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Illinois Computing
Educators



NICE NEWS

From the President

Greetings NICE members (and people who benefit from NICE members forwarding our important information, keep that up!)

Our September NICE meeting, the annual Share-a-Rama, was a huge success. Teachers stepped up to the podium and joyfully shared what they were most excited about using in their classrooms. The audience of over 40 people was well-fed and actively engaged throughout the evening (see page 3 of this newsletter for a summary of resources shared).

Our next meeting is Tues., Oct. 25th at Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park (929 Edgewood Road). The topic for October is "Building your Professional Learning Network." While the focus of the October meeting will be your online professional learning network, it's important to note that NICE can be one of your in-person Professional Learning Networks.

NICE meetings are always very informal, attendees have time to visit, share and learn. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn from your colleagues. A professional learning network, whether on-line or in-person is critical for educators today.

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"Building Your Professional Learning Network (aka PLN)"

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Edgewood Middle School,
929 Edgewood Rd, Highland Park, IL**



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Join your fellow educators on **Tuesday, October 25** for **"Building Your Professional Learning Network"** and learn what a PLN can do for you! We will hear from a panel of educators who will share how their PLN has helped them learn and keep up to date in the fast-changing world of educational technology.

Jim Gubbins, Dist. 207 Technology Coordinator

Margaret Johnson, ICE Executive Director

Nadine Norris, ICE President and Palatine District 15

Instructional Technology Coordinator

Scott Meech, Dist. 58 Director of Technology

Come enjoy good conversation-- and a FREE dinner too. **Bring your friends...**the more the merrier!

We will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the school library at **Edgewood Middle School** in Highland Park. Directions can be found on page 4 of this newsletter .

So that we may get an accurate count for food ordering, please take a moment to **RSVP** if you plan to attend. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/nicemeeting>.

From the President*(continued from Page 1)*

Our tech world changes by the minute. It's important to share with colleagues, not just what is "new" or "shiny," but share what's working in your world. There is a difference. Let NICE help you navigate through the shiny to find what works for you and your students today.

Come to the October 25th NICE meeting. Be sure to introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Let's build a community together. See you soon!

If you have ideas, suggestions, comments, or if you would like to help our NICE Board with any of the meetings or events, please contact me.

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~Maureen Chertow Miller



"Collaboration isn't about holding hands, it's about going places fast."

- Chris Lehman, Principal,
 Science Leadership Academy

Be a presenter @ our NICE Mini-Conference: *It's Teachers teaching Teachers!*

**Saturday,
 Jan. 28, 2012
 OPEN
 to ALL!**

We are now accepting proposals to present at the NICE Mini-Conference in January 2012.

Do YOU (or someone you know):

- have an innovative/engaging technology-integrated unit or project?
- use STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) real-world projects in your room?
- have an idea for a session that shows best practices, innovation, student engagement using technology for teaching and learning?

If so....PLEASE SHARE with other teachers!

WHERE? Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL

WHEN? Saturday, January 28, 2012, from 8:30 am-1:30 pm

HOW MUCH\$ Registration = \$5 (the BEST deal in town!)

WHAT ELSE? Hear from our 2011 mini-grant recipients.

The NICE Mini-Conference consists of 15-18 concurrent sessions. Sessions are 45 minutes long. online today at <http://goo.gl/gjZLu> — deadline is Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.

Can YOU help?

The NICE Mini-Conference is a huge undertaking for our organization. We need volunteers to help with planning, setup and raffle donations. If you can spare a bit of time, or have questions about how you can help, please contact our Mini-Conference chair: Helen Lazzaro lazz04@gmail.com



