

September 2008 ICN E-News Update

Reminder about Renovations/Repairs

As the school year gets underway, some schools are attempting to wrap up renovations which are affecting usage of their ICN video classrooms or ICN's equipment room located on campus. In order to keep your future projects on schedule, ICN would like to remind all administrators and technology coordinators to include the Network in your renovating plans.

Please contact the ICN Service Desk at icnservicedesk@iowa.gov while you are in the planning stages, if the work being done will involve any aspect of your ICN video classroom(s) or ICN's equipment.

The ICN Service Desk will open a work ticket and a field tech will be notified to meet with you. Our Operations staff will provide a quote, perform the service professionally and efficiently, and get your students back in the video classroom!

We also ask that you consult with your regional ICN scheduler to ensure sessions will not be affected. Sometimes sessions are scheduled far in advance, and the scheduler needs to be able to notify session participants in a timely manner. You can find your regional scheduler by selecting the ICN Classrooms button at the top of the ICN home page at www.icn.state.ia.us.

ICN understands the space and financial resource challenges that schools face. Including ICN in your plans ahead of time allows your project to stay on schedule and on budget, and allows our Operations staff to provide the technical assistance necessary to remove or relocate equipment and have your room available for distance learning opportunities for students and staff in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our [ICN Service Desk](#) or e-mail me. Please also feel free to forward this message on to all appropriate staff.

Second Annual In Toto Conference

The second annual ICN *In Toto* conference will be Thursday, September 25, at the beautiful State Historical Building in Des Moines. A special pre-conference workshop will be held Wednesday afternoon, September 24th. All educational and administrative schedulers, RTC and ETC members, technology coordinators and others directly involved with the ICN are encouraged to attend. A full day of information sessions are scheduled. For details, or to register, visit <http://www.icn.state.ia.us/intoto/index.html>.

Did You Know?

You and your students may be able to participate in distance learning opportunities, even if your ICN video classroom is not available. ICN video specialists can bridge IP videoconferencing units (commonly referred to by their brand names, such as Polycom or Tandberg) with ICN classrooms. For more information, contact ICN Public Relations Manager [Gail McMahan](#)!

[K-12 Connections](#)

The [K-12 Connections calendar](#) is filling up fast with free sessions for K-12 students, faculty, staff and administrators! Here is a just a sample of what you and your students could experience!

School Dental Screenings

http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8986

School Nurses and other School Staff

September 10, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Registration Deadline: 09/05/08

House File 906, which was passed by the 2007 legislature and was effective July 1, 2008, requires all children newly enrolled in elementary and high school to have a dental screening. This would include Kindergarten (or 1st grade if there is no Kindergarten), 9th grade, and out-of-state transfer students. The goal of the dental screening requirement is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children and promote the importance of oral health as an integral component of preparation for school and learning.

The purpose of this ICN session is to provide knowledge and guidance on meeting the school screening requirement. School nurses will be part of an integrated network of health care professionals who will assist in ensuring that dental screenings are completed. Upon completion of the ICN, participants will:

- Understand the school dental screening rules and requirements
- Describe the implementation of the dental screening requirement
- Perform and document a dental screening

Reading with a Firefighter

http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8836

Grades K-4

October 6, 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM &

October 6, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM &

October 6, 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM

Registration Deadline: 09/26/08

Reading with a Career Professional Series:

K-12 Connections is once again offering a series of career-related ICN events called *Reading with ...* for students grades K-3. The series will include career professionals reading an age appropriate book about their career, sharing a short feature career videotape and answering student questions. In this session, students join an Urbandale firefighter as he shares his career with students using a book, video, and showing some of the tools used on the job. He is able to address fire prevention, safety issues and tips with students during the session. There will be time for questions, so teachers and students are asked to come to the session prepared.

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