

## January 2008 – Monthly ICN E-News Update Happy New Year!

### [Caucus night in Iowa and ICN was there...](#)

...playing an integral part in communicating coverage of the event to Iowans and the rest of the world.

Behind the bright lights and television cameras, Iowa Communications Network (ICN) supplied voice, Internet, data, and video services to various national and international 2008 Iowa caucus broadcasts. ICN provided the services, and stand-by support, at the request of the Department of Administrative Services - General Services Enterprise.

Full story and pictures at [http://www.icn.state.ia.us/news\\_facts/whats\\_new.html](http://www.icn.state.ia.us/news_facts/whats_new.html)

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### [Leading the way](#)

Blindness is sometimes seen as a great barrier to success; however, Iowan Jesse Bolinger does not see it that way. Join Jesse, (an ICN scheduler, Graceland University graduate and Master's student), and his Leader Dog Kirby (an equally-smart Golden Retriever), in this interactive session to learn about service dogs, technology and lessons learned through blindness. Students will be introduced to basic dog care and training methods used to assist a service dog team in being successful. Students will also be introduced to a variety of technologies used by those with low vision and blindness including computer screen enlargement, speech, global positioning technology and other enlargement and daily living aids. Students will be able to experience blindness through activities at each site.

February 21 - Grades 7-12 and Educators - 9-9:50

February 21 - Grades 3-6 - 10-10:50, 12:30-1:20

Register at [http://www.iptv.org/iowa\\_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8535](http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8535)



Kirby the Leader Dog (a.k.a. Fiber Dog)

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### [It looked okay, so I ate it](#)

What is the temperature of your refrigerator at home? How do you defrost uncooked meat? These practical questions on food safety and more will be discussed. Students will learn about the infectious risk associated with food and how to keep food safe.

**February 5 - 10-10:50**

**7-12 Grade**

Register at [http://www.iptv.org/iowa\\_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8503](http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8503)

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### [Empowering youth to eat smart!](#)

For K-12 school staff and child care professionals...Learn about:

How to incorporate nutrition into all subject areas

How to make the classroom a "Health Zone"

Free existing nutrition resources

Non-competitive grants that are available for nutrition education in low-income schools

Katie Bogue, Iowa Nutrition Network and Iowa Department of Public Health, will present.

**January 30, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

Register at [http://www.iptv.org/iowa\\_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=7961](http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=7961)

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### [Press conference on freedom of the press](#)

High school journalism teachers and students are invited to participate in a press conference focused on freedom of the press on Wednesday, January 30, from 1-2 p.m. The press conference is offered in conjunction with L.A. Theatre Works' production of *Top Secret: The Battle for the Pentagon Papers* on Wednesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. at Hancher Auditorium. This docudrama covers The Washington Post's decision to publish the Pentagon Papers, a top secret study documenting U.S. involvement in Vietnam. The subsequent trial tested the parameters of the First Amendment, pitting the public's right to know against the government's desire for secrecy. This play offers an opportunity to raise issues related to freedom of the press – issues that have particular relevance today.

This event will be broadcast over the Iowa Communications Network. The press-conference style program will allow students to pose questions to the cast members about their experiences in the play and their thoughts on issues surrounding freedom of the press.

#### **To join the live audience at Hancher Auditorium**

Email [Jessica Netolicky](mailto:Jessica.Netolicky@iactv.org) your school's name and mailing address, class size, grade level(s), and a contact person who will be accompanying the students by Friday, January 25.

#### **To join the press conference over the ICN:**

Email [Jessica Netolicky](mailto:Jessica.Netolicky@iactv.org) your ICN node number, school's name and mailing address, class size, grade level(s), and a contact person who will be present during the session by Friday, January 25.

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### [Connections with Japan](#)

Connections with Japan, an online video lesson series, has recently been added to IPTV's Web site. These videos are available for use in the classroom or home environment. The purpose of the videos is to provide students with an opportunity to learn about Japan and the Japanese people. Dr. Sachiko Murphy, a Japanese native and teacher of the Japanese language, presents four topics that she covers in her own classes: Sumou, Sushi, Manga, and Kabuki. The videos are designed for grades 3-8 although they would be appropriate for older students and educators as well. Each video is approximately 15 minutes in length.

Funding for these Japanese video lessons has been provided in part by The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.

To access the videos, go to IPTV's Web site at [www.iptv.org](http://www.iptv.org) and click on Video and then search for Japan. If you prefer, the links to each program are listed below.

#### **Sumou** <http://www.iptv.org/video/detail.cfm/995>

Sachiko Murphy covers aspects of sumou wrestling, sumou's cultural significance, and how matches are conducted. Then she shows two students how to make origami sumou wrestlers, name their wrestlers and carry out a match.

#### **Sushi** <http://www.iptv.org/video/detail.cfm/994>

Sachiko Murphy explains types of sushi, it's origins, and it's cultural connections. Then she shows her student, Carin, how to make sushi, discusses the ingredients involved, and explains the Japanese idiom "packed like sushi."

#### **Manga** <http://www.iptv.org/video/detail.cfm/996>

Sachiko Murphy talks about the art of manga, it's history, and styles of manga animation.

#### **Kabuki** <http://www.iptv.org/video/detail.cfm/997>

Sachiko Murphy talks about the history of kabuki theater, then two of her students prepare for a kabuki performance. Sachiko Murphy also demonstrates how to dress someone in a kimono and shows examples of kabuki theater.

IPTV also invites you to take a survey and provide them with valuable information used to secure funds to create additional content for classroom use. ***If you are an Iowa teacher, you will also be asked if you would like to receive additional materials from IPTV about Japan which will be mailed or emailed to you free of charge.*** Materials range from Japanese Culture Kits (limited supply) to Origami Kits (limited supply) to teacher guides and broadcast information. Your information will be kept confidential and not released to any outside organizations.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3zyz3rHvJDW51Dvq88jT9w\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3zyz3rHvJDW51Dvq88jT9w_3d_3d)

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