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## Latest News

### **Civics and Civility**

*A message from Dr. Darlene Ruscitti*

DuPage County is home to many quality programs and initiatives. The anti-bullying initiative, formally known as Building a More Civil Society, is one program instituted by the DuPage Regional Office of Education. If you go to the State of Illinois' website and look for the report that was commissioned to study and make recommendations statewide on how our schools can address bullying, you will be referred to the DuPage initiative. More recently, the Governor's office of Montana adopted our policy. As we begin 2012 and move toward one of the most important elections in our history, let us resolve not to be bystanders and to set a goal of being a role model of civility. After all, our children are watching.

[Read more](#) on this topic from Lee Hamilton at the *Center on Congress* at Indiana University.

### **Historic Churchville Schoolhouse Open for Living History Programs**

The Elmhurst Historical Museum is pleased to announce the reopening of the one-room Churchville Schoolhouse – a National Register of Historic Places property dating to the 1850s and a treasured landmark of DuPage County. The one-room Churchville Schoolhouse is located just north of Elmhurst in Bensenville, is owned by the City of Elmhurst and managed by the Elmhurst Historical Museum. Schools are invited to take part in a unique living history experience transporting children back in time into the classroom of Miss Arleigh Wheeler – an actual school marm from the early 1900s – and walk in the footsteps of schoolchildren from days gone by.

[Click here](#) to view a brochure that provides details of this new interactive learning opportunity geared to grades two through six, but adaptable to all grade levels. The Elmhurst Historical Museum is now taking reservations for class field trips. To find out more information or to submit an online contact form, go to [www.churchvilleschoolhouse.org](http://www.churchvilleschoolhouse.org) or call Crystal St. John of the Elmhurst Historical Museum at 630-833-1457.

The Elmhurst Historical Museum is dedicated to making this program a valuable learning tool for teachers and a memorable experience for the schoolchildren of DuPage County.

## News to Note

### Education Career Fairs

The Illinois Center for Broadcasting is holding a career fair on Saturday January 21, 2012 at 11 am in Lombard! Interested participants may experience the ICB from 11 am to 1 pm in Lombard, IL. Take tours (from 11 to 11:30 am), participate in the Roundtable with Q&A at 11:30 am, win prizes, get some refreshments, see if a career in radio, TV or online media is right for you, get financial aid info, see working radio, TV, editing stations and more! If you wish to participate, you may register electronically at [www.blog.beonair.com/the-icb-experience/](http://www.blog.beonair.com/the-icb-experience/)

The Career Development Center at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville invites school districts to participate in the Education Career Fair '12 on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 3 - 6:30 p.m. The education fair is designed to provide school districts the opportunity to meet candidates to fill employment needs. Because the event takes place in the late afternoon, students on their student teaching assignments will be available to attend as well as alumni who may already be employed.

If you wish to participate, you may register electronically at [www.siu.edu/careerdevelopmentcenter](http://www.siu.edu/careerdevelopmentcenter) by Tuesday, January 31, 2012. If you are unable to attend the Education Fair, but have positions you would like posted, please email [csmlar@siue.edu](mailto:csmlar@siue.edu).

### International Holocaust Remembrance Day

The United Nations has designated January 27<sup>th</sup> as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. On the evening of January 26, 2012, in partnership with the Illinois Holocaust & Genocide Commission, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center will host two internationally-recognized authorities in the field of memory and memorialization: James Young and Clifford Chanin. Young is Professor of English and Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and served as a World Trade Center Site Memorial jury member. Chanin was Curator of the Illinois Holocaust Museum's Legacy of Absence Gallery and is now Director of Education for the 911 Memorial Museum.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847-967-4889.

**Event:** International Day of Holocaust Remembrance: Memorialization and Memory

**Date:** January 26, 2012

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center  
9603 Woods Drive  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

**Website:** <http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/>

### New Certificate of Child Health Examination Form

The Illinois State Board of Education in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health has instituted new health requirement rules. Changes have been made to accommodate:

- Tdap immunizations
- New blood test for TB (the health care provider determines if the test is needed)
- Gathering information regarding asthma

State law requires the use of the [Certification of Child Health Examination](#) form for school physicals and physicals for children enrolled in licensed daycare to begin immediately. The form is accepted for sports physicals.

Click the links for further information about [FAQ](#) and [Tdap rule change](#).

## Resources

## **L.E.A.P. Program for 17-21 Year Olds**

L.E.A.P. offers work, money and training to help struggling DuPage 17-21 year-olds meet their goals. The program, offered through the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, begins its next session on February 1.

To qualify for L.E.A.P., applicants must:

- Meet income guidelines from Illinois WorkNet
- Be available for 12 weeks, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
- Have an employment barrier such as being a teen parent, homeless, a runaway or a high school dropout; having limited English proficiency, a substance abuse history, a mental health issue, a criminal background, or limited/no work history; or are receiving public aid

Those in the program receive the following benefits:

- GED Tutoring
- Job Readiness Skills and Job Placement
- Classes to obtain Microsoft Office Specialist Certification
- Leadership Skill Development
- Transportation Assistance
- Attendance Allowance

For further information, contact Alicia Feistamel at 630-384-1349 or [afeistamel@peoplesrc.org](mailto:afeistamel@peoplesrc.org).

## **Educator Opportunity**

### **Illinois Reading Council Conference**

“The mission of the Illinois Reading Council is to provide support and leadership to educators as they promote and teach lifelong literacy. To that end, the IRC plans to welcome over 3,000 literacy professionals to Springfield on March 14-17 for *Literacy in the Land of Lincoln*,” said Illinois Reading Council Vice President Tammy Potts who is a literacy consultant and the Literacy Coordinator for the DuPage ROE. In this capacity, she works directly with county teachers to improve reading instruction.

Recognized as one of the top literacy conferences in the country by both featured speakers and participants, the IRC brings authors, researchers, librarians, administrators and practitioners together for up-to-date professional development at a reasonable cost. Registration is now open at [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

## **Links**

[McCormick Foundation Civics Programs](#)

[First Division Museum at Cantigny](#)

[SCARCE Environmental Education in Illinois](#)

[View the SCARCE January Newsletter](#)

[Forest Preserve District of DuPage County](#)

## **Dates to Remember**

### **January**

**16** Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observance; a legal school holiday

**28** Commemorative school holiday honoring Christa McAuliffe

### **February**

- 6 Commemorative holiday honoring Ronald Reagan
- 12 Sunday - Abraham Lincoln's birthday; a legal school holiday
- 15 Commemorative holiday honoring Susan B. Anthony
- 16-19 American Association of School Administrators' Conference, Houston

## Quotable

“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.”

~ *Anatole France*

## Professional Development Opportunities

Event	Title	Date(s)	Category
SE124-12	DuPage1: Leadership for Excellence and Equity For All - 2012 Conference	January 20, 2012	Leadership Development
L1081-12	Unpack the Common Core for English Language Arts at the Middle School #2 in Series	January 25, 2012	Standards & Assessment
L-1102-12	Technology Plan Writing Support	January 26, 2012	Technology
DCCD-106	DCCD Committee Meeting	January 27, 2012	Curriculum & Standards
L1086-12	“DELL (District Directors of English Language Learners)”	January 27, 2012	Networks/Sharing
L1107-12	Unpack the Common Core for Mathematics at the Middle School Level - #1 in Series	January 30, 2012	Standards & Assessment
L1079-12	Unpack the Common Core for Mathematics at the Elementary Level - #3 in Series	February 1, 2012	Standards & Assessment
L1073-12	Trends, Tactics and Tools for 21st Century Learning	February 2, 2012	STEM
L1063-12	Technology Coordinators Meeting	February 8, 2012	Technology
W4299-12	Closing the Gender Achievement Gap Through Understanding Differences - Revised 2011 (AA #1111)	February 9, 2012	Administrators' Academy
W4304-12	Evaluation of Ancillary School Personnel (AA #898)	February 9, 2012	Administrators' Academy
L1082-12	Unpack the Common Core for English Language Arts at the Middle School #3 in Series	February 13, 2012	Standards & Assessment
W4327-12	Improving Teaching and Learning through Learning Walkthroughs - Revised 2012 (AA #1245)	February 15, 2012	Administrators' Academy
W4340-12	Understanding the Common Core: What Administrators Need to Know, Understand and Do (AA #1131)	February 15, 2012	Administrators' Academy
L1094-12	Unpack the Common Core for English Language Arts at the K-2 Elementary Level: #3 in Series	February 16, 2012	
L-1103-12	Technology Plan Practice Reviews	February 21, 2012	Technology
W4337-12	Successful Leadership Approaches to Serving a Diverse Academic Community - Revised 2011 (AA #1200)	February 22, 2012	Administrators' Academy

W4330-12	Best Practices in Reading Grades K-8 An Administrators' Guide (AA #823)	February 24, 2012	Administrators' Academy
L1087-12	"DELL (District Directors of English Language Learners)"	February 24, 2012	Networks/Sharing

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