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Assessment Update

- Score reports will be available later this fall. The only details released regarding dates are:
 - High School = November 2015
 - Grades 3-8 = December 2015
 - The webinar discussing these details will be posted for 2 weeks at isbe.net/assessment
- Read more [HERE](#), including
 - Sample score reports for various grade levels & subject areas
 - ISBE's PARCC Place - a hub for all things PARCC in IL
- No other news is available yet due to the budget impasse in the IL General Assembly, including:
 - continuation/replacement of ACT testing
 - details about new Science assessment

What Is EdCamp?

[The EdCamp concept is a growing trend](#) in educators' professional development. EdCamps (also known as an "un-conference," due to its non-traditional nature) allow educators to share their knowledge with or gather knowledge from others. Simply share the topics you want to learn about and visit the meeting space available for that topic. Then, listen, lead, and learn!

- [Explanation of EdCamp](#)
- [EdCamp Lip Dub](#)

Regional Office of Education #33 is planning this year's Teachers' Institute (Oct 30), using a modified version of the EdCamp idea for break out sessions. We invite all educators to share your ideas, experience, and expertise during these EdCamp sessions. More information from the ROE will be shared as it becomes available.

Capture the Core Newsletter

ISBE publishes monthly Capture the Core newsletters to inform educators about grade-level-specific ways to integrate the New Illinois Learning Standards (nILS) throughout all instructional areas. Their latest “Special Edition” covers assessment information and how to read & interpret the new PARCC score reports, available later in the semester.

- [October 2015 Special Edition](#)
- [Other editions](#) (grade-level-specific)

Tech Tips

- [Privacy Issues & Chromebook Monitoring](#)
- Want fewer clicks to start each morning? Learn to [Make Google Chrome Work for You](#)
- Learn how [GMail Labs](#) can make your Inbox a lot less scary.

Professional Development Opportunities

Tue, Oct. 13

- [Blended Learning part 3](#) with Brian Bates, LMS 4-5 pm
- [Basic French for Classrooms part 2](#) with Lisa Bourial, CJHS 4-5 pm
- ~~Using Student Work to Guide Instruction (Mentors)~~ POSTPONED

Wed, Oct 14

- [Assessment Tools & Google Apps part 2](#) with TC Michels, LMS 4-5pm
- **Dream Big Book Club Mtg #2**, Lincoln Ed Ctr 4-5pm

Thu, Oct 15

- **Formative Assessment** (New Mentors), Lincoln Ed Ctr 4-530pm
- [Basic French for Classrooms part 3](#) with Lisa Bourial, CJHS 4-5 pm

Fri, Oct 16

- 2-hr student early dismissal for grading & planning

Mon, Oct 19

- [Supporting ELLs part 4 with](#) Lisa Bourial, CJHS 4-5pm
- [Writing from Sources part 1](#) with Susan McKee, Lincoln Ed Ctr 4-5 pm

Tue, Oct 20

- [Basic French for Classrooms](#) part 4 with Lisa Bourial, CJHS 4-5pm
- [IL Writing Matters part 1](#) with Susan McKee, Lincoln Ed Ctr 4-5 pm

Wed, Oct 21

- [Reading in Overdrive on Chromebooks](#), LMS Library 4-5pm

Fri, Oct 23

- No School

Fri, Oct 30

- ROE 33 Teachers Institute, GHS 8am-1pm (Sign in begins at 730 - plan to arrive early)