

# Weekly Bulletin

“ Whatever there be of progress in life comes not through adaptation but daring.

- Henry Miller

## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 3 - 9 – National School Breakfast Week
- Fri., Mar. 8 – International Women’s Day
- Sun., Mar. 10 – Daylight Savings begins
- Tues., March 12 – Plant a Flower Day
- Sun., Mar. 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- Wed., Mar. 20 – First Day of Spring
- Thurs., Mar. 21 – World Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination
- Sun., Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday
- Mon., Mar. 25 – Passover begins at sundown
- Fri., Mar. 29 – National Mom and Pop Business Owners’ Day
- Sat., Mar. 30 – National I am in Control Day
- Sun., Mar. 31 – Easter

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

## A Message from Mike

Have you ever made more than 700 dinner rolls from scratch? Even though my mother, a retired family and consumer sciences teacher, can vouch for my above average baking abilities, I have to admit that I’ve never made one dinner roll from scratch, let alone 700. Last week I had the opportunity to visit our Multi-Occupational Focus program at the Red Cross on Prince Street in the City of Rochester. I visited with Warren, one of our students, as he worked pounds of dough to create rolls for the Meals on Wheels program housed at the Red Cross. It was clear that Warren understood the procedures in the kitchen and with minimal coaching was able to produce three dozen rolls at a time using one of the coolest machines I have ever seen. Warren is pictured here with that cool machine in the background. As I watched him work, the former high school math teacher in me couldn’t help trying to envision Warren in “traditional” high school and what he might be doing at 10:15 in the morning on a Monday. Maybe he would be in a classroom with four other students with similar needs or struggling to keep up with the course curriculum. I was able to imagine Warren in their shoes, possibly disengaged, disillusioned, and focusing with all the attention he could

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## Data Snapshot

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The number of students who are participating in Project SEARCH through Monroe #1 BOCES during the 2012-2013 school year



muster on the classroom clock begging it to move just a little bit faster. But that wasn't the student I saw on Monday. Warren was actively engaged in respectful work, learning and practicing skills that could lead directly to gainful and meaningful employment. Somebody has to bake the rolls. I'm thankful that Warren is learning how to do it, and I'm proud that we have a program to help him.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

## Did You Know?

- **The Itinerant Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)** provide services to 20 to 25 private and parochial schools, the Pittsford School District, as well as many student homes each year.
- Schools that the SLPs support include: Bay Knoll 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, The Charles Finney School, Derech HaTorah, Hillel, Southeast Bible Academy, and Trinity Montessori, to name just a few.
- Nine Itinerant SLPs work in approximately ten different districts each year.
- The Itinerant SLPs are based out of the Harris Building on Baird Road where they share an Itinerant Workroom.

- Christine Lembach, Assistant Program Coordinator for Speech-Language, Audiology, and OATS

## Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for sharing this Tip of the Week:

### Creating Keyboard shortcuts on the iPad

Save typing by creating a shortcut for frequently used long phrases.

1. Click on **Settings**



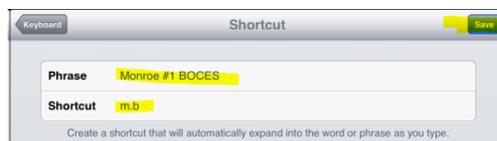
2. In the **General** group, scroll down until you see **Keyboard**



3. Click on **Add New Shortcut**



4. Type in the long phrase you want typed and the shortcut, click save.



5. Now, when you type the shortcut phrase (in this example – **"m.b"**) the iPad will suggest replacing it with the longer phrase ("**Monroe #1 BOCES**"). **Hit the Spacebar** to replace it.



# Programs & Services Update

## **Deaf and Hard of Hearing students served by Monroe #1 Deaf Education department made a name for themselves!**

Each spring, Gallaudet University, the only Liberal Arts College for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in the country, has a knowledge-based competition called the Academic Bowl. There are 2 parts to the Academic Bowl. The first hurdle for teams is to compete in one of the 5 regional competitions. The top 3 of the 16 teams from each region and one fourth place team make up the 16 teams that qualify for the national competition. Monroe #1 BOCES has had a team in the competition for several years and they do well each year. Last Saturday, the Monroe #1 BOCES team took **FIRST PLACE** in the Northeast Regional Competition. They are headed to Gallaudet University in Washington, DC on March 9-12 for the national competition. The Monroe #1 BOCES team members, who have met many times for practice in the last several months, are:

- **Ellie Holtje** - a senior at Honeoye Falls Lima High School.
- **Hannah Speech** - a junior at Mercy High School. Hannah was also chosen as one of 4 ALL STARS during the Regional competition.
- **Sarah Stanislow** - a junior at Pittsford Mendon High School.
- **Andre Webster** - a senior at Honeoye Falls Lima High School
- The coaches who have tirelessly pushed the team to their academic potential are **Deb Reisch** (TOD/HH) and **Dana Griffin** (Educational Interpreter)

We are proud of how well they represent Monroe #1 BOCES!



From left to right: Andre Webster, Hannah Speech, Sarah Stanislow, Ellie Holtje



Students, coaches, Gallaudet president, Alan Hurwitz, and Gallaudet Northeast Regional Center Director, Kathy Vesey

*- NancyJ Carr, Program Coordinator, Deaf/ASL Education-Vision/Orientation & Mobility Department*

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## **Instructional Technology – Distance Learning**

### **Career Connections: Veterinarian**

On February 27, 2013 Monroe #1 BOCES hosted the NYSDLC Career Connections: Veterinarian, Dr. Jessica Demers of Laurelton Animal Hospital in Rochester, NY shared aspects of her profession as a veterinarian at a small animal hospital. Five classrooms with students interested in veterinary science from around New York State participated in the connection. Dr. Demers shared information about college readiness, course work, internships, and interesting jobs a veterinarian can do such as working for the US Government, Zoos, Wildlife Reserves, and rural communities. Click to view [a Day in the Life of a Veterinarian](#).

*- Doreen D. Pietrantonio, Instructional Technology Specialist*

# 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 **Candace Mills**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I'm the data manager for the District Based Program.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I started working for BOCES in September, 1999 in the CAPS program. I've had the same title all these years, but it has changed so much. We've come a long way since Orion!
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** There's so much about my job that I like, it would be difficult to pick just one thing, but if I had to, it would be gathering data for reports. I do love a challenge, and if I can't figure it out, I'll try to find someone who can!
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Oh my, that's a loaded question for me (and anyone that knows me is laughing right now)! I love woodworking, fixing things around the house - I've done electrical, plumbing, built a closet, put in a tub surround, you name it! I also enjoy gardening, and I've sold a few paintings in my lifetime. I had a piece of furniture that I picked up on the curb and refurbished featured in the Democrat and Chronicle's "Show us Your Project" column. That was my 15 minutes of fame!
- **What did you enjoy most about last year's Superintendent's Conference Day?** I enjoyed the Excel Tips and Tricks course. I'm such a computer geek when it comes to software. I say if the tools are there, use them!
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** Life is short. I'm very laid back. I try not to sweat the small stuff, and I'm always laughing about something, even if it's myself! They say laughter is the best medicine. If so, I'm the healthiest person this side of the Mississippi!



Candace, with her original artwork

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## News and Notes

**Read all about it? You absolutely should.**

Award-winning filmmaker and EMCC grad Adrian Esposito once again uses his creative and production-based talents to change the world. February 28th's D&C article features Esposito's latest work entitled "*Bury My Heart with Tonawanda*." In his latest cultural eye-opener, Esposito sheds light on the plight of individuals living with disabilities by featuring a child born with Down's Syndrome in the 19th century, and the struggle for acceptance he must endure in a world where he isn't welcome.

Like his main character John, Adrian Esposito is no stranger to struggle. Having been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at a young age, Esposito encountered many difficulties throughout his youth. Having both a deep understanding and appreciation for the need to create awareness about individuals with disabilities, he began a film career that explored many different aspects of the issue. Now a successful filmmaker with several credits to his name, it is fair to say that Adrian Esposito embodies success both professionally and personally.

Adrian graduated from EMCC's Media Production (formerly known as Radio & Television) program in 2008 after successfully completing both the Basic and Advanced courses. He also attended Monroe #1 BOCES Creekside program. His smile, his infectious laugh, his willingness to grow and learn and above all, his truest wish of acceptance by others are all reasons why simply knowing Adrian is an honor. I am proud of him and all his efforts not only as a student, but as a teacher. He teaches everyone who meets him to laugh, to pause for a moment and realize what's really important,

and to remember the true meaning of compassion, generosity and spirit. He has taught me to always remember the unique qualities of every student I work with. I couldn't be prouder of him!"

*Bury My Heart with Tonawanda* will be featured at the Market Arcade Film and Arts Centre in Buffalo as part of the Niagara Buffalo Film Festival on April 13. More information about the film can be found in the Democrat and Chronicle [article](#) and on the Espocinema [website](#).

*-Michelle Ferland, MEd, Media Production Instructor, Eastern Monroe Career Center*

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### **WBEB Fundraiser**

Friday morning, March 8 at 6:00 A.M., WBEB will kick off its annual Marathon Fundraiser on the airwaves. Our goal will be to raise \$30,000 to keep WBEB on the air for another year of the best in alternative music and to provide a training ground for high school students to get real live experience on the radio. Our theme this year will be "A-Z in alternative music". Listeners will be able to put a donation towards a letter in the alphabet which will be tied to a request/dedication from an artist whose name starts with that letter. This day every year is one of the most exciting days for WBEB. The airwaves are filled with stories from many people including volunteer DJ's, students from Media Production classes at EMCC and school district Radio Clubs, and WBEB listeners, who talk about how important WBEB is to them. Tune in starting at 6:00 A.M. next Friday, March 8th for all the fun on the air.

*- Joey Guisto, WBEB Station Manager*

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### **Superintendent's Conference Day**

**Revive, renew and refine...**that's the theme for our 2013 Superintendent's Conference Day on April 29th. This year's Superintendent's Conference Day promises to bring opportunities for reviving ourselves, renewing our beliefs in what we do to support students, and refining our practices. The Superintendent's Conference Day Planning Committee continues to work on preparations for the day. Requests for proposals are in and the selection committee will be notifying staff whose proposals were approved.

Registration for Superintendent's Conference Day will open up March 18<sup>th</sup> on WinCap WEB. Staff members will be able to choose one or two sessions from the menu of options. Instructional staff will be spending part of their day digging deeper into the standards, going beyond being standards referenced to becoming standards based practitioners. Reminders regarding session locations and evaluations will be sent electronically. So stay tuned for more information to come on the 3 R's of Superintendent's Conference Day!

*- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development*

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## **SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)**

*Thanks to Nichole Outhouse, Director of Teacher Center, for the following explanation:*

**IEP Direct**: a web-based software system designed to track Special Education and 504 students