FY 2011 Annual Stipend
The following information is from the ISBE website and is updated regularly. National Board Teachers and School Counselors ISBE voucher payments were made 07/01/2011. Check FRIS inquiry to see when your payment was processed. If it’s gone through, the “Processed by Comptroller” field will be completed. Once funds were released, they were sent electronically (EFT) to your district. Please bookmark the ISBE Educator Certification/NBPTS page for all questions regarding NBPTS stipends. The NBRC at ISU does not handle NBCT stipends.

NBCT Certification RENEWAL
If you’re in your 8th or 9th year as a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) and were certified in 2002 or 2003, it’s time to begin the certification renewal process (2011-2012). Renewing your certification demonstrates that your professional practice remains consistent to the high and rigorous standards of your subject area. For an overview of the National Board Renewal Process, read Certification Renewal and Renewal at a Glance, and be sure to look over the Certification Renewal Calendar to find dates that apply to your renewal.

While the National Board Resource Center at ISU will NOT be providing Renewal sessions this year, it does provide Jumpstart into Renewal Activities on the NBRC at ISU website. Renewal Jumpstart includes PDF handouts, links to NBPTS materials, and podcasts which provide resources and activities to support you as you explore the materials and plan the development of your Profile of Professional Growth (PPG). A NBPTS webinar is also available, offering information about logistics and requirements.

FREE Professional Development Opportunity
The Keystone Center, a non-advocacy organization, invites you to attend a teacher professional development entitled CSI: Climate Status Investigations. Developed in partnership with the Department of Energy, the curriculum is interdisciplinary, hands-on and inquiry-based. Adhering to national education standards and emphasizing critical thinking skills and sustainability, the Keystone Center reports the program to have been externally evaluated and given high marks. A FREE two-day training is scheduled on September 29-30, at Richland Community College in Decatur, IL. Teachers who complete the 2-day course will earn 13.5 CPDUs through the University of Illinois. For information contact Wendi at wiles@keystone.org or call 970.513.5807.