

# Special Features

## Virtual Tradeshow

([www.ilprincipals.org/pages/exhibitors.html](http://www.ilprincipals.org/pages/exhibitors.html))

April 17, 2009 – March 15, 2010

A unique feature of IPA's Principals Professional Conference is the Virtual Tradeshow, which allows exhibitors who have a booth at the Conference to also have an on-line exhibit located on IPA's website. With direct links to vendors' websites, the Virtual Tradeshow makes educational resources available to you 24/7/365.

## Golf Tournament at Weaver Ridge Golf Club

Sunday, Oct. 18 (See insert for more details)

## IPA "Gift Shop"

Monday, Oct. 19 – 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 – 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Items for sale at the Gift Shop have the IPA logo on them and make great gifts for secretaries, teachers, superintendents, your peers and yourself! These IPA items help plant "positive seeds" in the minds of others... please consider making a purchase to spread the good IPA word!

## Book Store

Monday, Oct. 19 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 – 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Illinois Principals Association in collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals will offer a bookstore again this year. There will be a wide range of resource materials and some featured books written by our keynote speakers. This is an excellent opportunity to strengthen your professional library.

## Educational Exhibition

Monday, Oct. 19 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The IPA Exhibition is one of the largest educational exhibitions in Illinois. It has been designed to help you be productive by providing you the best accessibility to key companies in the educational arena. It is a "Mall for Educators". Nowhere else can you see so many service providers in one place targeted to meet the needs of building administrators in schools of all sizes and levels. You are welcome to visit the "Exhibit Mall" anytime between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday but there are exclusive exhibitor viewing times when no other events are scheduled so you won't have to miss a thing. These times are 10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 11:55 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. Be sure to visit as many booths as possible. Not only will you develop/renew some beneficial relationships and see the latest in educational products and services, but you will also increase your odds of winning. Drawings will be done at the afternoon break for \$100 bills from completed Scavenger Hunt Cards and Best Booth Nomination Forms. You must be present to win. Forms must be turned in by 1:30 p.m. in the designated boxes in the break area of the Hall. With 125 premiere companies focused on servicing educators, this is a must attend event! **Tip: Be sure to bring plenty of business cards to exchange with exhibitors.**

## Cyber Café

Monday, Oct. 19 – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by State Farm

There will be a "Cyber Cafe" in the back of the Exhibit Hall where you may check out IPA's webpage, the Virtual Trade Show, your e-mail or surf the web. Internet access will be available at other times in the Free Verizon Wireless Cafe located at the end of the Great Hall lobby outside Exhibit Hall D.

## Book Signings

The three following Book Signings will take place in Exhibit Hall D next to the Book Store:

Mon., Oct. 19

- 10:30 a.m., – Jim Burgett and Brian Schwartz will be signing their new book, *Finding Middle Ground in K-12 Education: Balancing Best Practices and the Law*.
- 12:00 p.m. – Todd Whitaker, nationally renowned author and our 1st General Session speaker, will be signing his book *What Great Principals Do Differently: Fifteen Things That Matter Most*

Tues., Oct. 20

- 11:45 a.m. – Peg Tyre, our 3rd General Session speaker will be signing her New York Time's Bestselling book *The Trouble with Boys*

## Illinois New Principals & Mentors Workshop

Monday, Oct. 19 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (PCC)

IPA and Eastern Illinois University New Leaders Assistance Service are hosting a session for all new Illinois principals and their mentors. During this session participants will receive additional information about the Illinois New Principal Mentoring Program, learn about additional tools and resources for new principals, share ideas to address areas of concern, and engage in discussion centered on leading schools.

## Retired Administrators Dinner

Monday, Oct. 19 – 6:00 p.m. – Richard's on Main

Join other retired administrators for dinner and socializing at this Cheers-like bar and grill. Contact Sigrid Aeschleman for information and reservations: [saeschleman@gmail.com](mailto:saeschleman@gmail.com) or call 309-824-0626.

## University Educational Leadership Showcase

Tuesday, Oct. 20 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This showcase is a unique opportunity for practicing administrators to review current educational leadership programs in Illinois. Individuals interested in a superintendent's endorsement, a doctorate in educational leadership/administration, or acquiring the chief business official's endorsement, will find information on what's currently available around the state. Many of these programs will also include information about teacher leadership programs available to your staff.

► Visit the SchoolTube.com studio to record a welcome message (bring it pre-scripted on a flash drive for the teleprompter) for the mini-video player on your school's website. Go to IPA's website at [www.ilprincipals.org/pages/schooltube.html](http://www.ilprincipals.org/pages/schooltube.html) to learn more about how IPA Members can access SchoolTube technology at special rates.

► Discount coupons for IPA's soon-to-be released Model Student Handbook will be available for conference attendees.