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March 2016 News For You

Celebrate March

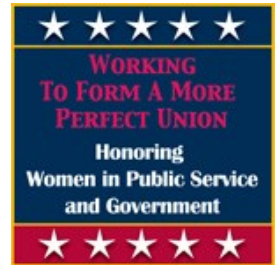


The month of March offers a number of reasons to celebrate. **Casimir Pulaski Day** is observed on March 7, **Daylight Savings Time** begins on March 13, **St. Patrick's Day** is March 17, the first day of Spring is March 19th and **Easter** is March 27. But there are a few less publicized events to celebrate as well!

The Council for Art Education (CFAE) administers **Youth Art Month** at the national level. Festivities take place annually, traditionally each March, to celebrate visual arts for grades K – 12. The Youth Art Month Program emphasizes the value of art education for all children, encourages support for quality

school art programs, and promotes art material safety. And March 14—20 is **Illinois Arts Education Week**.

The **National Women's History Month** theme for 2016 honors women who have shaped America's history and its future through their public service and government leadership. This is a time to celebrate contributions made, but often overlooked. Women throughout history have dramatically influenced public policy, from basic human rights to equal opportunity for all Americans. Click here to see the list of [2016 honorees](#).



Administrators and Human Resources

We have a page on our website dedicated to [Employment Opportunities](#) in our region. We are happy to post your available positions on our site. Just [e-mail](#) the information and we will get it posted. We often have people asking us if we know of available positions in the region, so be sure to share. We're happy to make this information available for both you and job seekers.

2016 Olympiad

ROE #40's Annual Olympiad was held in February at Cross Church in Carlinville. Talented students from across the four-county region participated in this event.

February 8th the 3rd and 4th graders competed with first place going to Staunton Team #1. On February 9th, 5th and 6th graders ended with a tie for 1st place between North Mac Team #4 and Northwestern Team #2. February 25 the 7th and 8th graders stepped up with first place going to Jerseyville Team #2. And on February 26th high school students closed out the event with Northwestern Team #2 earning first place.

Photos of all the placing teams are on our [home page](#). Congratulations to ALL of the students who participated.

A huge thank you to staff and volunteers at the beautiful Carlinville Cross Church for hosting this event.



2016 Spelling Bees

Calhoun-Green-Jersey Counties Spelling Bee was held Monday, February 29th at Grafton Elementary. Macoupin County Spelling Bee was held Wednesday, March 1 at Carlinville Intermediate School. Congratulations to all of our talented participants!

Regional Superintendent Michelle Mueller presented the awards to the top spellers. (Photos of the winners are available at [ROE40.com](#)). A huge thank you goes out to both schools that hosted these events, and to all of the volunteers that help make it happen.

The Power of One Penny.
1¢ Makes Sense for Macoupin County Schools

**Make your voice heard
Tuesday, March 15th**



ROE #40 Test Centers

One of the many services we is offering a variety of testing in both of the ROE #40 offices. And we have been very busy lately—especially with High School Equivalency exams!

GED and the state of Illinois have adjusted the scoring, allowing for more success for test takers! Since that announcement came out early last month, we have seen a huge increase in individuals getting their diplomas.

Did you know that we are also authorized to administer a multitude of tests for professionals? Some of the exams we have available for school staff include

TAP, ILTS series and Para Pro. Visit [our site](#) for a link to the Pearson Vue site where you will be able to search for information about the tests that we administer locally.



- 3/9 - A Collaborative Approach to Family Engagement, Staunton
 - 3/10 - Superintendent's Meeting, Carlinville 9:00
 - 3/14 - Brian Schwartz, Attny at Law, Legal Rights of Parents/Students
 - 3/14 - A Collaborative Approach to Family Engagement, Brussels
 - 3/16 - Building Cultural Competency, Staunton
 - 3/19 - Science-Day1: Overview of NGSS, Carlinville
 - 4/2 - Science-Day1: Overview of NGSS, Carlinville
 - 4/9 - Science-Day2: Tools to bring NGSS to Classroom, Carlinville
 - 4/12 - Principals Meeting, Jerseyville 9:00
 - 4/16 - Science-Day2: Tools to bring NGSS to Classroom, Carlinville
- [Click HERE for more info about these and other PD Opportunities.](#)

33rd Annual National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCP) Conference
[Register today!](#)

April 1-3, 2016, at the
DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel Chicago-Oak Brook

Bus Driver Refresher Courses

(For more information on these please contact Penny at 618-498-5541)

- March 30th - Calhoun, 6 - 8pm (High School A/V room)
- March 31st - Greene, 6 - 8pm (U of I Extension Office)
- April 1st - Jersey, 9 - 11am (County Meeting Rm, 200 N. Lafayette, Jerseyville)

Important Reminder

ROE #40 and Teachers' Retirement System are providing you with an opportunity to take part in telephone counseling sessions on Monday, April 21.

Be sure to visit the [Educators page on our site](#) for more information on how you can participate.

Directions Midwest Conference Details

June 14th and 15th, Collinsville, IL

Be a part of the most informative, fun, and cost-effective summer conference you can find this close to home (Collinsville, IL). Where else can you see Robert Marzano, Todd Whitaker, Rick Wormeli, Jim Burgett, Tom Schimmer, Grace Dearborn, and many, many more?! Register today using the link above!

LOOK
We've given [our website](#) a make-over!
Check it out!

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOME EDUCATORS OUR SERVICES OUR SCHOOLS

Welcome to Regional Office of Education #40.
 ROE 40 hosts this site to provide support for families and educators with access to information regarding education services, agencies, and events. We are happy to help! If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact one of our offices.
 Superintendent, Michelle Mueller

ROE #40 2016 Spelling Bees

Needing additional CPDUs? Having trouble finding workshops in your area? Would you rather earn CPDUs at your own pace? In your own home? Just click on the logo above and check out Illinois Virtual School.