

# Newsletter

Educational Service Unit 8

## 2020 ESU 8 Academic Quiz Bowls

Will be held at the ESU 8 in Neligh!



**The 2020 Quiz Bowl for Grades 9-12** will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a start time of 9:00am and an end time of approximately 2:30pm.

**The 2020 Quiz Bowl for Grades 6-8** will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 9:00am and an end time of approximately 2:30pm.

## PBiS Tier I Follow-up

Monday, February 3 • 9:00am - 3:30pm  
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

Teams will work to follow-up on information from the Summer 2019 training. Heather Robbins, the presenter, will be here to assist. Lunch will be on your own.

If you have questions about this event, please email Steph Lundgren at [stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org](mailto:stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org).

## Music Teacher Collaboration Day

Friday, February 6 • 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

Area Music teachers will share ideas from their own classrooms as well as learn new strategies for teaching. Lunch will be provided.

Presenters will be Molly Aschoff and Steph Lundgren. If you have questions, please email [stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org](mailto:stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org).



## Title I Collaboration Meeting

**Tuesday, February 11 • 9:00am – 3:00pm**

Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

Title I teachers will meet to collaborate on and learn new teaching strategies and discuss paperwork due to NDE. There is an event fee of \$20.00 and lunch will be provided.

Your presenter will be Steph Lundgren, NDE Representative and if you have questions, you may email her at [stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org](mailto:stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org).

Please register by Tuesday, February 4.

## Curriculum Development Workshop

**Tuesday, February 18 • 9:00am – 3:00pm**

Conference Room A/B at ESU 8 in Neligh

Does your district have a process for developing and reviewing curriculum?

This workshop will explore the components of curriculum and a process that ensures your district provides quality instruction, materials, and assessments. We encourage you to bring a team of educators which may include administrators, curriculum coordinators, or teacher leaders.

Please bring a device.

There is an event fee of \$20.00 and lunch will be provided. The ESU 8 Professional Development Team will be your presenters.

Please register by Tuesday, February 11.

REGISTER TODAY



### STRENGTHEN THE CORE

MTSS teams who have begun implementation will work to strengthen core supports and tier I strategies to intensify their knowledge and practices. Teams should include a lower elementary teacher, upper elementary teacher, interventionist, and administrator. Training is provided by ESU 8 MTSS, School Psychology, and Professional Development staff.

February 27, 2020 - 9 am to 3 pm

Registration is open at [www.esu8.org](http://www.esu8.org).

Lunch is provided - \$20 registration fee

Contact Toni Arehart with questions.  
[tarehart@esu8.org](mailto:tarehart@esu8.org)



## Aspiring Young Authors' Festival

**Saturday, March 28 • 8:00am – 12:30pm**  
Brandenberg Education Building at WSC

Once again, the Northeast Council of the Nebraska State Reading Association is planning the annual Aspiring Young Authors' Festival. The Festival will be held at Wayne State College, Saturday morning, March 28, 2020 in the Brandenberg Education Building from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Your talented young authors will be rewarded with an opportunity to meet published authors Mary Meinking Chambers and Stacy Kreycik Miller, and more! Details can be downloaded from:

<http://www.esu8.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Young-Authors-Festival-2020.pdf>



In the meantime, if you have questions, you may text Jenny Gubbels at 402.750.7040 or email her at [jargubb@yahoo.com](mailto:jargubb@yahoo.com).

## 2020 ESU 8 K-12 Art Show

**Thursday, April 16 – Monday, April 20**  
Antelope County Fair Grounds  
Ag Building in Neligh  
(Hwy 275)



The K-12 Art Show will be held at the Antelope County Fair Grounds building again this year. It will begin on Thursday, April 16 with the High School Students and Teachers hanging artwork. From Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19 the public will be able to view the art from 10:00am to 5:00pm. On Monday morning, April 20, there will be a critique given by the judge.

An email with the registration and the entry forms that need to be completed will be sent to Superintendents, Principals, and Art Teachers. These forms will also be posted online at: <http://www.esu8.org/art/>

Please contact Steph Lundgren ([stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org](mailto:stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org)) or Bev Tillema ([btillema@esu8.org](mailto:btillema@esu8.org)) at 402.887.5041 if you have questions regarding this event.

save the date!

# SUMMER TECH INSTITUTE

**MAY 28, 2020**  
LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER  
NECC, NORFOLK, NEBRASKA

## DROP THE MIC!

MAKING INNOVATIVE CONNECTIONS

# Tech Infrastructure

By Brent Pickrel

Email compromises are on the rise. I have been required to deal with at least one compromise per month for the esu8.org email domain. Although I have not experienced someone losing money, I have heard this has happened in other parts of the state. The FBI reports “Between May 2018 and July 2019, there was a 100 percent increase in identified global exposed losses.” The FBI also reports total U.S. financial recipient exposed dollar loss: \$3,543,308,220. That’s OVER \$3.5 billion! It’s real, it happens, and you have probably been exposed.

Here are some tactics to prevent this compromise to yourself:

1. NEVER give out your username or password for anything.
  - a. Regarding esu8.org mail specifically, don’t log in on a browser unless you see a picture of our office building before you enter a password.
2. If ANYONE asks for money ASAP, assume it’s a scam.
  - a. Get face to face confirmation. Do this with any amount out of the ordinary.
3. NEVER respond to anyone regarding any issues with your email account.
  - a. Unless it’s me, Brent Pickrel - bpickrel@esu8.org.
4. Grammatical or fluency mistakes.
5. Incorrect signatures at the end of the message.
6. Verify, verify, verify.
  - a. This is almost the same as #2 but verify if asked to bypass normal policy. Verify if asked for an extra payment or the payment to be sent to an alternate location or alternate method.

These attacks and compromises will never cease without education of those using email communication. Education should be emphasized upon executives, HR and financial departments. Those departments are targeted much more than any other department. These attacks are getting more sophisticated but common sense will prevail most of the time.

There are many resources available to help educate and you should seek a few tips and tricks. Technology cannot mitigate everything. Humans still must use their intelligence for the best prevention.

## CEENBoT

<http://ceenbot.unl.edu/>

Order the CEENBoT 324 Chassis (kit# KT1204) from the ESU 8 Media Center and your students can explore electronics, microcontrollers, programming, interfacing and control topics. It can be operated by a PlayStation-type controller. The included components can be powered by the USB port of a computer, or by the AC adapter that’s included. Programming the microcontroller is accomplished using a common USB cable and Atmel FLIP or other, open source USB bootloader software. Sample source code demonstrating how to drive the LCD panel, LED displays and other components are available for download.

Order online via [SNAP.esu8.org](http://SNAP.esu8.org) or email Linda at [lmiller@esu8.org](mailto:lmiller@esu8.org).

