



Illinois Virtual Teacher Institute

October 8, 2021

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Welcome

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Dr. Ron Clark

Background:

Known to many as "America's Educator," Ron Clark is the 2000 Disney American Teacher of the Year, a two-time New York Times Bestselling author, the subject of a television movie and the founder of the Ron Clark Academy. Ron is regularly featured on network and cable television (The Today Show, CNN and Oprah,) and was dubbed by Ms. Winfrey as her first "Phenomenal Man." Ron Clark brings charisma, energy and devotion to the education profession. Ron pioneered innovative projects in rural North Carolina working with students in a low wealth area. His highly effective programs garnered national attention in 1995 and led to a White House invitation to be honored by the President of the United States.



Monica Genta

Background:

Monica is the author of four books, Game Changers, 180 Days of Awesome, Crushing It For Kids, and The Rooted Classroom, a classroom teacher, and international educational consultant and keynote speaker. Monica's TED talk has been viewed by thousands of educators from all over the world. She has earned a Masters in Curriculum & Instruction and a Masters in Educational Leadership & Administration and is a National Board Certified teacher.

In her free time, she enjoys long road trips, accomplishing new challenges, eating unique pizzas, and impromptu dance parties. She is pumped to share her life and experiences with you and is confident you will laugh along the way. Monica lives in Illinois and is surrounded by loving friends and family.

Welcome to the Illinois Virtual Teacher Institute.

Master Schedule for Conference

CLICK THE TITLE BELOW TO ENTER THE WORKSHOP

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM Early Bird Sessions

- 180 Days of Awesome: Celebrating Every Day of Education
- Happy Spots: The Practical Application of the SEL Standards - Using Visualization to Improve Emotional Awareness, Mental Health, and Confidence
- Special Education Legal Updates
- Google Meets for Beginners
- Big Ideas Math Curriculum Questions and Answers
- Developing Emotionally, Mentally, and Physically Healthy Relationships Among Students, Parents, and Educators
- Google Certification 1 - Learn How to Earn Your Google Certification
- The Why Behind PBIS
- TRS Retirement: Learn About Your Benefits
- IMRF Retirement: Learn About Your Benefits
- IHSA: Updates in a Pandemic Year

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

- Keynote Speaker - Dr. Ron Clark

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Session 1

- Dr. Ron Clark Keynote Presenter Question and Answer Session
- The Rooted Classroom: Building Strong Relationships with Students
- Things About the Law that Every Teacher Should Know
- PRIDE - Understanding How to Work With the LGBT Student Population
- Whole Brain Teaching: Color Writing
- What is the Leader in Me?
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- Athletic Directors Roundtable
- Game Changers - Ideas that Motivate & Engage All Kids
- Legal Updates for Teacher and Administrators from Sara Boucek
- Kagan Teaching Strategies - Engaging Your Classroom
- The Write Now - Right Now Writing Curriculum
- How Trauma Affects Students Learning and Behavior
- Google Sheets for Beginners
- Share Your Stories - Media Workshop
- It's Football Season - Let's Tackle Interrupted Learning!
- Legal Knowledge for the School Office and Support Staff from Brian Schwartz

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Session 3 (Roundtable Collaborative Sessions)

- Birth-to-Three Program
- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- 1 Grade
- 2 Grade
- 3 Grade
- 4 Grade
- 5 Grade
- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Health/PE
- Business, Marketing, Computers
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Industrial Arts
- Speech Pathologists
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Foreign Language
- Special Education

Master Schedule Continued...

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12:30 - 1:15 PM Session 4

- Restorative Justice 101: Foundations
- Professional Learning On-Demand with Ed Leaders Network
- Administrator Contracts: Strategies for Getting What You Deserve From Your Board
- Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research
- Foundations Questions and Answers - An Open Forum to Foundations Phonics Training
- Using I-Ready's One Platform Solution to Easily Identify Instructional Gaps and Accelerate Learning to Support All Students
- Leadership Lessons from University of Illinois Athletic Director, Josh Whitman
- Discover the Full Impact of the Active Panel
- Making Videos for Your Classroom
- TeacherEase LMS Integrations and Gradebook Q&A
- Illinois MTSS Network Resources
- IASBO - Understanding Evidence-Based Funding



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Master Schedule for Edgar County Institute

Date: October 8, 2021 Location: Virtual Conference

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM - Early Bird Workshops

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7:15 AM - 8:00 AM Early Bird Workshops

180 Days of Awesome: Celebrating Every Day of Education - Monica Genta - You are AWESOME and awesome is all around us. During every day of school, something amazing is bound to happen. Some days that awesome is easy to see, it comes in the form of laughter, academic progress, achieving goals, and building relationships with kids. Some days that awesome is nearly impossible to see among all the meetings, curriculum changes, displeased parents, and...pandemics. Here is the cool part, focusing on the awesome has the power to turn each day of education into an exciting adventure in learning. Come along with me on this 180-day quest as we learn to focus on those little amazing moments that have the power to change everything. Because sometimes it's the small things that make the biggest difference.

Happy Spots: The Practical Application of the SEL Standards - Using Visualization to Improve Emotional Awareness, Mental Health, and Confidence - Learn how visualization can create a positive classroom learning environment, reduce anxiety and the impact of trauma. Ideas will be presented on practical application both in the classroom and in counseling sessions. Happy Spots is a visualization program built specifically for youth to help with emotional awareness, mental health, and confidence.

Special Education Legal Updates - Robbins Schwartz is a school law firm with a team of attorneys that specialize in different areas. Attend this workshop to learn about special education legal updates from an attorney that specializes in Special Education Law.

Google Meets for Beginners - This workshop will focus on how to use Google Meets for the classroom. This workshop is specifically designed for beginners looking to understand how to operate Google Meets.

Big Ideas Math Curriculum Questions and Answers - This session will be an open forum to allow everyone to learn from one another. Bring your questions, tips, and tricks for the Big Idea Math platform and curriculum. We are always learning! What better way to learn than from those who are actively using the program?

Breakout Session Descriptions

To join a breakout session, click on the link to the breakout session on page three of this program. If you are experiencing technical difficulties, call 217-264-0835 for technical support..

Developing Emotionally, Mentally, and Physically Healthy Relationships Among Students, Parents, and Educators

- So, let's be real-equipping others is a high calling that can come with stress and exhaustion! As you move through the school year, why not embrace learning about your own personal development and empower you to show up as your best whole self and learn practical ways to connect your 3 Centers of Intelligence- head, heart, and gut? The Personality tool of the Enneagram can help you: 1.) Learn to be proactive in managing stress, 2.) Increase personal and social competence, 3.) Collaborate and communicate more effectively as a team, 4.) Strengthen student, parent, and community relationships.

Google Certification 1: Learn How to Earn Your Google Certification - This workshop will focus on teaching participants how to earn Google Educator Level 1 certification.

The Why Behind PBIS - Midwest PBIS - By effectively supporting student behavior within an evidence-based MTSS framework, like positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS), educators promote student progress. Rigorous research has shown implementing PBIS with fidelity is related to the following outcomes: improved academic achievement, improved attendance, improved mental health, social-emotional competence, and pro-social behavior, less reported bullying and substance abuse, reduced exclusionary discipline, increased racial/ethnic equity in school discipline, improved outcomes for students with disabilities, improved perceptions of school climate, organizational health, and safety, and improved outcomes for educators (e.g., greater efficacy, reduced stress and burnout).

TRS Retirement: Learn About Your Benefits - This workshop is designed for employees that pay into TRS to understand their benefits and assist with planning for retirement. An employee from the retirement system will be presenting this workshop.

IMRF Retirement: Learn About Your Benefits - This workshop is designed for employees that pay into IMRF to understand their benefits and assist with planning for retirement. An employee from the retirement system will be presenting this workshop.

IHSA: Updates in a Pandemic Year - A representative from IHSA will be present to provide updates on IHSA athletics and activities based on the most recent mandates due to the pandemic.

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Breakout Workshops - Session 1

Dr. Ron Clark Keynote Presenter Question & Answer - Dr. Ron Clark will use this session to take questions and provide answers to participants on how to engage students, build relationships, and help students grow academically.

The Rooted Classroom: Building Strong Relationships with Students - Monica Genta - People often say education is broken, however, I don't think that's true. Education is evolving into something so stinking beautiful. The pandemic has absolutely proved that learning happens best with relationships at the forefront of everything. If we want to see the fruits of education, first we must build deeply rooted relationships with our students! Come hang out with me as we look at fun, innovative ways to do life with kids. You will laugh, you will cry, and you will walk away with a new passion for this profession.

Things About the Law that Every Teacher Should Know - There are more and more lawsuits being filed against teachers. The problem has been exacerbated by COVID-19. This workshop explores the steps teachers need to take to make sure they are protected from liability. Your questions are encouraged. We promise you won't be bored!

PRIDE - Understanding how to Work with the LGBT Student Population - This workshop will be led by trained school personnel with practical solutions to provide support to the LGBT student population in your school. This workshop will be a double session lasting from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM.

Whole Brain Teaching: Color Writing - Whole Brain Teaching, joyfully employed in 100+ countries, presents COLOR WRITING ... the world's shortest, simplest, K-12 writing system! Based upon fifteen years of classroom research, COLOR WRITING's seven games guide students, even kindergarteners, to speak, not write!, five-paragraph, college structured essays. Following color patterns, kids advance from speaking declarative sentences to thesis statements, to compact paragraphs. In game seven, working with a partner, students talk their way through a full-featured, perfectly organized essay. With rewards for improvement, not ability, COLOR WRITING makes every student a winner. Frustrated with complex, boring, impossible to follow, writing programs? Discover COLOR WRITING, the language arts portal to Teaching Heaven.

What is the Leader in Me? - For nearly three decades, FranklinCovey Education has been one of the world's most trusted providers of educational leadership, professional development, and social-emotional learning curriculum.

Suicide Awareness and Prevention - This workshop will be led by a nonprofit organization that focuses on the healing process for those that have lost a close family member or friend due to suicide. Attend this workshop to hear stories of healing and the power of support.

Google Certification 2 - Learn how to Earn Your Google Certification - This workshop will provide individuals the information they need to know to pass your Google Level 2 educator certification credential.

Weight Watchers Strategies and Tips for a Healthier Life - Staying healthy is essential to your role in the school community. A weight watcher expert will be present with strategies and tips for staying healthy.

TeacherReady: Earn your Teacher Certification through an Alternative Route - TeacherReady is an affordable program where individuals can become a teacher in less than one year. Attend this workshop to learn more about this alternative program.

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative: Learn How to Save Money for your District - The Southern Illinois Power Cooperative is a generation and transmission cooperative serving seven distribution cooperatives and one municipal in Illinois. Attend this workshop to learn how SIPC can benefit your district.

Financial Integrity: Learn the Best Practices for the School and Business Office - Attend this workshop to learn about the importance of separation of duties and how to keep your business office in order.

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Breakout Workshops - Session 2

Athletic Directors Roundtable - Attend this workshop to participate in an open forum with athletic directors from all over the state of Illinois.

Game Changers - Monica Genta - Ideas that Motivate & Engage All Kids - Every student who walks into your classroom deserves to LOVE that experience. In order to do that we have to reflect on the everyday practices, we have in place and transform them from average to awesome. Small tweaks to the great things we are already doing makes a big difference. Come learn how to be a game-changer for kids and for education by implementing easy, engaging, motivational strategies that don't take much time or money!

Legal Updates from Sara Boucek - Sara Boucek will be presenting on legal updates on current events.

Kagan Teaching Strategies - Engaging Your Classroom - Come learn about Kagan teaching strategies to keep your students engaged the entire time in class.

Write Now - Right Now Writing Curriculum - The Write Now - Right Now writing curriculum, designed for kindergarten through 6th-grade students supports all standards for expository, persuasive, and narrative writing, 6-Traits, and the best practices in writing in response to reading. This session will be specific to this writing curriculum as the trainers will help teachers to dive deeper into the curriculum materials and supplemental lessons while providing opportunities for collaboration.

How Trauma Affects Students Learning and Behavior - A mini-presentation on understanding how trauma can affect a student's school day, signs and symptoms, how to recognize trauma, and services available. Attend this workshop to better serve your students.

Google Sheets for Beginners - Teachers will be given access to a Google Sheet. This will include parent/guardian contact information to keep everything in one place. Participants will have time to create spreadsheets for their classes.

Share Your Stories - Media Workshop - This workshop will be presented by a member of the media teaching classroom teachers how to best keep your local media sources informed about what is going on in your classroom.

It's Football Season - Let's Tackle Interrupted Learning! - This workshop will focus on intervention and supplemental supports to increase student achievement and decrease interrupted learning due to the pandemic.

Legal Knowledge for the School Office and Support Staff from Brian Schwartz - This workshop is a dual session workshop lasting from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM. This workshop is perfect for school secretaries, business officers, support staff, technology staff, and maintenance. Attend this workshop to have a better understanding of the legal implications that come from the school office.

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Breakout Workshops - Session 3

This session is focused on open forums for individuals to discuss topics related to their position. These sessions will be EdCamp style where a topic is brought up by a facilitator, and the group may discuss the topic. The conversation can go in any direction. Attend these breakout sessions to learn from others.

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM Breakout Workshops - Session 4

Restorative Justice 101: Foundations - This workshop provides a brief synopsis on how to best implement and support Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices within any capacity (i.e. home, work, community, educational, and justice systems). This workshop is specially designed for those interested in developing a functioning knowledge of this philosophy into their home, community, educational, work, and justice systems. We will cover the basic fundamentals of Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices to know the differences and similarities between the two.

Professional Learning On-Demand with Ed Leaders Network - The Illinois Principals Association and ISBE have partnered together to bring all public school educators in the state free access to on-demand professional learning with Ed Leaders Network (ELN). Explore how you can use the ELN Learning Library to access hundreds of online courses that will sharpen your skills as an educator. Also explore the manager role that can be used to create, assign, and track learning at your school.

Administrator Contracts: Strategies for Getting What You Deserve From Your Board -

Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research - Attend this workshop to learn more about what STAR is, how and when to use it in your classroom, and the best practices for working with students with Autism. This workshop will be presented by a STAR trainer.

Using I-Ready's One Platform Solution to Easily Identify Instructional Gaps and Accelerate

Learning to Support All Students - Identify, address, and measure your progress towards overcoming unfinished learning throughout the school year. i-Ready's one-platform solution supports educators in determining where to focus instruction as well as providing specific instructional resources tailored to each student. This session will help school leaders understand how i-Ready Assessments, Personalized Instruction, and Teacher Toolbox work together to provide educators with easy to use, viable pathways to accelerate learning for all.

Foundations Questions and Answers - An Open Forum to Foundations Phonics Training - This session is an open forum for teachers to learn about Foundations, ask questions about the implementation and learn from others. Foundations is a phonics program that is a gamechanger for elementary teachers and students.

Leadership Lessons from the University of Illinois Athletic Director - Josh Whitman - Josh Whitman will be presenting leadership lessons for school personnel. This workshop will provide insight into how to overcome challenges and supporting your team. Josh Whitman will be taking questions and providing answers at the end of his session.

Discover the Full Impact of the Active Panel - Purpose-built for the K-12 Classroom, the ActivPanel provides the most seamless, integrated, and interactive learning experience available for both teachers and students. Learn how the engaging and interactive tools within the Panel can find new ways to elevate the engagement level of your students even in a traditional or hybrid learning environment.

Making Videos for your Classroom - This workshop will be for beginners that are looking to make instructional videos for their classroom. Attend this workshop to learn how to make videos that can be used to teach students concepts from your lessons.

TeacherEase LMS Integrations and Gradebook Q&A - TeacherEase Learning Management System (LMS) integrations allow assignments and scores from your LMS to automatically populate in the TeacherEase grade book. We'll cover integrating with Google Classroom and Canvas, with time reserved at the end for general grade book questions and answers.

Illinois MTSS Network - Attend this workshop to learn more about the MTSS network and how they can support your school district. This workshop will provide information on best practices, opportunities for ongoing professional development, a support system built throughout the state of Illinois.

IASBO - Understanding Evidence-Based Funding - This workshop is led by Dr. Jacoby, the Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials. This workshop will outline how Evidence-Based Funding works in the State of Illinois as the fund mechanism for school districts in capturing funding from the State of Illinois.

Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research - This workshop will be provided to explain and demonstrate the STAR curriculum for students with autism. Attend this workshop to hear from a specialist that trains special educators in the field of autism.

Thank You!

The Paris schools would like to thank all of you for attending our institute! We believe that strong schools build strong communities, and your partnership today was invaluable to our strengthening of Illinois schools. Working together, we can always achieve more.

Dr. Jeremy Larson, Superintendent of Schools Paris Union School District No. 95

Mrs. Danette Young, Superintendent of Schools Paris Community Unit School District No. 4

Mr. Mark Cox, Principal, Paris High School

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Mrs. Meghan Damler, Principal, Crestwood School

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