

Educator of the Year 2017, ROE Student Photo Contest, Conferences, and more!



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### Educator of the Year 2017 is April 28th, 2017!

Mark your calendars for Educator of the Year 2017, held on Friday, April 28th, 2017 at the Q Center in St. Charles! The Educator of the Year Awards celebrate the teachers, administrators, and support staff that work everyday to provide a fantastic education for students throughout Kane County.



Nominations are now being accepted by the ROE through February 27th, 2017. [The nomination packet can be found here](#). All nominees should be skillful, dedicated, and continue to play an active role in education.

Nominate Someone You Know!

### ROE's 3rd Annual Student Photography Contest and Reception

The ROE's 3rd Annual Student Photography Contest has been ongoing for the past 7 weeks and we've received nearly 400 submissions! The hardest challenge each week is narrowing the submissions down to the top 10. The contest is almost over, but we still have two more weeks left.

On Thursday, December 15th, join the ROE at [Water Street Studios](#) in Batavia from 6pm-8pm for a fantastic evening featuring amazing photography from students throughout Kane County, trophies from [Image Awards](#) and presented by Regional Superintendent Patricia Dal Santo, delicious catering from Batavia High School, and great music from the [Batavia High School Orchestra](#). If you have any questions or you'd like to RSVP, please contact Mike Ademe at 630-675-4446 or [mademe@kaneroe.org](mailto:mademe@kaneroe.org).



[See the top 10 photos from Week 6!](#)  
[See the top 10 photos from Week 7!](#)

## Raising Student Achievement Conference

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools presents the [Raising Student Achievement Conference](#). Join us on December 5-6 in St. Charles, IL. The conference is a fantastic opportunity to learn from educational experts and peers. You will get tips for improving and enhancing instruction and leave with practical ideas you can use the next day in the classroom.



[Register Now!](#)

## National Spelling Bee 2017 School Registration Is Almost Over

Has your school been registered to host a spelling bee as part of Scripps National Spelling Bee? Schools have until December 12th to register online to hold their individual spelling bee. The winner from each school will advance to a semi-final spelling bee, and the Regional Spelling Bee will be hosted by the ROE. The final winner will be sponsored by the ROE and other sponsors to advance to the National Spelling Bee held in Washington DC.

[Register your school here!](#)



## Student Loan Forgiveness Program

If you are searching for a way to lower your monthly student loan

payments or make additional degrees more affordable, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program may be an option for you. Visit <http://KaneROE.myisls.com>, enter code KANE & see if you qualify.



[Click here to download the Student Loan Forgiveness packet.](#)

## 8 Digital Anti-Bullying Resources

Bullying prevention in schools is a hot topic each year. 22% of students report being bullied during the school year, and many that are bullied do not report it. School based bullying prevention programs are implemented to fight bullying and have resulted in a 25% decrease in bullying.



This great article details 8 anti-bullying resources that schools around the USA are implementing to promote a bullying-free school environment.

[Read the article](#)

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