

A Chapter of
Illinois Computing
Educators

NICE NEWS

MINI-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 - Registration
- Mini-Grant Poster Sessions
- 8:45 - NICE introductions
- Keynote
- 9:50 - Session 1
- 10:55 - Session 2
- 12:00 - Session 3
- 1:00 - Closing & RAFFLE

FEATURING KEYNOTE ADDRESS



by
STEVE DEMBO

When you attend the Mini-Conference, be sure to stay for the raffle awards! Great door prizes will be given away at the end of the program!!

- ★ Google Apps training
- ★ video cameras
- ★ printers
- ★ restaurant certificates
- ★ Inspiration/Kidspiration
- ★ flash drives
- ★ t-shirts
- ★ and much, much more!!

**You must be present
to win!**

The 18th Annual NICE Mini-Conference

Saturday, January 28, 2012
8:00 am to 1:30 pm

Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL

**OPEN
to everyone!**
ICE membership
is NOT required
to attend!

Join us for the eighteenth annual Mini-Conference sponsored by Northern Illinois Computing Educators. Registration and refreshments will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the East Building. We will gather in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center. During this time, you can meet our 2011 Mini-Grant winners and learn about their projects. We're kicking off our day with a **keynote by Steve Dembo** followed by **three 50-minute breakout sessions**. We will conclude the day with a great raffle! For those who would like to try an **"unconference"** experience, we're setting up areas for that, too! You're sure to come away with some great new ideas, and maybe a raffle prize, too. **Admission is \$5.00...pay @ the door!**

In order to plan our session spaces and times, **we encourage you to pre-register** by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/nice-mini2012> However, you are still welcome to register at the event! For more information contact the Mini-Conference Co-Chairs: Helen Lazzarro, lazzo4@gmail.com, or Stephanie Cardella @ scardella@nssd112.org

2011 MINI-GRANT POSTER SESSIONS:

- ☀ **Las Noticias.. ¡Presentado por Flip! (The News Brought to you by Flip!)** - Mary Christine Dion, Marie Murphy Middle School/Avoca District 37
- ☀ **Math Automaticity** - Nancy Jones & Beth Gudbrandsen, Sacred Heart Schools/Chicago
- ☀ **iPod Touch Learning Center** - Jim Batson, Harper College

Pre-Register TODAY* and reserve an iPad to use!



Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/nice-mini2012>

* Pre-Registration does NOT guarantee a seat in the session, but is strongly encouraged to assist with scheduling. *

** Unless otherwise noted, all breakout sessions are presentations appropriate for ALL levels*

Above and Beyond: More Interactive Whiteboard Resources

Caren Kimbarovsky

Come explore the great resources for IWB's! Using flipcharts or notebooks for our interactive whiteboards can be great but sometimes we do not have the time to constantly create these. We will explore FREE resources that everyone can access for their interactive whiteboards without creating these files. There will be web based as well as downloadable activities. Please note if you do not have interactive whiteboard in your school, you can use these on a computer as well and manipulate them with your mouse! Expand your resources for student learning.

Accessible Worksheets. It's a Win-Win – Differentiate Access and Save Paper!

Lynda Hartman

Want to use worksheets in a paperless or paper-lite environment? Do you have students struggling to complete worksheets by hand due to illegible handwriting? Come to this session to learn how to use computer based options to make worksheets accessible so students can type, annotate and save/share their work.

ActivInspire Tips & Tricks

Jeff Shaw

Using ActivInspire with your Promethean board? It's a rich program with plenty of features that casual users might not have discovered yet. You'll learn about a variety of these capabilities in this session.

Adventures in a 1-1 iPad Classroom

Nadine Norris & Angelique Masellis

First hand account from the technology coordinator and 4th grade classroom teacher as they

embark on the first year of a one to one iPad learning experience. Attendees will learn about the "behind the scenes" planning of the project. Most importantly, find out how a very enthusiastic teacher transformed her classroom.

An Introduction to Social Media for Administrators

Jill Maraldo

An introduction to the world of social media for administrators seeking to expand their PLN and tap into the worlds of Twitter and Google+

Building a Website with Weebly (the "wonder tool")

Laura Montgomery

This hands-on session will introduce teachers to the wonderful world of Weebly, the EASY website creator. Open to all teachers (whatever your position or level of tech expertise) who want to have a web-presence. If you know how to "drag and drop," this tool is for you. Come prepared with the ideas and features you want to include in your website and I'll help you make it happen!

Closing Learning Gaps With Powerful Technology

Anthony Reibel

This session will showcase new innovative teaching methods and technologies that identify and close student learning gaps in academic content skills. During this session, participants will learn about specific web and technology resources that collect real-time data on student performance, provide specific and organized feedback, and maintain a database of individual performance.

Community 2.0-- How Technology can Enhance the School Community

Jodi Greenspan

It is well known that a sense of belonging is considered necessary to the successful learning experience. This presentation will show examples of how technologies such as wikis, blogs, webpages, and school news videos can increase the feeling of fellowship and community for all school members.

Creating iPad Content

Linda Pribyl

High school Education Academy students from Township High School District 214 will present iPad applications that they have used to create content for their cooperating teachers in the Elementary classroom. The focus of this presentation is on using free apps in different ways for one-on-one, small group and whole class instruction.

Creative Digital Art Projects~Elementary and Beyond

Tricia Fuglestad

Get inspired to use photo booth, ipads, keynote, imovie, and photoshop to create digital art with students while exploring almost any subject you teach. Use these ideas to inspire creative writing, celebrate good character, or investigate healthy choices. With over a dozen projects you'll find something to use right away.

From Jukebox to iPod: Transforming Yesterdays Sessions for 21st Century Learners

Michael Gorman Jane Gorman

Welcome to a session that builds on successful past practices and transforms them for today's digital learner. Integrating appropriate

* Pre-Registration does NOT guarantee a seat in the session, but is strongly encouraged to assist with scheduling. *

Lead Presenter Biographies:

Jon Bergmann

Jon believes educators should ask one guiding question: 'What is best for my students in my classroom?' To the best of his abilities he has done this in his twenty five years as a high school science teacher. He received the Presidential Award for Excellence for Math and Science Teaching in 2002 and was named Semi-Finalist for the Colorado Teacher of the Year in 2010. He is currently the Lead Technology Facilitator for the Joseph Sears School in Kenilworth, Illinois.

Katie Cardella

Katie has been a teacher at Tripp Elementary School in Aptakisic District 102 for the past four years. She taught third grade for two years and is now on her second year in first grade. Prior to Tripp, she was in District 34 where she taught second grade and student taught in a multi-age 3, 4, 5 classroom. In addition to being endorsed in science, social studies, and language arts, she is working on her ELL endorsement, which will be completed in June. Katie has been trained by Promethean and now trains other Aptakisic Tripp colleagues on the IWB as well as ActivInspire. Being in D102, Katie has had the opportunity to pilot new technology and work closely with the technology department. In her classroom, she has a Promethean Board, 14 iPads, ActiVotes, and an iMac. On a daily basis, Katie is integrating mobile technology into her classroom. She has an innovative classroom that is a model of a forward thinking teaching environment which includes, sensory ball chairs, yoga balls, bean bags, and a classroom management system based on reinforcement.

Tricia Fuglestad

Tricia is a National Board Certified K-5 elementary art teacher at Dryden Elementary School, Arlington Heights, IL with a masters in K-12 technology integration. She has been recognized for her innovative teaching in 2010 with the PBS Teachers Innovation Award and the Illinois Teacher of the Year Award in 2011. Her students' art has been shown in state and national art shows and featured in college art education textbooks. Her students' Fugleflicks, art-related student-created videos, have been shown in international film festivals and have won many awards including an Edublog Award in 2010. <http://drydenart.weebly.com/>

Ryan R. Goble

Ryan began his teaching career as a high school English teacher in Ann Arbor, MI; he has since taught, written, consulted and presented for a wide variety of students, schools and organizations all over the United States. Ryan holds a Master's Degree in Education and a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Michigan and is completing his doctoral degree at Teachers College Columbia University in New York City. Ryan's work has been featured in publications like Teacher Magazine, The Boston Globe and The Detroit News. He frequently blogs at the Making Curriculum Pop Ning and has written for publications including the Journal of Staff Development, Journal of Media Literacy and the New York Times Learning Network. Presently, he's co-writing curriculum on climate change for NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. His first book (co-written with his mother) called Media Circles is due out on Maupin Press in the Winter of 2012.

Michael Gorman

Michael is a graduate of Western Michigan University, Indiana University, and Johns Hopkins University's. He has partnered with ISTE and various educational, governmental, and business organizations and foundations. He currently serves as the One to One Laptop Initiative Coordinator in Southwest Allen County Schools in Fort Wayne. Mike is also a consultant for Discovery Education and November Learning. He also serves on the National Faculty for the BUCK Institute for Education (BIE), a leader in facilitating PBL across the world. Mike also has facilitated for the last two years at the National STEM Institute in Washington DC. Mike has won numerous awards including SACS Teacher of The Year, State of Indiana Semi Finalist Teacher Of The Year, US Air Force Association Indiana STEM Educator Of The Year, and Fort Wayne Educator Of The Year. His blog 21centuryedtech has won awards for innovation and reliability

James Gubbins

James is currently the District Technology Coordinator at Maine Township High School District 207 in Park Ridge, IL. With over 13 years experience in Educational Technology, he provides support and professional development for all things technology related for District 207's administrative center and special education satellite schools. James is constantly scouring the

Internet for the latest Web 2.0 and Social Networking tools while helping educators find ways to successfully integrate these utilities into existing curriculum.

Jan Hackman

Jan has over 30 years of teaching students in Illinois under her belt. She's taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in regular education classrooms, pioneered the technology integration coordinator position in McHenry School District 15, taught middle school technology for 2 years, provided staff development for her district including summer programs such as: Summer Tech Boot Camp, The Write Approach, Summer Technology Integration Class, EdTech Summer Workshop I and II. As an adjunct professor for Aurora University, Jan has led educators toward a more technological classroom. She's been an avid learner and user of the iCollaboratory and the Collaboratory Project since 1998.

Lynda Hartman

Lynda has an M.A. Special Education - LD. M.L.S. - Assistive Technology. AT Consultant with Northern Suburban Special Education District in Northbrook, IL. Experienced special educator working across the continuum of environments and age levels. Designed and taught an undergraduate AT class for SPED majors at Loyola University of Chicago. Present workshops on various topics across Illinois and at state/national conferences.

Cynthia Karabush

Cynthia has been a Teacher-Librarian for 6 years. Her previous experiences in the business world have given her a unique view of ways to use creative marketing apps to engage 21st Century learners.

Caren Kimbarovsky

Caren has been teaching for twenty years, twelve of those years in the technology field. She holds a Masters of Education in Science and a Masters in Educational Technology along with an administrative certificate. She has had the opportunity to implement technology in grades K-8 in all subject areas. Currently, she has been implementing interactive whiteboard lessons and ipod devices in classrooms to promote 21st Century learning. Caren has given workshops at ICE on topics such as Flash and Skype. In her district, she has given workshops on numerous topics such as Google Docs, iMovie, Keynote, ActivInspire, Web 2.0 and more.

Karen Ladendorf

Karen Ladendorf is the computer applications teacher and staff technology specialist at McHenry Middle School. She has worked previously as the school's music appreciation teacher. Her extensive work with technology in the fine arts has provided her with an excellent foundation for her new position in technology.

Amy Lamberti

Amy is an eleven-year teaching veteran of Deer Path Middle School in Lake Forest District 67. She describes herself as an enthusiastic technophile, effective trainer, eager mentor, and someone with a vision for the future. Her ability to integrate technology into the daily curriculum along with her desire to be an innovative teacher led her to accept a role as the 21st century integration specialist in her district. Creating a 21st century classroom utilizing the ISTE standards, P21 framework, and district curriculum is her mission. She is continually exploring new web 2.0 tools that facilitate student achievement. Sharing information and instructional tools with her colleagues (and students) and keeping current with her personal learning network are all things that keep her passionate about education.

Jill Maraldo

Jill is the Director of 21st Century Skills DPS109 since 2009. Worked as an instructional designer and project manager in online higher education and previously as a high school English teacher for 10 years. Currently working on doctorate at Loyola University of Chicago.

Maureen Chertow Miller

Maureen has been in education for 19 years. Her experience includes teaching science in grades 7-12 and serving as a technology coach and learning coordinator. Her current position is Learning Coordinator for Instructional technology where Maureen supports staff and students to seamlessly integrate technology into the classroom. Maureen is the current president of Northern Illinois Computing Educators.

Laura Montgomery

Laura is an instructional technology coach at Deer Path Middle School in Lake Forest District 67. With a combined 25 years of experience as a classroom teacher, media/technology resource teacher and now tech coach, she strives to help classroom teachers become more tech savvy and learn how to support 21st Century learning with technology tools. A Google Certified

Teacher, she has previously presented at the NICE Google Hands-On Workshop and the NICE mini-conferences. She holds dual Masters Degrees in Curriculum & Instruction and in Educational Technology from Northern Illinois University.

Nick Nicholson

Nick currently serves as the Illinois Education Consultant for SMART Technologies. Nick started with SMART Technologies in August of 2009 and prior to this role he served as the Director for eLearning for the Chicago Public Schools from 2004–2009. Prior to serving as the eLearning Director, Nick was a high school English & Computer Networking teacher for Chicago Vocational Career Academy from 1995–2000. Nick earned his Bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1992 and his Masters in Education w/ an emphasis on Curriculum & Instruction from Loyola University in 1998. Nick brings a wealth of experience in the areas of technology integration and curriculum/training development to the K-12 arena.

Nadine Norris

Nadine Norris is currently the Instructional Technology Coordinator for Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine, IL. Nadine has been in education for over 10 years in positions including classroom teacher, technology coordinator, integration specialist, and professional development provider. She is the President of Illinois Computing Educators. Nadine received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Elmhurst College and a M.A. in Educational Leadership from the University of Illinois.

A.E. Stevenson HS Science Trio

- Christine Pfaffinger is the Chemistry and Anatomy & Physiology Teacher
- Christina Wood is a technology wizard. She can solve any problem and loves using technology to enhance her curriculum. Christina pioneers new ideas, to help everyone learn more and learn to love learning. Christina teaches Biology and Anatomy & Physiology.
- Amerigo Carnazzola is the Biology and Anatomy & Physiology Teacher"

The Township High School 214 Education Academy

The Township High School 214 Education Academy is a highly competitive program offered to senior student applicants interested in a career in education and capable of the rigors of college level academia. Once accepted, these Education Academy student teachers learn and perform curriculum-based activities on-site

in a classroom setting at a local school three days per week. Students rotate through 4 different educational settings (special ed, ELL, elementary, and secondary) in order to gain a broad perspective on different educational opportunities. The remaining two days of the school week are spent in a teacher education class at Rolling Meadows High School. These students received a grant for iPads to use every day as a teacher would use them.

Anthony Reibel

Anthony Reibel has been teaching Spanish at Adlai E. Stevenson High School since 2007. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University in Spanish and Business Management and a Master's Degree from Roosevelt University in Curriculum and Instruction. He earned a second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with a Type-75 Administrative Certificate. Anthony is a curricular team leader and a member of the departmental leadership team. He also currently serves as the department's technology coordinator and is a member of the district's technology advisory team. He was named 2011 ICE Technology Educator of the Year.

Melissa Rosen

Melissa Rosen has been teaching technology skills for the past seven years. She is currently in her fifth year teaching Applied Technology at Highland Middle School. She has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Oakland University and a M.A. in Educational Technology from Central Michigan University

Jeff Shaw

Jeff Shaw currently trains Chicago-area teachers to use Promethean boards and ActivInspire. He recently retired from North Shore District 112, after being a classroom teacher (and enthusiastic tech user) for more than 35 years. He is a past board member and president of NICE.

Bonnie Thurber

Bonnie Thurber is a past president of NICE and ICE. She has also been on the NECA and ISTE Board of Directors. She currently works in Academic and Research Technologies at Northwestern University where she supports faculty with online technologies and media. Outside the university, Bonnie directs the iCollaboratory, a FREE online collaborative environment for K12. <http://icollaboratory.org>. Bonnie has presented online or in person in North America, South America, Asia, Australia, and Europe.



NICE would like to give a shout out to all our generous sponsors for this year's MINI-CONFERENCE:

- * **Best Buy**
- * **Cooper's Hawk**
- * **Dengeo's**
- * **Discovery Education**
- * **Inspiration**
- * **Maine Township District 207**
- * **Sarpino's**
- * **Stevenson High School**
- * **Superdawg**

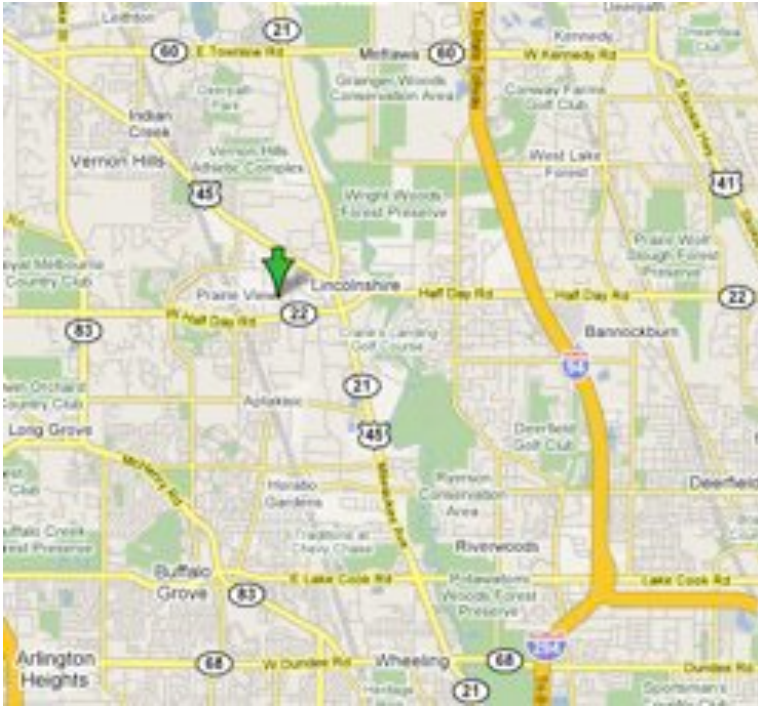


NICE is a local chapter of Illinois Computing Educators (ICE) and serves ICE members in the northeastern counties of Illinois. There are no dues for NICE. Members must be in good standing with ICE and pay annual dues as determined by the ICE Executive Board.

NICE has been approved as a provider of Illinois State Board of Education continuing professional development units. Forms will be available at the meeting to verify attendance for CPDUs.

Visit the NICE website at:
<http://chapters.iceberg.org/nice>





Adlai E. Stevenson High School
 One Stevenson Drive, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Directions to Adlai E. Stevenson High School:

Stevenson High School is located at One Stevenson Drive, just west of Milwaukee Ave (Rt. 21) in Lincolnshire, IL.

From the South

I-94 (Edens) north merge onto Hwy. 41 (or I-294 Tollway) to Rt. 22 (Half Day Rd.), west to the campus.

From the North

Hwy. 41 south (or I-294 Tollway) to Rt. 22 (Half Day Rd.), west to the campus.

From the West

Route 83 to Route 22. East on Route 22 to campus.

Park in Lot C or D,

and enter the EAST building. Follow signs to the Performing Arts Center.

Map:

<http://www.d125.org/help/map.aspx>

Northern Illinois Computing Educators
 c/o Laura Montgomery
 Deer Path Middle School
 95 West Deerpath Road
 Lake Forest, IL 60045

Mark Your Calendar for NICE!



Feb 28-Mar 2, 2012:
ICE CONFERENCE, St. Charles, IL

March 19, 2012:
Potpourri of Practical Programs,
 @ *Maine South High School, Park Ridge*

May 3, 2012: *Share-A-Rama- the Sequel*?, location TBD

**NICE Executive Board
 2011-2012**

- President.....Maureen Miller
- Past President..... Charlene Chausis
- President-Elect.....Brianna Allen
- Secretary.....Helen Lazzaro
- Treasurer.....Jason Meltzer
- Webmaster.....Terry Slocum
- Newsletter.....Laura Montgomery
- Charlene Chausis
- Mini-Conference.....Helen Lazzaro
- Stephanie Cardella

* Pre-Registration does NOT guarantee a seat in the session, but is strongly encouraged to assist with scheduling. *