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# *Division of Education Newsletter*

## *Indiana University Kokomo*

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### Division Calendar

#### This Week's Events

Monday, 2/4/2008

Advanced e-Portfolio  
Workshop  
KO 082  
10:00 AM

Friday, 2/8/2008

Advanced e-Portfolio  
Workshop  
KO 082  
1:00 PM  
(Two options to attend)

Wednesday, 2/6/2008

EdSAC Planning Meeting  
CuLab  
1:00 – 2:00 PM

#### Upcoming Events

Monday, 2/11/2008

Division of Education  
Meeting  
KO 170  
1:00 – 3:00 PM

### *An Evening with Abraham Lincoln*



February 13, 2008  
4:30 – 6:00 PM  
Kelley Student Center Room 130 AC  
Keith Erickson, Presenter

On February 12, 2008, the nation will begin a year-long celebration of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. President Bush is scheduled to open the festivities at Lincoln's birthplace in Hodgenville, KY, and the culmination will come in 2009 with the rededication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. As school children across the nation celebrate the life of Lincoln, will anyone remember that he was a Hoosier? Young Abraham moved to Indiana with his family in 1816 when he was seven years old and he left for Illinois in 1830 at age twenty-one. Here he grew up, worked and played, attended school and read. Here his mother died, his father remarried, and his sister married and died in childbirth.

This workshop will review the events and sources of Lincoln's Indiana life to make the case that his years in the Hoosier state profoundly influenced his physical, mental, and emotional development. Participants will leave with materials and ideas for teaching their own students about Indiana's celebrated former resident.

Keith A. Erickson is a visiting lecturer at Indiana University Kokomo. He has served as the assistant editor of the Indiana Magazine of History and is currently preparing a book about Lincoln and Indiana. Event sponsored by Division of Education: EdSAC, meshEd, & Graduate Studies.

Weeks of  
Monday, February 4 –  
Friday, February 8  
Spring Semester  
2008

### *“Kidz in Tune”*



Kathy Birk, Presenter

On Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, EdSAC sponsored a professional development workshop in the Division of Education CuLab. Kathy Birk focused on the use of music in the classroom. She shared ideas for using songs to teach content and rhythm skills. Kathy also demonstrated ways to use music during classroom transitions and as a classroom management tool. Twenty-seven Early Childhood and Elementary Education students attended the event and commented that Kathy modeled her instruction in an interactive style.

### *Learning Community Speech Winners*



Andy Parkevich, Ross Eckart, and Traci Bolinger

The Education Learning Community members gave their first formal speech of the semester on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The students were instructed to share insights about their personality as an introductory speech. Class members provided input on the one they considered the best speech; the resulting winners pictured above.