



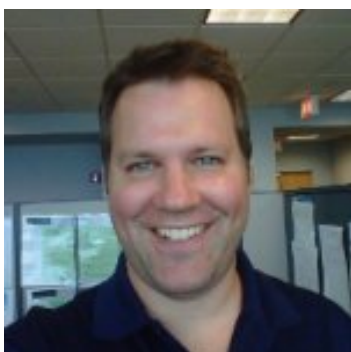
Joliet Partners in Education Newsletter

Welcome New Partnerships

Michael Bencic of Comcast – I’m new to Joliet Partners in Education. I’ve worked in the telecommunications industry for 12 years and am proud to be part of an organization that is on the cutting edge of communications and technology while striving to be a community partner.



My goal is to learn about the needs in the community through Joliet Partners in Education and apply corporate resources to meet those needs. In addition, I’d like to use this forum to network with other Schools, Government and Health Care organization to add value to organizations through the Comcast product offering.



I’m a graduate of St. Louis University and live in Orland Park with my Wife and 3 boys.

If your school or business has recently partnered with JPIE or even have an existing partnership with JPIE and would like to introduce yourself in the newsletter or on the website, please send a brief introduction and a picture to jolietpie@gmail.com and let us know how we can help your partnership begin or grow!

JPIE Mission Statement:

Fostering relationships between businesses and schools for community growth



JPIE Vision Statement:

The primary mission of Partners In Education is to stimulate partnerships between schools and businesses for their mutual benefit.

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Will County Land Use



Will County Resource Recovery and Energy, a Division of the Will County Land Use Department, is proud to offer an environmental education program to all schools in Will County. The School Earth Flag Program teaches the students the importance of

protecting their environment. Teachers may request classroom presentations during the school year. These fun-filled classes will engage the students and encourage them to consider ways to better the environment through resource/energy conservation and recycling.

In addition to the Earth Flag program, Will County offers teachers the opportunity to teach classroom composting skills using a vermicomposting (worm) bin. A prepared worm bin, a comprehensive instruction book and personal instruction is provided to each classroom teacher to get started.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, area schools were given the opportunity to participate in a plastic bag collection challenge, sponsored by Will County in partnership with TREX Company. TREX utilizes millions of plastic bags each year to create its composite lumber product that is subsequently turned into benches, decks, and other finished products. In turn, these bags are kept out of our landfills, both locally and nationally. By building this partnership with schools, students can learn the importance of recycling, keep plastic out of the waste stream, and be rewarded for their efforts. Since October, 25 participating schools have been collecting bags. TREX will be offering the one school bringing in the most bags (per capita) a recycled plastic bench. Also, each participating school will receive a birdhouse made of TREX lumber.



Wyn Hyzer, Environmental Educator for Will County with group of second grade students at Arbury Hills Elementary School in Mokena, IL.

For more information, please consult our website, <http://www.willcountygreen.com/education/default.aspx>, or contact Wyn Hyzer at whyzer@willcountygreen.com.

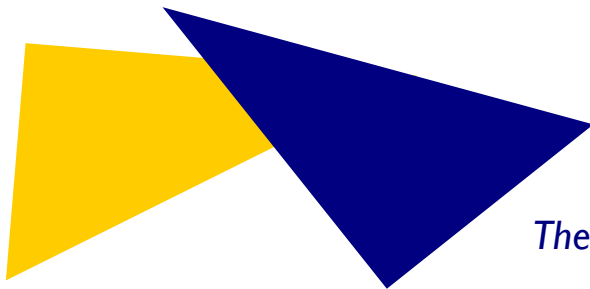
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Chicagoland Speedway/ Route 66 Raceway & Joliet Township High School



Seeking to provide students with real-life business experience while also celebrating philanthropic contributions, Chicagoland Speedway (CLS) and Route 66 Raceway are continuing their curriculum program with Joliet Township High School during the 2012-2013 school year with the Route 66 Raceway 15th Anniversary Banner program. Similar to last year's Benchmark Project, students will work closely with CLS/Rt. 66 Raceway staff to design, market and sell large banners (25 feet x 15 feet) that will be hung

around drag racing's premier facility during the 2013 season (May through October). A portion of the proceeds raised through the sales of the banners will benefit a local charity(s) selected by the participating students. The students will begin to reach out to local businesses late January in effort to sell between 8 and 10 banners.



The Private Bank—Bank Savvy Financial Literacy Program



The PrivateBank partnered with the Rockdale School District 84 and Principal Tammy Hafner to share the Bank Savvy Financial Literacy Program. The program utilizes award-winning tools designed by Money Savvy Generation to teach children the concepts of Save, Spend, Donate and Invest. The program was taught to the 8th grade students



in two sessions in March 2012. Michael Rittorf, Lisa Allen, Jody Chiapello, Tina Zugel and Max Ziesmer of The PrivateBank all took part in teaching the program to the 8th grade students. It went great and the bank staff is looking forward to continuing the program again in 2013!

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Abri Credit Union—Transition Program

Abri Credit Union worked with partner, Joliet Township High Schools, to offer financial education to their Joliet Transition Center participants. The Transition Program is for Joliet Township High School Students who need intense transitional supports to develop vocational, community, and independent living skills. The group Abri worked with were all 22 year-olds who were leaving the program for full-time employment. November 28 & 29, Abri taught the participants how to write checks and balance a checkbook. They also set up a Real World simulation so the students could “pretend” that they had jobs and needed to support themselves. They bought cars, paid utility bills and made choices about where they’d shop for clothes. This provided a great opportunity for them to learn about choices and budgeting in a safe environment before they venture out of the program on their own.



***Schools to Partner
with Businesses...***

Minooka CCSD 201 is looking to partner with area businesses to help promote students with disabilities becoming involved in the community. We are asking our businesses to attend a parent meeting and share information on how students with disabilities could access your business. We would hold the parent meeting on April 9th at 6:00pm at Minooka CCSD 201 District Office.

If interested in partnering, contact Tiffany Staab at tstaab@min201.org or 815.467.5042.



Minooka CCSD #201

We work best when we work together.



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Illinois Department of Employment Security—Illinois Hire the Future



This program helps thousands of young people find their first job - either a summer job or part-time work during the school year - and adds energetic, motivated workers to the Illinois workforce every year. Summer job programs are sponsored by the department through its regular Illinois Hire the Future (IHTF) program. The positions listed are real jobs, mostly seasonal, and not subsidized with tax dollars.

Illinois Hire the Future started in 1988 as a summer jobs program. Since then it has evolved into a comprehensive, year-round program to give students employment experiences that include:

- summer, full or part-time
- year-round, part-time
- seasonal, e.g. holiday retail, January inventories
- occasional, e.g. sporting events, concerts
- permanent, after the student has finished high school

***Looking to Partner
with Businesses...***

Hire The Future is looking for businesses that are willing to hire highly motivated and qualified High School students for part time jobs after school, on the weekends and in the summer.

If you have positions open to the students or know of any opportunities open to them please contact:

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http://www.ides.state.il.us/employment/hire_the_future.asp



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Joliet Township High School and R Berti Building Solutions—Robotics Program



Upcoming Events

- **Committee Meeting**

Friday, January 25, 2013

Rockdale School
District 84

715 Meadow Ave.

Rockdale, IL 60436

(815)725-5321

**RSVP if you have not done so already to: jolietpie@gmail.com

Our First Robotics "build season" began with the kick-off at IIT on January 5, 2013. Chris McGuffey, a teacher at JTHS and Bob Tota, Plant Manager at Vulcan Materials Company attended the kick-off with twelve (12) JTHS students. There they learned of the challenge for this year, "Ultimate Ascent." Ultimate Ascent includes a Robot designed to throw Frisbees into slots and designed to climb a pyramid.

Rich Berti of R Berti Building Solutions will again this year, build a practice field for the Joliet Township High School Robot at the JTHS "old transportation building." The practice field will allow the students to prepare for the FIRST Robotics Midwest Regional Competition scheduled for April 4, 5 and 6, 2013 at the UIC Pavilion. The Robot will practice throwing Frisbees and climbing the pyramid.



*"Fifty years from now,
It will not matter what kind
of car you drove,
What kind of house you lived
in,
How much you had in your
bank account,
Or what your clothes looked
like.
But the world may be a little
better
because you were important
in the life of a child."*

Questions? Comments? Feedback? Testimonials?

We would love to hear from you, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our email address is:
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