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Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

2. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

**Administrators:** Region 8 ESC has developed an on-line Professional Development Survey to help us determine the professional development needs of your TEACHERS for the 2011-2012 school year. **We need your help in getting the word out to your teachers.** To do this, we ask that you forward the following message to your teaching staff:

**Teachers:** Region 8 ESC has developed an on-line Professional Development Survey to help us determine your professional development needs for the 2011-2012 school year. **We need your input, and we are asking that you complete this SHORT survey!** To do so, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the Region 8 website at [www.r8esc.k12.in.us](http://www.r8esc.k12.in.us)
2. Look for the link on the front page entitled “R8 PD Survey”
3. Click on that link and then click on the link that says,” R8 Teacher Survey”
4. Complete the survey

The survey will be up on our Region 8 ESC website from May, 2- May 16, 2011. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your input.

Karyle Green, ext. 1001

3. **REDESIGN MOVES**

Weeks of May 2 and May 9 Lois Goeglein & Doug Roemer will be doing site visits to closing and transitioning schools. Principals will be given the Site Level Plan binder to keep them informed of all plans for each portion of the moves.

Libraries are planning to close on May 23 at closing sites and May 27 at other sites. Boxes, tape and tape dispensers have been delivered to the closing sites for this library process. Other packing boxes/tape will be delivered as order
requests come in from Principals. Samples of the boxes are being brought to the sites for reference when ordering supplies.

Textbook needs are being determined and schools will be submitting counts for new adoptions to Lois for order of Science, Health and some levels of newly adopted math by May 13. Not all grade levels or all courses will have a new adoption book. Natalie has been keeping you informed of what has been adopted. An order sheet will be provided to work from.

Classrooms will need to be packed up and ready for moves by end of day June 14th.

Lois Goeglein, ext. 1006

4. **ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, MATH ART AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS**

Attend a one-week professional development camp this summer for no cost and receive a $500 stipend paid to you upon completion of the course with an opportunity to earn 3 graduate credits at an additional cost. The dates are August 1st - 5th. The topic of the one week, full day workshop is to show you how to use low cost labs with everyday materials that can be integrated into existing lesson plans. The workshop will be held at Ivy Tech Community College- Northeast. For more information, please contact Lisa Smith, 260-481-2292 lsmith246@ivytech.edu. To register contact, Ann Travis, 260-480-4118, atravis@ivytech.edu.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

5. **HIGH SCHOOL ESL INSTITUTE**

Participant will learn to address the cognitive, affective, and social needs of English Learners. PGPs awarded. Participants will receive an extensive resource handbook that includes practical strategies. See Enclosure #2 for more information.

Natalie Drummond, ext. 6490

6. **WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**

Whether you are an attorney, manager or student, writing skills are essential to your success. The rise of the information age – with the proliferation of e-mails, blogs and social networks – makes the ability to write clear, correct English more important than ever. Daily Writing Tips is about that. Every day we'll send you a grammar, spelling, punctuation or vocabulary tip. If you don't want to miss a single post you can grab our RSS Feed, or subscribe by email. http://www.dailywritingtips.com/

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125
7. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure # 3 for specific information. 

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124
MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Administrators, School Counselors, CTE Educators

FROM: Amanda Culhan, Indiana School Counselor Consultant  
Matt Fleck, Director, Division of College and Career Preparation

DATE: April 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Indiana Career Explorer Trainings for Middle and High Schools

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Face-to-Face Training Sessions
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9:00 a.m. – Noon (EDT) | Vincennes University, New Classroom #106  
1002 N. First Street, Vincennes, IN 47591 | Register Here!       |
| Session 2: Monday, May 9  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (EDT)  | Vincennes University, New Classroom #106  
1002 N. First Street, Vincennes, IN 47591 | Register Here!       |
| Session 3: Tuesday, May 10  
9:00 a.m. – Noon (EDT) | Ivy Tech Community College – Northeast, Room #1740  
3800 N. Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 | Register Here!       |
| Session 4: Tuesday, May 10  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (EDT) | Ivy Tech Community College Northeast, Room #1740  
3800 N. Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 | Register Here!       |
| Session 5: Wednesday, May 11  
9:00 a.m. – Noon (EDT) | Harrison College – Lafayette, Room #103  
4705 Meijer Court, Lafayette, IN 47905 | Register Here!       |
| Session 6: Wednesday, May 11  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (EDT) | Harrison College – Lafayette, Room #103  
4705 Meijer Court, Lafayette, IN 47905 | Register Here!       |
| Session 7: Thursday, May 12  
9:00 a.m. – Noon (EDT) | Harrison College – Indianapolis  
6300 Technology Center Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46278 | Register Here!       |
| Session 8: Thursday, May 12  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (EDT) | Harrison College – Indianapolis  
550 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 | Register Here!       |
Online Webinar Training Sessions
Opportunities to participate in an online training session on the Indiana Career Explorer are also available. These shorter, one-hour sessions will cover the student component of the system as well as the administrative database management system. Attendees will be directed to electronic training resources available online. Register for a webinar using the links below.

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Upcoming sessions are listed above, but one-on-one online training and support is available from the Kuder Customer Support Team (Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 877.999.6227 or support@kuder.com).
High School ESL Institute  
August 11-12, 2011  

The Top 5 Things You Can Do for English Learners  
National Presenter: Jo Gusman

August 11: Heritage and New Haven HS Staff  
Location: New Haven High School, Room A116  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own

August 12: Woodlan and Leo HS Staff  
Location: Woodlan Auditeria  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own

Participants will learn to address the cognitive, affective, and social needs of English Learners. PGPs awarded. Participants will receive an extensive resource handbook that includes practical strategies.

Topics:
- What is the Affective Filter, and can I use the understanding of culture to create a compatible learning environment for my English Learners?
- Help! They don’t understand me when I am teaching – How do you make your input comprehensible?
- One size does not fit all-Understanding differentiated instruction

Understanding and Providing for English Learner Accommodations and Modifications

Presenters: High School ESL teachers

August 11: Leo and Woodlan High School staff members (at your own building location)  
Location: Leo High School – Room 150  
Location: Woodlan High School – Room TBD (2nd floor)  
Time: 8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30

August 12: New Haven and Heritage High School staff members (at your own building location)  
Location: New Haven High School – Room A116  
Location: Heritage High School – Room 121  
Time: 8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30

Participants will understand how to provide accommodations and modified work according to English Learner Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) in the areas of teacher lesson delivery, assignments, homework, and formal assessments. PGPs awarded. Participants will also have the opportunity to create modified work samples for their own courses. All participants should bring a sample of the following: assignment, homework, and quiz/test.
**Important Dates**

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**Websites of Interest**

**Site:** [http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/](http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/)

*Science News for Kids* was launched in 2003 by *Society for Science & the Public* (SSP) as a user-friendly companion to SSP's *Science News* magazine.

Since its launch, SSP has received regular feedback from educators who use *Science News for Kids (SNK)* inside and outside of their classrooms. SSP and the staff of SNK encourage educators to visit regularly to find:

- Timely, interesting news stories and features
- Suggestions and resources for hands-on activities, books, articles, and web resources
- Coverage of the world’s leading math and science competitions for young people

**Site:** [http://www.storylineonline.net/](http://www.storylineonline.net/)

*Storyline Online* is a free website where members of the Screen Actor’s Guild read popular children's picture books. There are plenty of well loved selections: *Stellaluna*, *A Bad Case of Stripes*, *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, *Enemy Pie*, and *To Be a Drum* are just a few.

For the purposes of the Picture Book Challenge I use *Storyline Online* as a way to inspire my students to come up with ideas for their own work. You could also use Storyline as a listening center to improve reading fluency. Also worth mentioning is the captioning function which can help struggling readers and students who are English Language Learners.

**Bundle Feedback**

We are now in the process of going through the bundle feedback we have received throughout the year and making the necessary changes to our “living” document. Feel free to send additional feedback of the final bundles along with any other suggestions that you might have.

**Data Integration**

1. **mClass- End of Year Testing**
2. **ACUITY- Diagnostic 4**
   - G3-G5
     - no Diagnostic Science assessment

**Middle Schools**
- Math teachers- administer Math and Science
- L.A. teachers- administer LA and Social Studies
- Please refer to the ACUITY information sheets to see accommodations for the L. Arts assessments.

**News and Notes**

**Summer Training Opportunities:**

**Janet Allen**
Topic- Plugged in to Reading
Date: June 23  Time- 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- Attendance open to all 7th and 8th grade language arts teachers
- 6 PGP offered (no stipend)

**Lucy Calkins**
Topic- Writing (See your school administrator-spaces still available)
Date: July 18-21  Time- 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- Attendance open to 100 educators
- 20 PGP offered (no stipend)
- Kits will be given to those that attend

**Jan Christensen**
Topic- Balanced Math (See your school administrator-spaces still available)
Date: Aug. 1-2  Time- 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- Attendance open to 60 educators
- 10 PGP offered (no stipend)

**K-G2 Collaboration Topics**
- mClass Testing
- Book Talks (2nd grade)

**G3-G8 Collaboration Topics**
- Literature Study
- Book Talks
1. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent *teacher attendance* April 25-29, 2011:

- Hoagland – 98%
- Leo Elementary - 98%
- Prince Chapman – 96%

*Keep up the great work!*