

NIESC NEWSLETTER



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Director's Notes

*...from the desk of Ted Chittum,
Executive Director*

IN TIMES LIKE THIS, WE NEED EACH OTHER

As the second semester starts and we are longing for warmer weather all of us find ourselves doing more with less. Too bad this financial crisis won't disappear by the time the weather changes! One thing a crisis makes you do is look at how we do business.

We, as your service center, are doing just that. We have implemented new programs and services while constantly evaluating what we have done in the past. SES-Supplemental Educational Services and our distance learning opportunities are examples of new, exciting, and valuable services for your school. The efforts we have placed with our local bids giving you much more input and control than in the past and is something we have improved upon.

As dollars continue to be cut from your budgets and ours, it becomes increasingly apparent the need to pool resources and services. NIESC cannot remain as your "invisible partner". Too many of your employees still do not know what we can do or provide to your school as you focus on educating your students in this era of reduced funding with increased expectations.

As your partner in education we continue to be committed to support and enhance your efforts to provide student learning without increasing your membership fee or reducing wanted services. We can only help you in your efforts when you make us a "partner".

NEW SUPERINTENDENT: Welcome to Lynn Johnson, new superintendent at North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation.



Cooperative Purchasing News:

Copy Paper Bid: The winter purchasing period for bulk copy paper will begin January 22, 2010 and will run until March 22, 2010. To order bulk copy paper from the IAESC System, be sure to select "Bulk Copy Paper" from the drop-down menu when choosing that catalog category when ordering. 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.

NIESC Food Service Bids: NIESC is in the process of preparing our 2010-2011 Food Service Bids. Is your school corporation participating? If not, why not let NIESC help save your corporation money by participating? Bulk purchasing helps drive prices down! NIESC does all of the work and you reap the benefits by saving \$\$ on food and supply purchases. NIESC currently does a Cafeteria Food/Supply Bid, Commodities Bid, Bakery and Dairy Bid. Our secure online bidding system makes access for vendors convenient and allows them to "tweak" their prices up to just moments before the bids are opened. The deadline to participate is January 29th. If you would like more information, or to view past bid prices and compare to what you are currently spending, check out our website: <http://www.niesc.k12.in.us> Select Cooperative Purchasing and then select the bid section that you would like to view. For more information on the food bids or cooperative purchasing, contact Lisa Abell at NIESC: 574-254-0111 ext. 110.



Media News



Celebrate January & February with resources from the NIESC Media Library!

Listed below are some titles available from your NIESC Media Library that can be used to help illustrate and teach students about holidays and birthdays taking place this month in our country. Items are listed below with title number, title, grade level, media type and running time.

Benjamin Franklin's Birthday – January 17:

- 01306 Benjamin Franklin, Inventors of the World 4-9, VHS, 23 minutes
- D0305 United States Constitution: American History for Children K-6, DVD, 25 minutes
- D0766 Liberty Kids Series K-6, DVD, 19 minutes



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 18:

- 01134 Holiday Facts & Fun: Martin Luther King Day K-6, VHS, 10 minutes (also on DVD: D0280)
- D0306 African American Life: American History for Children K-6, DVD, 25 minutes



Groundhog Day – February 2:



- 12815 The Story of Punxsutawney Phil, The Fearless Forecaster: K-6, VHS, 10 minutes
- D0291 Groundhog Day: Holidays for Children K-6, DVD, 23 minutes

Weatherman's Day – February 5:

- 00016 Bill Nye-Storms 4-12, VHS, 26 minutes
- 01252 Weather: A First Look K-3, VHS, 17 minutes
- 12330 Can I Sit On A Cloud? K-3, VHS, 9 minutes
- 12508 A Look at the Weather 7-12, VHS, 15 minutes
- 13026 Winds, Fronts, & Storms 4-9, VHS, 16 minutes
- D0622 Global Warming: What's Up With the Weather? 7-college, DVD, 112 minutes

Valentine's Day – February 14

- 01193 Holiday Facts & Fun: Valentine's Day K-3, VHS, 10 minutes
- D0294 Valentine's Day: Holidays for Children K-6, DVD, 23 minutes

President's Day – February 15

- D0277 President's Day: Holidays For Children K-6, DVD, 23 minutes



MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK CARAVAN

February 2, 2010

LOCATION:
Swan Lake Resort
Plymouth, IN

TIMES:
8:30 AM - 3:45 PM

TO REGISTER for this one day event, go to www.niesc.k12.in.us and find registration information under NEWS.

This is a no cost event and participants are "on their own" for lunch.

Questions? Contact Stan Spencer at sspencer@niesc.k12.in.us
Or 574-286-1687



INDIANA TEACHERS READING ACADEMY

By
PEGGY HILL

The Indiana Teacher Reading Academy is a reading instruction process that can be applied to any early reading program. Its focus is with K-3 reading instructional process. The Academy is intended for reading instructors, administrators, reading specialists, special educators and all educators who plan and implement early reading instruction.

FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2010

LOCATION:
Christos' Banquet Center
Plymouth, IN

TIMES:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COST:
\$250 per Participant

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This program fulfills the training requirements for Indiana Comprehensive school, year 3 and above. It is also highly recommended by IDOE for schools not meeting AYP for 2 years.

TO REGISTER for this two-day workshop, go to www.niesc.k12.in.us and select Events/Registration.

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Technology/Views on Learning News



Views On Learning News:

Views on Learning, Inc. is happy to announce a logo design contest for NIESC member high schools. The purpose of the contest is to design a logo for the Views on Learning organization. The VOL logo will be used online, in print, on merchandise, and as a backdrop during our videoconferences. The entry deadline is Friday February 12, 2010 and the winning design will be announced at the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center Board of Directors meeting on Friday February 19, 2010. The winning school will receive: A "Lifesize Passport®™", a portable video-conferencing system, including a 24" HD monitor-a \$3,000.00 value. The winning student designer will receive an Apple®™ iPod Touch. Please download the official rules at our VOL website. For more information, call Jeff Gangloff at 574-299-6286 (cell) or 888-267-0119 (office) or visit the VOL website at www.viewsonlearning.org

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