



## FRIDAY PD FORECAST & NEWS FEED

### **NEW** NGSS Story Lining: A Model High School Life Science Unit

High school life science teachers, this is your chance to work with colleagues on understanding story lining, one of the instructional shifts required in the successful implementation of NGSS. Participants will engage in a three-dimensional unit to investigate how the role of melanin impacts the survival of animals including humans. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### **UPDATED** Vetting Student Assessments for Quality

With the advent of PERA, the need for quality assessments has been given renewed attention. The quality of teacher-created assessments may vary widely within a school/school district. Vetting assessments for quality and consistency is time-consuming for administrators who already find their time shrinking with the additional requirements in the teacher evaluation process.

The DuPage Regional Office of Education is prepared to help schools/school districts meet this challenge. We offer a service which reviews teacher-created assessments providing feedback on: **validity and reliability; format options; effective rubric construction; determining depth of knowledge; and documenting evidence of student growth.** The process we use helps to build capacity so teachers and administrators can continue this work through PLC's and/or Building Leadership Teams. For more information click [HERE](#) or contact Dr. Beth Sullivan at [bsullivan@dupageroe.org](mailto:bsullivan@dupageroe.org).

### Two New Administrator Academies

The DuPage ROE has just added two new administrator academies! Join us on:

- April 10, 2017, [AA # 1778, The Use of Restorative Practices in Schools](#).

- May 08, 2017, [AA # 1842, Exploring the New Illinois Social Studies and Civics Requirements, K-12](#).

### Principal Evaluation Tool

In a response to new legislation over 8 years ago, the DuPage ROE in collaboration with education leaders created a principal evaluation tool. The tool aligned to Leadership Standards and was adopted by many school districts statewide.

Over a year ago, an additional group of thoughtful leaders lead by the DuPage ROE spent the last year on a new version of the [Principal Evaluation Tool](#) designed to better meet the current needs of school leaders. The **2017 version** is additionally tied to PSEL and cross walked with the ISLAC. In addition, thanks to Superintendent, Don White, Hinsdale # 181, and his tech savvy, the tool is on-line and user friendly! The principal evaluation tool was unveiled last Wednesday at the superintendent breakfast to a broad audience of both superintendents and principals from across northern Illinois. *"The DuPage Regional Office of Education is committed to a high-quality education system and provides the tools necessary to advance and enhance learning for all our children,"*

-Dr. Darlene J. Ruscitti.

### **NEW** KIDS District Contact Communication

Here at ISBE, we are busy making sure you have everything you need to smoothly implement KIDS this fall! To make sure we're on the right track, we need to

## **NEW ACADEMIES:**

- April 06* - AA#1100 / Framework for Understanding Poverty - Revised 2010  
*April 10* - AA#1778 / The Use of Restorative Practices in Schools  
*April 12* - AA#986 / Evaluating Student Engagement Using the IPI – Revised 2015  
*April 13* - AA#988 / Interpersonal Team Communication for School Administrators - Revised 2016  
*May 08* - AA#1842 / Exploring the New Illinois Social Studies and Civic Requirements K-12  
*June 02* - AA#1823 / Evaluation of Music Specialists K-12 (NEW)

## **NETWORKS:**

- April 07* – 708 / District Counselors Network  
*April 21* – 716 / Assistant Principals/Deans/SROs Network  
*May 05* – 716 / Assistant Principals/Deans/SROs Network

To view all Academy Courses by date, click [HERE](#). Please visit [www.dupageroe.org](http://www.dupageroe.org) to reach the DuPage ROE website and to register.

hear from you, the designated KIDS Contact for your district. Please complete this brief survey to tell us which resources you would most find helpful as we develop and refresh a variety of tools, guidance and communications to help you understand and communicate about KIDS with everyone in your school community, including your teachers as they communicate with students' families. Please follow the link below and **submit your responses by April 10**.  
[KIDS Contact Survey Link](#)

**KIDS Overview**-By the 40<sup>th</sup> day of school in fall 2017, after gathering observations on at least 14 different readiness measures, all Illinois public school kindergarten teachers will report on each child's level of readiness. Many districts already have implemented KIDS, some for as many as three years. To date, KIDS has been piloted in classrooms serving 50,000 children.

### **NEW JCC Bomb Threats: Teen Suspect Arrested in Israel**

March 23, 2017- "A Jewish teenager was arrested Thursday in connection with a series of bomb threats that have rattled Jewish institutions and community centers across the US and other countries," Israeli police said.

A month's-long international investigation led to the 19-year-old suspect, who used "advanced camouflage technologies" to cover his tracks, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

The suspect holds dual American-Israeli citizenship, an Israeli security official told CNN. He was arrested in Israel after an undercover investigation with the FBI.

To see the rest of the article, please visit:

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/middleeast/israeli-american-teen-arrested-jcc-bomb-threats/index.html>

### **Assistant Principals/Deans/SROs Network**

Please join us to learn more about identified topics of restorative justice, legal issues and to problem solve in a collaborative environment!

- April 21, "Restore DuPage" click [HERE](#).
- May 5, "Legislative Update" click [HERE](#).

### **District Counselors Network**

Learn what the DuPage Regional Office of Education resources are available to support you students in need: anxiety, minimal credits, absenteeism, behavior issues, disengaged, trauma informed, etc. Click [HERE](#) to register.

### **ISBE Letter to Parents Regarding Required Accountability Assessments**

Schools and districts throughout the state have begun to administer the SY 2016-2017 federally required accountability assessments. In order to help support you, ISBE has provided the following letter to parents about required testing. You are free to utilize this letter in whatever way is most appropriate for your school and district, without changing its text. This letter will also be posted to the [assessment website](#) along with a Spanish version when available. If you have questions,

please contact the Assessments and Accountability Division at [assessment@isbe.net](mailto:assessment@isbe.net).

**Gifted Social Emotional Workshop with Michele Kane from Northeastern University**

Please join other educators in a workshop designed to strengthen your understanding of the social/emotional needs of Gifted and Talented learners. Click [HERE](#) to Register.

**NEW Aurora University offers an amazing opportunity for Students Entering Grades 9-12.**

Students will build their STEM career awareness, earn college credit, and work with AU professors and industry professionals. For more information contact Sharon Miller at 630-844-6194 or [sjmiller@aurora.edu](mailto:sjmiller@aurora.edu).

**Tinkering in STEM Labs and Makerspaces – April 13**

Does your school have a STEM Lab or Makerspace? Are you thinking about creating one? Join other educators to share experiences, ideas and dreams, as well as tools and resources in efforts to solve these inquiries. Part of our day will include “hands-on” time. Experts, emerging experts, and novices are welcome. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

**- SPRING IS IN THE AIR -**

**Enjoy a Run/Walk in the Sunshine and Support Children In Need at the Same Time!**

Giving DuPage annual fundraiser this year will benefit the DuPage Education Foundation, in turn, supporting our Parents as Teachers, Truancy, ALOP DuPage and Partners for Success students.

RUN/WALK ON RACE DAY – MAY 6 -

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=27820#register>

- remind your supporters to choose your charity when they register. Your org receives 50% of each run/walk registration.

MAKE A ‘ONE-TIME’ DONATION -

<https://runsignup.com/Race/27820/Charity/3976>

- For people who want to make a one-time donation to your organization. Your org receives 100% of every donation.
- Please let us know if you want us to edit this page in anyway.
- Donors find/select your charity’s donation page and scroll to the bottom of the page to complete their donation
- Don’t forget to ‘Load More Charities’ because the list is in alphabetical order

**Customized Quality Services**

The DuPage ROE prides itself on providing high quality, data driven, research based, customized and on site professional development. Our service providers are highly trained professionals, skilled in a variety of areas and very knowledgeable in best practices. ROE’s goal, whether short or long term, is to support and ensure continuous improvement and increased student achievement. As you plan for your current and future professional needs, please review our varied services and supports. If you would like more information, please contact Dr. Beth Sullivan 630-495-6080 or [bsullivan@dupageroe.org](mailto:bsullivan@dupageroe.org).

Encourage supporters to ‘BECOME A FUNDRAISER’ - <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/27820/BecomeFundraiser>

- This is the key to successful fundraising and your org will receive 100% of every donation they collect on your behalf.
- Find 10 of your best supporters and ask them to fundraise for your mission. You can have as many individual fundraisers as you want!

**NEW DuPage County Student Art Contest**

The DuPage County Fair Association will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DuPage Student Art Contest and Scholarship Program. This contest is open to all High School Student residents of DuPage County. The Student must be currently enrolled in an accredited public or private school or a home school environment. Entry forms will be available to download from the Fair’s website at <https://www.dupagecountyfair.org/dupage-student-art-contest-and-scholarship-program> , or they can be picked up at the Fair office.

**NEW DuPage County Election Commission Looking for Student Workers**

The Election Commission is asking for your assistance in providing student help for the upcoming April 4, 2017, Consolidated General Election.