

Weekly Bulletin

“ We have it in our power to begin the world over again”
- Thomas Paine

Upcoming Events

- Mon., Oct. 8 – Columbus Day – School Recess
- Wed., Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day
- Sun., Oct. 14 – National Children’s Day
- Oct., 14 – Oct. 20 – National School Lunch Week
- Tues., Oct., 16 – National Boss Day
- Sat., Oct. 20 – Sweetest Day
- Oct., 21 – Oct. 27 – National School Bus Safety Week
- Wed., Oct. 24 – United Nations Day
- Wed., Oct. 31 – Halloween

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

A Message from Mike

One of Benjamin Franklin’s most famous Revolutionary War era quotes is “We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.” I had an interesting brush with this concept last week in a series of text messages with Emma. Here’s how the exchange unfolded (my text is in the blue bubbles, Emma’s is in the gray ones):



It was a school night and I just wanted the kid to go to sleep. In the last screenshot above, Emma had sent me a picture of the screen on her iPod of a message that she sent to Theresa. What she sent is to the right.

Hanging together, Emma and I made it through. The power and importance of working together can never be overstated. After all “Cooperative” is our middle name at BOCES. As you enter this second week of October, take a moment to think about all of the different people and groups with whom you work on a daily basis to get things done. Then imagine what it would be like if you truly had to go it alone. And if you can, pause and thank the folks with whom you are collaborating. Just like Emma and I say every time we empty the dishwasher, “Many hands make light work.”

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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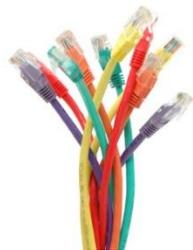
Data Snapshot

1,528,311

The number of miles the Monroe #1 BOCES transportation fleet travelled during the 2011-2012 school year

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Bill Gregory for submitting this Tip of the Week:



How to Pin an Application

In [Windows 7](#) you can pin any application, website, file or folder you use a lot, so you can easily click to open it — regardless of what program you might be in. For example, if you use the calculator a lot, simply right mouse click on the app and choose "Pin to Taskbar" and move it wherever you like. This is much faster than clicking on the Start button, selecting All Programs, then Accessories and finally Calculator. For files, such as a Word or PDF document, simply drag to the taskbar and let go. If you have a lot of pins on your taskbar, you can press the Windows key (beside Alt) and a number (e.g. 1 or 2) and the corresponding app will launch from your taskbar.

Programs & Services Update

I recently visited our **New Visions** Medical class at Rochester General Hospital. At the start of the class I noticed that one student was missing. Ms. Gina Lord, the instructor, informed me that the student, Gibran Ahmed of Pittsford Mendon, was in surgery. I quickly asked if he was alright. Ms. Lord stated that he was *observing* a surgery.

So as the class began, I started daydreaming about all the different types of surgeries that past students have had the privilege to observe, such as knee, wrist or foot surgery. A bit later in the morning Ms. Lord took me around to see the students at their rotations in the hospital. We entered into the CTICU (Cardio thoracic intensive care unit) and saw Caroline Fornuto, an EMCC student from Webster Thomas, with a patient who just had open heart surgery. With Caroline, there were about seven other medical staff personnel and EMCC student, Gibran. Then it dawned on me, Gibran had observed an OPEN HEART SURGERY! Are you kidding me? He's a 12th grader who has been in this department for a total of six days and he was in the operating room while the Chief of Surgery performed open heart surgery.



Gibran stated to his classmates that he was literally standing over the patient during the surgery. Gibran had to arrive at the hospital at 6:30 AM and be in the operating room for over two hours of surgery. Then, Gibran escorted the patient to CTICU and worked with his classmate, Caroline, in assisting with the patient's care after surgery. I thought, "How do they explain this experience to their friends at lunch?"

Additionally, I visited Rebecca Gerling, of Penfield, assisting patients in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Hadassah Rivera, of East Irondequoit, assisting patients in the Medical Intensive Care Unit. I also saw Georgia Tuttle, of West Irondequoit, assisting a physical therapist who was providing hand and arm therapy to a group of four patients.

The opportunity provided to students attending EMCC programs is amazing and the experience the students receive, invaluable.

- John Lisak, Principal, Eastern Monroe Career Center - Work Experience Program

Connecting with a Colleague

Each week, a staff member will be selected to complete a brief questionnaire to help us get to know him or her. This week we are connecting with **Glenn Argenti**.



What are your primary responsibilities? As of this year, I moved from classroom teacher at Bird/Morgan to a Special Education School Improvement Specialist (SEIS) over at 15 Linden Park. I am responsible for helping our component districts and the RCSD look at areas where they can service their Students with Disabilities to make academic and behavioral improvement. In addition, I get a cool acronym for a title.

How long have you worked at BOCES? I have been with BOCES for about ten years. During that time, I have been a para-professional, a long-term sub, a crisis intervention specialist, and a teacher.

What is your favorite part of your job? My favorite part of my previous position was to see those “aha” moments on the faces of my students. In my new role, I am enjoying the chance to learn all the new facets of education that are being developed on the state and local level.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I’m married now...what free-time? Seriously, I enjoy spending time with my wife Jillian, playing Xbox, and mowing the lawn (sad but true).

What is the one thing you would like people to know about you? I have been truly fortunate to work with some of the best educators on the planet in every role I have held within BOCES.

Look for a different colleague to be profiled each week.

News and Notes

New York State’s Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

New York State’s Dignity for All Students Act mandates districts and BOCES to provide training for all staff "to raise awareness of and enable employees to prevent and respond to potential acts of harassment or discrimination towards students".

Bill Hurley will present another DASA Training for Monroe #1 employees on **October 22 at 3PM in room 1AB at 15 Linden Park**. Please email Bill Hurley if you are interested in attending.

- Bill Hurley, Program Coordinator, Mental Health

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Thanks to Alissa Mayer, Regional Special Education Training Specialist, Midwest Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center (RSE-TASC), for the following explanation:

The Arc - The Arc is the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc encompasses all ages and all spectrums including autism, Down syndrome, Fragile X, and other developmental disabilities. The Arc is proud to be at the front lines to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the support they need to be active members of the community.