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“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little.”

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Upcoming Events

- November 17** Regular Board Meeting
- November 23-25** Holiday Recess
- November 24** Thanksgiving Day
- November 25** National Native American Heritage Day

Follow this [link to the BOCES Calendar of Events](#)

Bird/Morgan Launches Its First Student Council

For the first time, the Bird/Morgan campus has launched a Student Council, headed by Mr. Frank Vacanti (8th Grade Social Studies). As they developed their plan, five different positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Communications Director, and Secretary were chosen as council representatives. Sixteen students in grades 6–8 ran for the various positions. Each student also presented a speech to the school during morning announcements. To be eligible to run, each student had to have a teacher recommendation and consistently have an 80% PBIS score. The Cabinet members of Student Council plan to meet weekly with Mr. Vacanti, who will facilitate the meetings; the entire Student Council will meet monthly. Elected members are charged with developing student activities, acting as a voice for their peers, and working to build school spirit. On Friday, October 21st sixty-one students voted using Microsoft Forms, created by STEM Instructional Specialist, Bill Donahue. Students were informed of election results at the end of the voting day. The six Cabinet members consisted of three 8th graders, one 7th grader, and two 6th graders.

- Submitted by Dave McAlpin, Assistant Principal,
Bird/Morgan School

Board Briefs

Click here for the Board Briefs for **November 3, 2016**:

http://www.monroe.edu/files/filesystem/BOEBRIEFS_11_03_2016.pdf

Meet Our Board Members

Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. Sora Sachs

Mrs. Sachs was appointed to serve on the Monroe #1 BOCES Board of Education in 2002 as the Brighton Central School District representative.

In addition to her role as Board Vice President, Mrs. Sachs also serves on the Policy Committee and the Facilities Committee, and is a member of the Monroe County School Boards Association's Information Exchange Committee. Mrs. Sachs' term ends in 2018.



Programs & Services

Student Interest Soars with Wild Wings Birds

Students in the 3rd through 5th grade classes at Bird/Morgan School experienced a demonstration by Wild Wings Birds of Prey on Tuesday, November 8th. The presenters introduced the students to four raptors: Melinda, the Barn Owl; Dakota the American Kestrel; Sierra the Harris Hawk; and Hercules the Screech Owl. Demonstrating these resident raptors, the presenters discussed the varied ways the birds of prey adapted, based on their natural environment and the available prey. Students were fascinated by these amazing birds and asked the presenters some challenging questions.



The information provided by this program supports the NYS P-12 Science Learning Standard: Grade 3 Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems which the students are covering in class.



Wild Wings is a not-for-profit educational organization that houses and cares for permanently injured birds of prey that cannot survive on their own in the wild. They are located at Mendon Ponds Park.

- Submitted by DeAnna Hoobler, Science Instructional Specialist

Back to the Foodture

Our Business and Retailing students this year named the student-run store, *Back to the Foodture*. They have enjoyed theming the store with “plutonium,” lightning bolts, a hover board and various quotes and images from the *Back to the Future* movie. Several students have even dressed as Doc Brown from the movie, or in a “Hazardous Materials” suit in order to increase customer interest.

- Submitted by JoAnne Jones, Business and Retailing Teacher, MOF



News and Notes

Right to Know Training Make Up Session

The Genesee Valley BOCES Health & Safety Office will hold a Right to Know Training session on Thursday, December 1st from 1:30 to 2:00 pm. Training will be held at the Foreman Center in the Board Room (R13). Monroe One staff members who have not attended a Right to Know Training session or completed the Monroe One online training this school year may be interested in this make up session.

Please contact our Health, Safety, Risk Management Services office at 344-7937 to register as space is limited.

- Submitted by Dawn E. Howe, Health & Safety Specialist

Professional Development

STEAM Workshops for 2017

Click on the following workshop titles to learn more:

- [Introduction to Coding Webinar, January 31st](#)
- [STEAM in the Elementary Classroom \(Littlebits and Dash Dots\), February 28th](#)
- [STEAM in the Secondary Classroom \(Hummingbirds and Scratch Coding\), March 21st](#)

- Submitted by Doreen Pietrantonj, Instructional Technology Specialist

Continuing Teacher and Leader Education at Monroe One

Exciting learning opportunities are listed in our WinCap WEB internal professional development catalog.

If you're a new teacher, associate teacher or paraprofessional, and you want to learn more about how to use the Smart Board in your classroom, then you don't want to miss working with Bill Donahue on November 18th or 30th. The half-day sessions, '**Smart Board for Beginners**,' prepare you through hands-on training to utilize this instructional tool as soon as you get back to your classroom.

After our break, we kick off another cohort of **Instruction For All Students**. This is recommended for staff who are in their third or fourth year of instructing at Monroe One. Instruction For All Students provides the fabric that weaves all of our initiatives together, teaches research based instructional strategies that engage learners, supports building a common language around instruction within our organization and prepares teachers for writing units for their curriculum.

In addition to this, another cohort of **Cognitive Coaching** will start in January. The first four sessions will occur between January – June. Then in the fall of 2017, the cohort will continue with the final four sessions. If you are looking to become a mentor or want to learn language for participating in conversations that change thinking, then this is for you!

We look forward to your participation in these opportunities so we can continue to refine our craft.

- Submitted by Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

RSE-TASC

Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center

NYSED/VESID has established 10 RSE-TASC centers to act as a coordinated statewide network of special education technical assistance centers. The Midwest RSE-TASC is located at 15 Linden Park in Rochester, NY. For more information, go to: www.monroe.edu/rsetasc.

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