

# NIESC NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Retirement Stan!!



The staff at NIESC would like to announce the retirement of a great colleague and friend, Stan Spencer. Stan will be retiring at the end of June. While we are saddened at losing our day-to-day contact with Stan, we are excited and happy for him on his retirement.

Stan started his career at NIESC in 1991. His background in education served him well during his 19 years here. As Assistant Director/Program Coordinator, Stan was responsible for countless workshops and teacher training sessions. At these sessions, Stan always strived to provide the best and foremost expert presenters in their field of expertise for our school members, at a price that school corporations could afford. Stan always aspired to be sure each and every participant was satisfied with their experiences with NIESC workshops, right down to the smallest details. Stan also worked for several years managing the NIESC Media Department. He expanded the library to its current capacity and ensured only the latest and greatest staff development material be made available to our members. Stan developed several councils to recognize individuals in their quest for bettering themselves through collaboration with their peers. These groups included the NIESC Media Council, Gifted and Talented Council and Staff Development Council. Stan was very involved in many of the area Study Council Groups and worked closely with IDOE to keep our member teachers up-to-date on licensing requirements by providing them with many workshops and training courses that offered CRUs and graduate credit. Stan also provided our schools with both administrator and teacher mentorship training programs over the course of several years.

In Stan's pre-education life, he served in the United States Air Force, ending 20 year tenure as Lt. Colonel and Squadron Commander with the Strategic Air Command. His passion and love of flight still exists today as he actively builds and flies model airplanes as a hobby in his free time. Stan plans to continue this hobby well into his retirement years and enjoys nurturing others in their endeavors to fly model planes. Nothing brings a smile to Stan's face like a warm, sunny, almost windless day. Perfect flying weather! However, if you have chocolate, the smile on his face would rival that of the perfect flying day! Stan is an avid lover of chocolate and many that attended the workshops that he facilitated could count on finding a morsel of chocolate here or there. Stan and his wife Jan plan to do some traveling once Stan retires and a trip to Hawaii has already been scheduled.

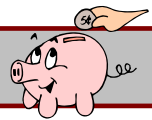
Stan has always been a model employee. His example of always putting our member's needs at the very top of his priority list is something we all strive to follow daily. We are all going to miss Stan and invite you to an **Open House in his honor at Christo's Banquet Center, Plymouth Indiana on May 26th from 3-5 PM.** Light refreshments as well as cake and punch will be served. Contact Sherry Emery at NIESC for directions or for more information 574-254-0111. Please come and help us wish Stan good luck on his retirement!

### NIESC Welcomes a New Member:

We would like to welcome a new member to the NIESC family of school corporations, MSD of New Durham Township. James Thorne is the superintendent of MSD of New Durham and is enthusiastic about the benefits of being a member of NIESC. We are excited to welcome MSD of New Durham to our organization.



# Cooperative Purchasing News



IAESC  
PROCUREMENT

## New Vendors on IAESC Procurement:

**Copy Paper Bid:** The winter purchasing period for bulk copy paper ended March 22, 2010. The next bulk copy paper purchase period will run April 23-June 23. If you need copy paper in the interim, you can always order from the regular copy paper bid, which runs through 6/30/2010. Paper is available from Staples or Quill by the case or ream at a competitive price.

**Need Help Saving Money?** If you have heard about the IAESC Procurement System, but have no idea how to get started utilizing it, contact Lisa Abell at NIESC. Lisa can help you get started utilizing the system and can come to your corporation and provide hands-on training FREE of charge! Some of the many benefits of using this system are listed below:

- "Mimics" your school's internal approval flow of ordering
- All orders are done online, cutting out lengthy paperwork
- The IAESC System can be used free of charge, with minimal set-up
- Reporting function allows you to track purchases
- Orders sent directly to the vendor to save time
- Millions of products available at your fingertips
- Combined purchasing power of all nine ESC's and AEPA results in the lowest prices possible to you

To have Lisa visit your school for a preview of the IAESC system or to get your corporation set up, contact her at: [label@niesc.k12.in.us](mailto:label@niesc.k12.in.us)

**Creative-image Technologies:** Technology can be an incredibly valuable teaching tool. Studies show that a large proportion of students are visual-spatial rather than auditory-sequential learners. They learn better when taught visually than from standard lectures. Tools such as Creative-image technologies' interactive white boards can level the playing field, giving kids who might otherwise lag behind the opportunity to excel. Creative-image Technologies provides multi media projectors, SMART interactive white boards, document cameras, student response systems, teacher voice enhancement, flat panel displays and connectivity products. A limited number of items are currently available in IAESC by shopping the option: catalog line item. As soon as testing is complete all items will be available by shopping the option: vendor online catalog.

**Intelligent Cleaning Systems:** ICS is a full service provider that distributes a national brand line of cleaning products. The services range from training on cleaning systems to building employee morale. The products are cleaning chemicals, cleaning equipment, paper and plastics, cleaning accessories and other affiliated products. Products are available by shopping the catalog line item option.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**





## MAXIMIZING THE POWER OF DIFFERENTIATION FOR HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS

FREE ONE-DAY SESSION

FOR:

School Administrators & High Ability  
Coordinators

>>> TWO SELECTIONS <<<

MAY 12, 2010  
Region 8 ESC

Register at: <http://www.r8esc.k12.in.us>

JUNE 30, 2010  
NW Indiana ESC  
Register at:

<http://www.nwiesc.k12.in.us>

TIMES: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

This event targets district and building administrators - to help them find ways to support differentiation. Participants examine elements of identification, programming, policy documentation, student and teacher assignment, and scheduling practices. Key indicators of appropriate differentiation will also be introduced.

PRESENTERS:

Dr. Ginny Burney  
&

Dr. Kristie Speirs Neumeister

STAN SPENCER  
NIESC Assistant Director/  
Program Coordinator

Retiring July 1, 2010

After nineteen years of facilitating and coordinating staff development in northern Indiana I have decided to retire. This is my second retirement. I left service with the United States Air Force (20 years) in 1991 as a Lt. Colonel and Squadron Commander with the Strategic Air Command. Since then, I have commuted from my home in Peru Indiana to NIESC in Mishawaka, logging over 870,000 miles on my many automobiles.

I consider myself fortunate to have been able to work in two of the most honored professions in this great country - military service and public education.

I salute all of you that "hang in there" and work in the trenches of public education. You are professional, dedicated and caring people - and Indiana parents are lucky having you in the classroom with their children!

Thank you for your support and friendship. **Stan**



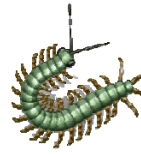
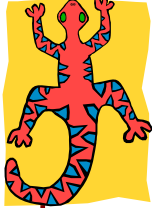
# Media News



## DVD's Available from the NIESC Library for Grades 4-6:

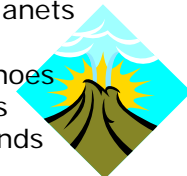
### Bill Nye The Science Guy Titles:

- D0001 Atoms
- D0002 Blood & Circulation
- D0003 Bones & Muscles
- D0004 Water Cycle
- D0005 Electrical Current
- D0007 The Moon
- D0009 Rocks & Soil
- D0010 Chemical Reactions
- D0354 Amphibians
- D0355 Animal Locomotion
- D0356 Architecture
- D0357 Archaeology
- D0358 Atmosphere
- D0359 Balance
- D0360 Birds
- D0361 Biodiversity
- D0362 Brain
- D0363 Buoyancy
- D0364 Caves
- D0365 Cells
- D0366 Climates
- D0367 Comets & Meteors
- D0368 Communication
- D0369 Computers
- D0370 Deserts
- D0371 Digestion
- D0372 Dinosaurs
- D0373 Do-It-Yourself Science
- D0374 Earthquakes
- D0375 Earth's Crust
- D0376 Earth's Seasons
- D0377 Energy
- D0378 Erosion
- D0379 Evolution
- D0380 Eyeball
- D0381 Farming
- D0382 Fish
- D0383 Flight
- D0384 Flowers
- D0385 Fluids
- D0386 Food Web
- D0387 Forensics
- D0388 Forests
- D0389 Fossils
- D0390 Friction
- D0391 Garbage
- D0392 Genes
- D0393 Germs



### Bill Nye Titles Cont.

- D0394 Gravity
- D0395 Heart
- D0396 Heat
- D0397 Human Transportation
- D0398 Insects
- D0399 Inventions
- D0400 Invertebrates
- D0401 Lakes & Ponds
- D0402 Life Cycles
- D0403 Light & Color
- D0404 Light Optics
- D0405 Magnetism
- D0406 Mammals
- D0407 Marine Mammals
- D0408 Measurement
- D0409 Momentum
- D0410 Motion
- D0411 NTV Top 11 Countdown
- D0412 Nutrition
- D0413 Ocean Exploration
- D0414 Ocean Life
- D0415 Oceanography
- D0416 Outer Space
- D0417 Patterns
- D0418 Phases of Matter
- D0419 Plants
- D0420 Pollution Solutions
- D0421 Populations
- D0422 Pressure
- D0423 Probability
- D0424 Pseudoscience
- D0425 Reptiles
- D0426 Respiration
- D0427 Rivers & Streams
- D0428 Simple Machines
- D0429 Smell
- D0430 Sound
- D0431 Space Exploration
- D0432 Spiders
- D0433 Spinning Things
- D0434 Static Electricity
- D0435 Storms
- D0436 Structure
- D0437 Skin
- D0438 The Sun
- D0439 The Science of Music
- D0440 The Planets
- D0441 Time
- D0442 Volcanoes
- D0443 Waves
- D0444 Wetlands
- D0445 Wind





## ***New at iTunesU- Continuity of Learning in Case of a Pandemic***

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, Apple launched a new iTunes University site called Continuity of Learning. This site links educator selected content from across all public iTunes University sites. These collections can be used by K-12 students and teachers to help ensure continuity of learning in the case of a pandemic or natural disaster. While the collection was created for these special circumstances, the information is accessible at any time.

Content is available on a variety of topics, including language arts, mathematics, science, history and languages. Each section has various tracks that students and teachers can use and some content is grade-specific. For example, the science section has materials available on weather, the solar system, chemistry, biology and more.

Visit the site at:

<http://deimos.apple.com/WebObjects/Core.woa/Browse/col.gov>

If this page does not open, first open your iTunes program.

## **Views On Learning News:**

Chad Miller, a senior at Northridge HS is the winner of VOL Logo contest! Chad's winning design earned him an iPod Touch® and the school a LifeSize® videoconferencing system. Chad's winning design is posted at the VOL website: [www.viewsonlearning.org](http://www.viewsonlearning.org)

In other news, VOL has awarded six schools room size videoconferencing systems and deployment is currently ongoing. An extensive implementation guide and professional development modules are also in place to assist schools as they implement interactive videoconferencing.

A major piece of the videoconferencing initiative is the multi-point bridge, which allows up to 24 connections into one conference. The bridge is undergoing final testing and the results are outstanding. Not only are schools connecting seamlessly, but the bridge also has a desktop application, which allows desktop users to connect to IVC. For more information, contact Jeff Gangloff at VOL 800-326-0184.

## **Thank you for your service, NIESC Executive Board of 2009-2010:**

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