



# Lee/Ogle ROE Newsletter

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## H.E.A.R.T. (Homeless, Social Emotional Learning, PreSchool For All, EC 0-3)

### *Area II McKinney-Vento Homeless Education*

The start of the school year is a very busy time. As that area-wide Lead Liaison, the Lee/Ogle ROE has responsibilities throughout 17 counties in northwestern Illinois. Because of this, Deb Foust has been called on to deliver trainings recently in Boone/Winnebago Counties and DeKalb County, along with here in Lee/Ogle. Nov 5 – 8, Deb will be in Pittsburg for the National Homeless Conference. This conference is an excellent way to learn from about federal rules/requirements along with any upcoming changes and directions for the McKinney/Vento Homeless Education Act. As always, contact Deb Foust with any questions you might have [dfoust@leeogle.org](mailto:dfoust@leeogle.org)

### *The Prevention Initiative (Ages 0-3) Home Based Program*

We have been making our home visits for over a month now. So far, we have 25 children enrolled and are looking to expand our program with another visitor. If you know of families with children in that age who would benefit from a home-educator, please contact Marcy West, [mwest@leeogle.org](mailto:mwest@leeogle.org)

### *The Preschool For All Program in Mt. Morris*

Preschool For All: Friday, 10/14 we had our field trip to the fire station. 23 of the 40 children had a parent attend. Monday, 10/17 was our Family Fun Night. We had Exotic animals from Critter Camp. The children loved being able to touch and pet the various animals.

## Alternative Ed Programs (Truancy, Nachusa Campus School, RSSP)

### *Nachusa Campus School*

The students at the Nachusa Campus School have adapted well to the new changes for this year! Our priorities have been on making Nachusa a safe, productive learning environment in which students can “catch up” with their academics AND their social/emotional learning.

Enrollment info:

- The Options classrooms (school-avoidant students) are full.
- Transition class (support after alcohol/drug rehab) has 4 students. The Choices classroom (alcohol/drug residential students) has 12 students
- Alternatives To Detention class (court-ordered residential) has 6 students.
- The FLEX program in Dixon has 11 students while the Rochelle program has 9 students.

The first counselor breakfast was at Nachusa Campus School on Oct. 4 and all attendees appreciated knowing more about this great resource for their students.

### *LODIS (Lee/Ogle Dropout Intervention System) –*

LODIS caseworkers are back on the job and chose the rainiest day of the fall to move to Nachusa Campus School! When they aren't in the districts, you can find them working with the students at Nachusa.

### *Nachusa Campus School*

Parent Night –  
October 27  
And  
Career Day at  
Sauk Valley CC on  
November 4

Next Counselor's  
Breakfast is  
November 15 at  
the ROE



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## Common Core Standards

Contact Anji Garza [agarza@leeogle.org](mailto:agarza@leeogle.org)



### Projects started/continuing in FY 12 include:

- Oregon Math Articulation Project – K-12 teachers working to identify essential outcomes aligned to the common core and begin working on the “Standards of Mathematical Practice”.
- Rochelle-Area Math Articulation Project – 6 districts combined 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers to prepare students for new common core assessments at the end of first and second semester. More work is being planned for English Language Arts starting this winter.
- Dixon district 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers are working to implement their ideas and strategies for addressing the common core from this summer.
- Awareness presentations to several schools throughout our counties, especially to the Amboy, AFC, and Polo combined institute on October 7<sup>th</sup>

### Coming up

- State Math Common Core Professional Development will be delivered at the Lee/Ogle ROE this winter/spring. Keep watching for dates on our website – [www.leeogle.org](http://www.leeogle.org)
- PARCC (assessment) content frameworks are available at <http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-content-frameworks>

## Statewide System of Support

BIG changes are happening in the Statewide System of Support (formerly RESPRO).

- All districts are working on their required School Improvement Plans. Contact Mary Francis [mfrancis@leeogle.org](mailto:mfrancis@leeogle.org) with questions
- Content Experts have been hired in English/Language Arts, Math and Data/Assessment to assist districts and provide networking support in implementing the new core standards. Their first state meeting was last week and we will be hearing more about the state plans soon!

## Rtl Networking Grant

We welcome Terry Schuster as our Area-Wide Instructional Leader for the new Rtl Networking Grant. Terry has been busy with two starting activities:

- Identifying districts eligible to join the network for increased technical assistance and professional development for Rtl and
- Revising the long-awaited-for state Rtl PD modules

### Coming up at the ROE:

November 18 –  
Transitioning to the Next  
Level... Common Core  
Standards, Higher Level  
Reasoning, and Differentiation  
*Register Soon!*

Using the Ipad in the  
classroom  
Coming Soon!

Rtl Networking Coaches  
Meeting November 9 at  
Woodlawn Arts Academy,  
Sterling

Parapro Testing  
December 14

February 24 –  
Back to the Board – A  
SmartBoard Refresher