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“If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be.” - Yogi Berra

Upcoming Events

- November 8** Election Day
- November 11** Veterans' Day (No School)
- November 15** School Related Professionals' Day
- November 17** Regular Board Meeting
- November 23-25** Monroe One Closed for Thanksgiving

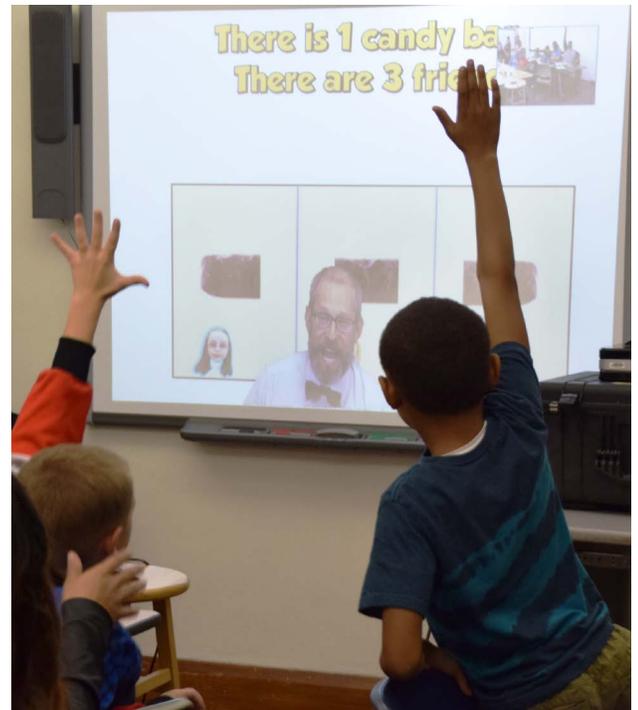
Follow this [link to the BOCES Calendar of Events](#)



Fraction Hero Video Conference

Engages 3rd Graders at Bird/Morgan

Students in 3rd grade classes at Bird/Morgan experienced the *Fraction Hero: Fractions as Sharing* video on Friday, October 21st. They joined Professor Raab for an exciting and colorful introduction to the world of fractions. Students were actively engaged as they worked with hands-on materials to better understand unit fractions as expressions of sharing and division. The program is carefully aligned with the NYS Common Core Learning Standards, Grade 3 Module 5. The cost for the videoconference was funded by the Monroe One Educational Foundation.



Board Briefs

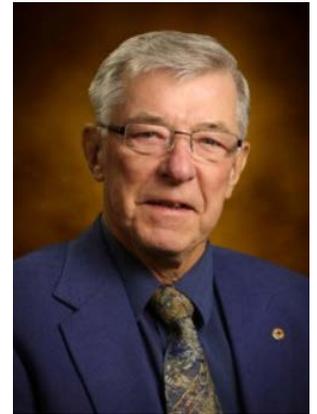
Click here for the Board Briefs for **October 20, 2016**:

http://www.monroe.edu/files/filesystem/BOEBRIEFS_10_20_2016.pdf

Meet Our Board Members

In recognition of School Board Recognition Week, celebrated earlier on October 24-28th, we will profile our ten Monroe One BOCES Board of Education members, beginning with our Board of Education President, Mr. Robert Dickson.

Mr. Dickson was appointed to serve on the Monroe #1 BOCES Board of Education in 2006 as the West Irondequoit Central School District representative. In addition to Board President, Mr. Dickson also serves on the Policy Committee and is the Chair of the Internal Audit Committee. He is also the Alternate Voting Delegate member of the Monroe County School Boards Association and is a member of their Information Exchange Committee. Mr. Dickson's term ends in 2018.



Programs & Services

Creekside/EMCC – The Annual Pumpkin Carving Partnership!

On Friday, October 28th, Delia Tee's Advanced Emergency Services class from EMCC and Creekside School students gathered in the Creekside Library for what has become a fun-filled annual event. Tracy Sens (Creekside Library) and Delia Tee have been coordinating this annual partnership for over 15 years!

Between the two programs, more than forty students participated this year. The EMCC students purchased pumpkins at the Public Market, cleaned and prepared them, and assisted the Creekside students in the final carving. This great partnership is also part of Mrs. Tee's Advanced Emergency Services students' disabilities awareness project. Creekside classes included students from Kate Cegla, Cari Grant and Tim Laemmerman's classes. Some awesome creations were made—and donuts and cider made the fun even sweeter!



Bird/Morgan Students Work to Solve a Mystery!

Students in 6th and 8th grade classes at Bird/Morgan School participated in the CSI investigation on the Green Machine on Wednesday, October 26th. The cross-curricular scenario engages students in the areas of Ecology, Zoology, Geography, Medical, and CSI investigation.

The students were able to help solve a mystery and, at the same time, be exposed to possible career paths, working together and sharing information.

Monroe One Technology Service's Green Machine program, a state-of-the-art mobile science and technology laboratory, is completely portable, allowing it to be easily transported to a school location. The mobile laboratory includes five workstations (CSI, Ecology, Geography, Zoology, and Medical). Students assigned to these stations work together in a specified scenario in order to solve a mystery.

Today's students gain maximum benefit when their learning experiences are interactive, challenging, and hands-on with team building that reinforces the standard curriculum.

For more information, go to www.monroe.edu/greenmachine.



Culinary Students Earn People's Choice Award

EMCC Advanced Culinary students experienced a great time at the Rochester National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's fundraiser, DISH IT OUT, Saturday, October 29th at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. "We were honored and excited to receive the People's Choice Award for Best Dessert:



Apple Crisp with Frozen Duck Egg Custard (from Spotted Duck Creamery in Penn Yan) Molasses Cookie and Crystallized Ginger. Our students did an amazing job! So proud of them all," stated Culinary Arts Teachers, Rina Harris and Shannon Speranza.

Teens-N-Tots Celebrates Halloween with Culinary Arts Students

On Friday, October 28th, Danielle Depeaux's Teens-N-Tots preschoolers and EMCC Advanced Early Childhood students joined Shannon Speranza's EMCC Advanced Culinary students to celebrate Halloween together. The EMCC students helped the preschoolers prepare mini pizzas and sweet treats and read Halloween stories. Some awesome pizza creations were made and enjoyed by everyone!



News and Notes

Reminder: Open Enrollment Open House Meetings

Monday November 7th

2:30 – 3:30pm, Foreman Center, Board Room, R13

Tuesday November 8th

3:30 – 4:30pm, Foreman Center, HR Conference Room, T-5

Employees will have the month of November to make any enrollment changes or elections to be effective on January 1, 2017. There are no new plans for 2017.

Feel free to attend when your work day ends. Enrollment meetings are optional. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to stop down to HR to pick up forms or ask questions. Forms will be available at the Open House meetings, in the HR office, and on the Monroe One website at: www.monroe.edu/hrfiles.

We do NOT need original forms. Scanned and faxed copies are acceptable. FAX 585-249-7235.

- Submitted by Tracy Birge, Benefits Clerk

OMNI SRA Online Steps

[Click here to learn more about OMNI Salary Reduction Agreement \(SRA\) Online Steps.](#)

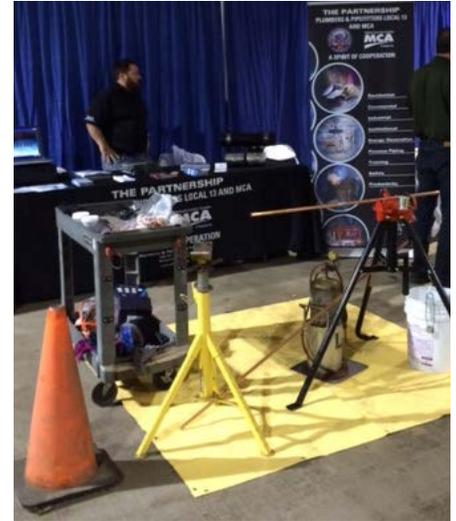
Unlimited Opportunities in the Construction Industry

The 18th Rochester Area Careers in Construction Conference was held October 20th at the Monroe County Fleet Center on Paul Road. The annual event provides students with an opportunity to get involved in hands-on activities, experience trade exhibits, and meet and speak with professionals in the construction industry.

Throughout the day, enthusiastic students built mini-bridges, worked with surveying equipment, bent and welded pipe sections, and mixed cement to make some interesting coasters. The number of female students consulting with the representatives from the National Association of Women in Construction was notable. Over 25 business and educational demonstrations included participants such as LeChase Construction, The Dolomite Group, the American Society of Civil engineers, Alfred State College, and the Sheet Metal Workers' Local.

Over 100 high school students from Gates-Chili, West Irondequoit, Greece Odyssey, Greece Olympia, and Wheatland-Chili enjoyed the activities and left with valuable insights into the opportunities and employment needs of the construction industry.

- Submitted by Kathleen Barrett, Coordinator for the College and Career Ready Partnership



Leslie Hunter Presents at Music Educators Conference

Bird/Morgan Music Teacher/Therapist, Leslie Hunter, was an invited presenter at the 2016 Vermont Music Educators Association Conference held in Killington, Vermont, October 9–10. Leslie's presentation, "Making Music Successful for All Learners," provided field-tested classroom experiences along with practical ideas and resources. Mrs. Hunter lives and breathes her craft both in school and out of school!

- Submitted by James West, assistant principal, Bird/Morgan School

Enjoy New York Your Way!

Here's a great opportunity to spend an April weekend in NYC. The trip includes coach bus from the Foreman Center, hotel in NJ, breakfast at the hotel. Explore Times Square, Central Park, Chinatown or 5th Avenue, or attend a Broadway show. **Make your reservation now;** a first deposit is due December 2, 2016. [Click here for details.](#)

- Submitted by Angela Bijak, Behavior Analyst, Autism Specialist

What is i-Ready?

i-Ready is an online Math and Reading tool which provides an assessment of students' individual strengths and areas for growth. *i-Ready* also has a system for ongoing progress monitoring of students throughout the school year.

- The ***i-Ready Diagnostic*** is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to the student's current level of performance. Its purpose is not to give the student a score or a grade but instead to pinpoint where the student needs further instruction on grade level targets.
- ***i-Ready Instruction*** provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and focus areas, so that each student can learn at a pace that is right for them. The *i-Ready* lessons are fun and interactive, with games and characters that are engaging to students.

How will *i-Ready* help our teachers and students?

- **Teacher-Led Differentiated Instruction**
Once the class has taken the diagnostic assessment, performance and instruction information is provided in *i-Ready* reports. Teachers use this information to determine instructional priorities and groupings. The reports provide next steps for instruction, as well as recommended tools and lessons.
- **Personalized Online Instruction**
The online lessons are designed to recover skills that appeared as a gap. Some students will see material from previous grade levels, others material at or beyond their grade level—all part of the program and part of differentiating instruction to meet the specific needs of each student.
- **Data has revealed that students grew more than 44% in Reading and 65% in Math in schools using *i-Ready Instruction with their students* for more than 45 minutes per week as an instructional tool.**

Who is using *i-Ready* at Monroe One BOCES?

- Bird/Morgan, O'Connor Academy, e-START, District Based and select Creekside School classrooms are currently using the *i-Ready Diagnostic* and *i-Ready Instruction* tool.

During our Fall Superintendent's Conference Day, teachers implementing *i-Ready* brought their fall diagnostic assessments for their students or classes and worked with a consultant to learn about how to interpret their data. This raised awareness regarding what Math skills our students know and control. Placement decisions were then made in the instructional portion of *i-Ready* where lessons are customized for each student.

- Submitted by Chelsea McCarthy, K-12 Mathematics Instructional Specialist

Teacher as Leader (TAL) & Para PD

Teacher as Leader (TAL) & Para PD is a seven-week, combined job-embedded coaching and training for classroom teachers at Bird/Morgan and Creekside Schools, provided in a teacher's second year of employment as part of their professional development cycle. During the seven weeks, additional training is provided for the classroom paraeducators.

The objective of the process for teachers is to sustain an increase in knowledge and skills in three areas of leadership: integrity and commitment, organization, and communication. Teachers self-assess, set, and track their own goals in these areas.

For paraeducators, the objective is to sustain an increase in knowledge and skills in three areas such as student functioning, student supports, and communication. Paraeducators self-assess, set, and track their own goals in these areas.

Who can participate?

The TAL coaching and training cycle is only for Bird/Morgan and Creekside School classroom teachers in their second or third year at Monroe One (and their classroom paraeducators). The TAL facilitator (coach) is Jodi Coniglio, Teacher Center Director and Instructional Specialist.

For more information, please contact Jodi at: jodi_coniglio@boces.monroe.edu, Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Monroe #1 BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation (the term "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or asexuality), political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, genetic information or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. In addition, students are also afforded protection based on weight.

For more information, contact one of our Civil Rights Compliance Officers:

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