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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Change in NIESC Delivery Schedule
- ◆ Cooperative Purchasing News
- ◆ Staff Development Update

Welcome Back to School!



Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are excited to begin the 2010-2011 school year. NIESC is excited and ready to work with you to provide the BEST possible education for your students. I have always said that sometime during the school year, you, as a teacher, will be the most important adult in the life of a student. What a responsibility and what an opportunity to make a difference! That is what we (the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center) are all about.....making a difference. We help you make a difference by providing you and your school corporation the following services: purchasing options that will make your dollars go farther; staff development opportunities

that will enable teachers to be more responsive to student needs; distance-learning opportunities that will enhance student learning in your classroom; a media library to give teachers additional tools to utilize in the classroom, and we help you make a difference when we can offer after school tutoring using the best local teachers working with the most needy students.

Visit us at www.niesc.k12.in.us for workshop news, purchasing options and more.

Old Face/New Position: We are very excited to have Jack Davis back with us again. He will be taking over for the retired Stan Spencer. With Stan's retirement, and the tight financial situation all of us face, we have re-worked this position to make it lean and mean. We are excited to have Jack back with us. You can reach Jack at jdavis@niesc.k12.in.us. He is interested in finding out your needs and helping you find solutions.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT: Welcome to Jim Dermody, New Prairie United School Corporation

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NIESC Delivery Schedule Change

NIESC has been faced with some difficult decisions based on budget constraints. While we continue to try to provide our members with useful services and cost-saving products, we are constantly trying to find ways to be leaner.

With this in mind, a decision was made at our last board meeting of the 2009-2010 school year to modify our media delivery schedule to bi-weekly starting with the 2010-2011 School term. Teachers will still be able to

place online orders, but will have to adhere to a set schedule. The schedule is published on our website in a format that is much like a school calendar.

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It can be accessed by selecting the Media tab/Courier Schedule. It can be printed and saved for a quick reference to aide in placing orders online. Your individual school calendars have also been received and are in the media booking system to prevent scheduling on days that you are not in your building.

Due to the change in the delivery schedule, it was necessary to change the lead-time for placing orders to two weeks (14 days). The

lead-time was formerly 8 days.

Your individual delivery days will remain the same as last year as well as your corporation drop-off and pick up locations.

In our desire to make this transition a smooth one, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Joe Scruggs will continue as the ambassador to NIESC and will be at your building making the usual stops. If you have questions or concerns, please

share those with Joe. If you get in a situation where you need an item on a date when delivery is not scheduled to your corporation, please contact Lisa Abell at NIESC for such requests. We will do our best to accommodate those as best we can and when items are available. Lisa can be reached via email at: labell@niesc.k12.in.us or by calling 800-326-5642 extension 110.

Our newsletter has a new look! Let us know what you think. Please give us your comments by contacting the newsletter editor at: newslettereditor@niesc.k12.in.us

To check a list of our upcoming events, visit our event registration

sight at:

<http://events.niesc.k12.in.us/index.cfm>

Professional Growth Plan Points and Chapman University Credits

Educators can now renew their licenses earning Professional Growth Plan Points by participating in professional development activities. The PGP points replace the old CRU's and one hour of PD equals one PGP point. Ninety PGP points are required for renewal. Educators can also renew their licenses by earning college graduate credits. NIESC has partnered with Chapman University to offer graduate credits that are recognized by the Office of Educator Licensing & Development for license renewal purposes. Examples of past Chapman courses are *Camp Moodle*, and *Curricular and Instructional Strategies for Gifted Learners*. A three credit hour graduate course is only \$180.00 and requires 45 contact hours. For more information on how your school can offer graduate courses, contact Jeff Gangloff at igangloff@viewsonlearning.org

360 Streaming Video: News You Can Use

NIESC has two options available to our members who wish to utilize streaming video in your corporation. The first is **PD 360**. PD 360 is an on-demand staff development library of resources that **leverages technology to make professional learning more convenient, effective and sustainable**. With over 200 hours of research-based video content, plus tools for follow-up, tracking, reflection and group training, PD 360 is a tool that can be used with great success. NIESC has purchased enough licenses to offer each of our school corporations one license FREE of charge for the 2010-2011 school year. To find out if your corporation has a license contact NIESC.

The second option available is **Learn360**. Learn360 is a classroom streaming video product that allows teachers access to over 8300 full videos, state standards and was recently upgraded to integrate with MOODLE!

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NIESC has secured a three-year agreement with Learn360 to offer special pricing to our members. For the 2010-2011 School year it can be purchased for \$525 per building. This cost entitles all of the staff within a building to have their own login. Content can be viewed via a direct stream from Learn360 or downloaded to your local machine for viewing at a later time.

You can sign up for a 30-day free account by visiting our website: www.niesc.k12.in.us Select the Media tab, then Learn360. The 30-day account sign up is at the bottom of the news release. If you prefer to have a demonstration of Learn360, contact Lisa Abell at NIESC: labell@niesc.k12.in.us

Cooperative Purchase Update:

All new bids have been loaded over the summer to the IAESC Procurement sight. Bids included: Art Supplies, Audio Visual, Books, Classroom Resources, Custodial Supplies, First Aide, Lamps & Ballasts, Library Supplies, Office

Supplies and more.. The bid expiration dates vary on these categories and it is recommended that you order straight from the system and not the bid catalogs to get the most accurate pricing.

Bulk copy paper is also now online

and will be available until September 17, 2010.

Contact Lisa Abell for more procurement information.

Technology News:

We Are Closed Today is a school delay/closing notification system operated by NIESC. Visit www.weareclosedtoday.com to see if your corporation is participating and register to receive free notification emails and text messages. If your corporation is not using

We Are Closed Today, contact Les Turner at NIESC to receive more information.

Congratulations to the Bremen Botz! Lego robotics team, coached by NIESC's Les Turner. The team finished in the top 5 at the Open International Champi-

onship in Kaohsiung, Taiwan this summer. The team also posted the fastest 400 point run in the world, completing all tasks in 1 minute and 6 seconds.



Views On Learning News:

The NIESC partnership with Views on Learning (VOL) to facilitate the deployment of Interactive HD Video Conferencing Education opportunities took major steps in 2009-10 and is primed for additional distance learning services for the 2010-11 school year. VOL has granted and deployed interactive video conference equipment to Baugo, Lakeland, Oregon Davis, Tippecanoe Valley, and Westview. Shared classes will also take place during the 2010-11 school year. Culver Community Schools and Union North School Corporation will share a distance education French 3/4 class, Crossroads Academy will deliver a Microsoft Certification class, and Tippecanoe Valley and Rochester School Corporation will be sharing a career class via IVC. If your school is interested in hosting or receiving a class or virtual field trip, please contact Jeff Gangloff jgangloff@viewsonlearning.org for more information.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops"—

Henry B. Adams

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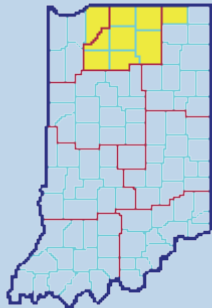
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Eastern Pulaski Community Schools
Fairfield Community Schools
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South Central Community Schools
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