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Teachers take training in core standards

ADDISON — District 4 teachers were the learners on Friday, September 23 as they spent their first Early Release day of the school year in meetings set aside for teacher training. Nearly 300 teachers

attended a Common Core Standards overview session presented by Lenore Johnson from the DuPage County Regional Office of Education.

Common Core Standards are intended to provide teachers and parents across the United States with a common understanding of what students are expected to learn. According to www.corestandards.org, "The standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12

education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs."

Special Education teachers and paraprofessionals participated in sessions conducted by Victor Morris and Dr. Mark Lenz from the North DuPage Special Education Cooperative while library and intervention paraprofessionals focused on topics specific to their fields.

Stone School's outdoor classroom to be dedicated

ADDISON — There will be a dedication of the Carol Nilles Outdoor Classroom at Stone School on Thursday, September 29 at 4 p.m. on the west side of the school building at 1404 Stone Ave. in Addison.

A committee of co-workers originated the concept and then raised funds to create the classroom in memory of Nilles, a nature-loving teacher who taught at Stone School and served as the president of the Addison Teachers Association during her time in District 4. The classroom will be used by students at Stone, but is also available for use by the Addison community. The public—including Nilles' former students—are encouraged to attend the dedication of this outdoor classroom which was built this summer by District 4's Facilities Department.