

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 8

NEWSLETTER

31st Annual ESU 8 Academic Quiz Bowls

Beautiful weather greeted twenty-three Senior High Quiz Bowl teams who competed in the Neligh offices of ESU 8 on March 3. Last year, flooded highways forced this event to be cancelled after just an hour.

Approximately two hundred students from these 23 teams were quizzed about a very wide range of topics: Language Arts, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies and Current Events. The double-elimination tournament included 44 head-to-head matches, held in four competition rooms. Chambers won third place, Norfolk Senior High was the Runner-Up, and Lutheran High Northeast was the Champion!

Lutheran High Northeast and Norfolk Senior High met in one of the first rounds of the day. Norfolk Senior High lost the match and was sent to the losers' bracket. After that loss, however, they defeated their next seven opponents and met up with the undefeated Lutheran High Northeast team again in the Championship match! The score was tied, leading up to the twelfth and final toss-up question. A Lutheran High Northeast player buzzed in first and answered correctly to win, 40-35.

NOTE: The 2020 State Quiz Bowl, that Lutheran High Northeast and Norfolk Senior High were to compete in, has been cancelled.

The Middle School/Junior High Quiz Bowl was held the following day, on March 4. Twenty-Five teams of 6-8 grade students came from throughout the seven county ESU 8 region. Stuart won third place, Norfolk Junior High was the Runner-up, and Pierce was the Champion!

Pierce was beaten by Neligh-Oakdale in the first round of the day. Pierce then won the next seven matches to qualify and face the Norfolk Junior High team that had won all five of their matches. Pierce won that match, 45-40, to force a tie-breaker match to end the tournament. Norfolk Junior High surged to a 50-point lead before Pierce caught up. Pierce tied the score on the last toss-up question. Then they answered their bonus question correctly to win, 65-55!





ESU 8 Easter Break

ESU 8 offices will be
closed for Easter Break
on ...

**Friday, April 10th
and
Monday, April 13th**

Cancellations

**ALL ESU 8 events
that were scheduled
in April have been
cancelled.**

If you have questions or
concerns, please feel
free to call the main
office at 402.887.5041.

Thank you!

Remote Learning Resources

The ESU 8 YouTube Channel has many helpful tutorials at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCof6djpNKJHz4vki1scllaw>

World Book Online Home Access for teachers and students:

Login: esu8wb

Password: orders

Zoom support pages:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697-Getting-Started>

If you need a zoom account, please email Molly Aschoff at

molly.aschoff@esu8ne.org

D W Eyes

Check it out!

This kit is designed to graphically demonstrate to students how much drinking affects a person's perceptions.

As soon as you put on the goggles, you will see that objects blur, lines bend, and simple tasks become difficult. Wearing the goggles while trying to perform tasks such as throwing a ball, walking a line, or steering an imaginary car will demonstrate the difficulty and danger of acting "under the influence."

In addition to the one set of D W Eyes Goggles, there are two extra goggles that can be checked out (KT1109). This kit also contains:

1. VHS – *D.W. Eyes* .. The DWEyes program is a fantastic way to reach students about the dangers of drinking and driving. This engaging introduction to the material will set the stage for your own classroom discussions and activities.
2. DVD – *Crossing Deadly Lanes* (20 min.) ... Real DUI offenders, judges, lawyers, medical personnel and victims share their stories about the hard realities of alcohol-related automotive fatalities and the prison sentences that sometimes follows.
3. DVD – *Drinking & Driving Kills* (20 min.)
4. DVD – *Dying High 2: Real Stories of Drugged Driving* (24 min.)

If you are interested in checking out this kit, email Linda at

lmiller@esu8.org.

ESU 8 Media Van Route

The ESU 8 Van Routes have been suspended for the month of April. If you do need anything, please email Linda at lmiller@esu8.org and we will make delivery/pick up arrangements.

APRIL IS SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH | www.ala.org/aasl/slm



Every year, the American Association of School Librarians celebrates School Library Month in April.

Visit the American Library Association's toolkit page for resources and ideas: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/tools/toolkits>

The American Library Association website also has page listing the Best Apps for Teaching & Learning and the Best Websites for Teaching & Learning: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/best>

2019-2020 ESU 8 Employee of the Year Nominations

Each year ESU 8 honors one of its employees as "Employee of the Year" and we would like your help in selecting this year's recipient.

If you know an ESU 8 employee that you feel is deserving of this award, please nominate that individual. Simply email your nominee and reasons for the nomination to the ESU 8 Administrator, Corey Dahl at cdahl@esu8.org.

The Employee of the Year will be selected from your nominations so we will need them **by Friday, May 1.**

Thank you so much for your help!

Recent Previous ESU 8 Employees of the Year

Some of the previous recipients include:

2008-2009: Darus Mettler and Sally Kingston
2009-2010: Sheila Kropp, Speech Pathologist
2010-2011: Carolyn Gottsch, School Nurse
2011-2012: Linda Hughes and Wendy Schooley
2012-2013: Corey Dahl, Technology Instructor and Randy Peck, Administrator
2013-2014: Diane Dziowgo, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
2014-2015: Gwen Kinney, School Nurse
2015-2016: Heidi Rethmeier, Staff Developer
2016-2017: Molly Aschoff, Digital Learning Coordinator
2017-2018: Steph Wanek, Staff Developer
2018-2019: ESU 8 Learning Center Paras