis,
- ✓ encouraging and assisting schools in a mode of continuous growth and desire for quality through innovative and scientifically based research based initiatives,
- ✓ supporting activities which provide for the individual and group needs of southwestern Indiana schools,
- ✓ better equalizing the educational opportunities for the staff and students of our southwestern Indiana schools, and by
- ✓ serving as a liaison between state, federal and other entities for the benefit of our southwestern Indiana schools.

## IU BLOOMINGTON - SCIENCE AND MATH COURSES SUMMER 2010



The IU Bloomington College of Arts and Sciences invites you to take part in its summer courses for teachers. The courses listed below will be offered in the summer of 2010, and will carry graduate credit that may be applied toward the completion of a science or mathematics Master of Arts for Teachers degree at IU or used to meet some of the requirements for certification as a teacher for the Advanced College Program (ACP). Teachers who meet the criteria established by the state of Indiana also may be able to use these classes for Certification Renewal Units or Growth Plan Points.

- **Mathematics M 405 - Number Theory (3 graduate credits);** *offered both on campus and online (synchronously) or at Educational Service Centers(WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS)*  
**June 17 - July 30, Monday – Friday, 9:30 am - 10:45 am**
- **Biology L509 - Local Ecology for K-12 teachers (2 graduate credits)**  
**June 18-July 7,Tues-Thursday 9-3**
- **Geology G429 - Field Geology in the Rocky Mountains (6 graduate credits) June 29–August 9, 2010**
- **Physics P301 - Modern Physics (3 graduate credits) June 21 - July 31, Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 11:30 am**
- **Chemistry – Analytical Chemistry for Teachers (3 graduate credits) July 12-23**

Teachers who are in-state residents may register for courses at the graduate rate of \$291.97 per credit hour, plus fees. Out of state rates are higher. The fee schedule is available through the Bursars Office.

Teachers who are part of the Advanced College Project, or are within a couple of courses of meeting ACP certification requirements, may have their tuition covered by the ACP program. Please contact the ACP office for more information at 812-855-3671 or ACP@indiana.edu. To register for one of these courses, please fill out the registration form (see below) and mail it to this address: Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until courses fill.

Indiana University  
College Graduate Office  
Kirkwood Hall 104  
Bloomington, IN 47405

Further information, registration forms, and course descriptions are available at

<http://college.indiana.edu/graduate/postBA/stem.shtml>.

If you have any questions about the courses or the requirements, please contact the College of Arts and Sciences Professional Enrichment Program at: COASPEP@indiana.edu



**SOUTHERN INDIANA EDUCATION CENTER**  
**1102 TREE LANE DRIVE**  
**JASPER, IN 47546**  
**WWW.SIEC.K12.IN.US**