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## EduNet NEWS [www.cscedunet.net](http://www.cscedunet.net)

EduNet, a broadband wireless wide area communication network designed for the purpose of transmitting/receiving data, Internet, audio, and video traffic. EduNet is owned and operated by Carl Sandburg College in partnership with the K-12 school districts within the CSC district.

### *FROM THE COORDINATOR*

Good news! We now have 13 EduNet K-12 partners to accompany our 3 higher education institutions! We happily welcome **Bushnell-Prairie City, LaHarpe and Dallas City** to the EduNet family and thank their superintendents and technology coordinators for their confidence in and support of Carl Sandburg Community College. We will do our utmost to exceed their expectations.

And yet another remarkable EduNet service! We have added all the past issues of *EduNet News* to our web site [www.cscedunet.net](http://www.cscedunet.net). Now you can go back and re-read all the notable issues from last fall! Lucky you!

Congratulations to LaHarpe, Dallas City and Carthage on the passage of their **convergence referendum** ... an historical first in the state of Illinois!

We wish our very best to Beverly Naslund, Director of the Carl Sandburg College Extension Center in Bushnell, who has announced that she will retire from her post in May. You will be missed, Bev!

### *EDUNET PARTNERS UPDATE*

The current list of EduNet Partners includes:

Abingdon  
Avon  
Bushnell-Prairie City  
Dallas City  
Galesburg  
Knoxville  
LaHarpe  
Monmouth-Roseville

Spoon River  
United  
West Central  
Williamsfield  
Yorkwood  
In addition --  
Carl Sandburg Community College  
Western Illinois University  
University of Illinois Extension – Knox County

### *HAVE POWERPOINT, WILL TRAVEL*

If your district is considering joining EduNet beginning July 1, 2006, and would like me to make a short presentation to your Board sometime this Spring, please let me know the date and time you would like me to appear.

### *DERBYTECH'S PARTNERSHIP VISION*

DerbyTech is now taking orders for wireless Internet service for teachers, administrators and students for those districts that are members of EduNet and for rural residents within EduNet's boundaries that do not already have access to high speed Internet service. A few weeks ago I distributed the DerbyTech flier which explains the offer. If you did not receive a copy and would like one or have a question about this program, please contact Jeff Thompson at 800-833-3729 (83-Derby), [jefft@derbyworks.com](mailto:jefft@derbyworks.com).

While this is not a Carl Sandburg College program and belongs solely to DerbyTech, it is offered as part of EduNet's Partnership Vision and was created in order to hold down costs for our K-12 partners.

## ***APRIL'S DESIGN AND LOGISTICS MEETING INVITATION***

The next monthly meeting to review EduNet's progress is set for **9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 27**, in the Board Room (Building E). On the agenda: 1) DerbyTech Update; 2) Carl Sandburg College Update; 3) Questions from Districts; 4) Next Steps; 5) Networking. A first! We will have refreshments!

## ***MARCH 23 DESIGN AND LOGISTICS MEETING NOTES***

We met in the Carl Sandburg Board Room. Five districts were represented with twelve people in attendance.

- DerbyTech representative, Jeff Thompson, reported that he had no outages to report and that the system continues to work well.
- DerbyTech has completed all its commitments to deliver high speed Internet service to those village councils and businesses that allowed EduNet antennas on their structures.
- Jeff informed the group that DerbyTech has begun rolling out its Partnership Vision to member school districts and communities where agreements have been reached with the local village councils. About 15 homes have been successfully "hooked up" so far. See above.
- DerbyTech is currently doing a site survey to connect the University of Illinois Extension to EduNet.
- Samuel Sudhakar publicized Cyber Camp 2006. See below.
- Samuel reported on Project Safeguard. See separate mailing for details. Jim Rich will survey the 21 superintendents in the Carl Sandburg College district to determine their needs and interest in this project prior to issuing an RFP. Administrative Assistant, Lindsey Chase, will contact district offices to arrange appropriate times for Jim to visit. Superintendents may wish to consult with their tech people on some of the questions that were distributed last week prior to the meeting.
- It was suggested that the Channel 22 schedule be printed on either the CSC or EduNet web site.
- For distance learning purposes, Superintendents interested in either the Carl Sandburg College dual credit schedule or the other K-12 high school schedules (our list is incomplete) may contact Sherry Berg (309) 341-5250 or Beverly Naslund (309) 772-2177.
- A question asked: What is the status of WIU's plan to offer graduate courses over EduNet? We will ask and report what we learn next month.

- Mr. Tony Franklin, Director of the Knox County University of Illinois Extension Office, spoke to the group about the services that his office offers. For those K-12 districts not in Knox County, he noted that other county Extension Offices would have similar programs. As a new member of the ETC, his Extension Office now broadcasts educational videos over Channel 22. Tony's office has access to a huge video library from across the country and can provide a wide variety of programming for our member districts. Tony also mentioned that his office offers training for teachers on various topics. Superintendents may contact him to discuss their needs. (309-342-5108)

## ***CYBER CAMP 2006***

CSC has announced that Cyber Camp 2006 has been set for June 15 and 16 on its campus. Cyber Camp 2006 is an opportunity for area teachers to gain hands-on training using technology that will enhance classroom instruction. The topic of this year's camp is "Emerging Technologies and Their Relevance to Teaching, Learning and Creative Expression." There are three easy ways to register.

1. Internet registration can be found at [www.sandburg.net](http://www.sandburg.net),
2. Telephone registration is available by calling (309) 341-5286.
3. Go online to register. See link below.

For more information about Cyber Camp 2006, check out - <http://www.sandburg.net/Information/CyberCamp2006/cybercamp2006.html>

## ***ERATE RECOMMENDATION***

Richard Reedy, eRate Consultant for ISBE, strongly recommends that districts respond to federal eRate requests for information within the required seven day time period. He said that a timely response helps to keep the evaluation process moving along and, most importantly, reduces the possibility of any loss of funding. He also pointed out that districts who do respond within the time requirements may ask for a seven day extension and that these are generally granted

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