

Weekly Bulletin

“ Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

- Abraham Lincoln

Upcoming Events

- 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 – Good Friday
- Fri., Mar. 29 – National Mom and Pop Business Owners’ Day
- Sat., Mar. 30 – National I am in Control Day
- Sun., Mar. 31 – Easter
- Mon., April 1 – April Fool’s Day
- Tues., April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day
- Wed., April 3 – Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

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

A Message from Mike

Even though Emma just turned eleven, I can still get that “No way...that’s so cool” expression out of her from time to time. On the way to swim practice last week, I told her about my visit to our Multi-Occ Focus program at Lollypop Farm. First, she was so impressed that *students* get to work there and help care for the animals. She asked about what the students get to do and what animals I saw. I showed her this picture of our students bathing Yogi, a very large and patient Newfie.

After we talked about how students learn about the animals, care for the animals, help the animals socialize, and take care of the facilities, Emma asked when we are getting another dog. I assured her that our Welsh Corgi, Rico, was just enough dog for our family. The students who gave me the tour were animated, knowledgeable, and could not have been more proud of their work. It was another perfect example of students engaged in meaningful, purposeful work.

There is something to be said for doing what you love and loving what you do. I feel very fortunate that in my work life I have always felt that way. Working with dedicated and talented professionals and watching students learn make for a pretty cool



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Data Snapshot

These findings are from a [Nov. 9-Dec. 4, 2012, study by Gallup and the Lumina Foundation](#) with a random sample of U.S. adults:

How important is having a certificate or degree beyond high school?

Very important	72%
Somewhat important	25%
Not very important	2%
Not at all important	1%

(source: [Gallup](#))

gig. Recognizing that every job has its positives and negatives, what is it about your job that you love? Have you told anyone about it recently?

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Did You Know?

How many staff members work in the Audiology Department?

- Six Audiologists and three Audiometric Technicians
- All six of the Audiologists have their NYS License in Audiology.
- Five of the six have their Aud.D. (Doctor of Audiology)
- Three have additional certification through the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. (CCC-Aud)
- Three are Fellows of the American Academy of Audiology. (AAA)
- In addition, two are Board Certified in Audiology, through the American Board of Audiology.

What services does the Audiology Department provide?

- They provide comprehensive services including the identification, diagnosis, and ongoing evaluation and monitoring of students with hearing disorders that interfere with communication and educational development. Habilitative and rehabilitative programs are planned, directed, and provided to establish or restore communication effectiveness. Services are provided to students in small groups, individually, and/or within classroom settings.

- Christine Lembach, Assistant Program Coordinator for Speech/Language/Audiology

Technology Tip of the Week

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

iPad Tips videos

Please click on the following link for [16 Video tips for the iPad](#). In this video learn iPad tips for new users, including tips from copy and pasting to multitasking.

How you touch the iPad matters. The following link will give an explanation of [gesture tips and tricks for the iPad](#).



Programs & Services Update

Upcoming Professional Development

Check out the new offerings in the [Monroe #1 Internal PD Catalog](#) :

Workshop	Month	Audience
Handwriting Without Tears	March	K-5 Teachers and Therapists whose students are learning printing
Clerical Technology Week	April	Clerical Staff
Great Lakes Educator Program	May	Science Teachers K-12, PE Teachers

- Nichole Outhouse, Director of Teacher Center

Monroe #1 Gallaudet Academic Bowl Team

Congratulations to the Monroe #1 Gallaudet Academic Bowl team for tying for 5th place out of 20 teams who competed in the National Competitions at Gallaudet University this week. By winning 6 out of 9 matches in two days, you make us proud!

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



Students and coaches at the Gallaudet Academic Bowl

District Based Program

On Friday March 1st, I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Johanna Perrin Middle School in Fairport to read to Ms. Launer's class. It was time to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! I chose the book "Oh The Places You'll Go" because the message is so important for all of our students. Dr. Seuss, in his catchy, funny, rhyming verses, tells us that you have the ability to go anywhere you want to go; all you have to do is put forth the effort and try! I believe that all my students at District Based will go many places, see many things, and continue to learn no matter where life takes them. They are all shining stars. Thanks for inviting me to read in Ms. Launer's class and for the beautiful cards!



-Cyndi Lembo, Principal, District Based 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 **Michael Langridge, Assistant Principal of START/ALA.**

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I supervise students and staff at START/ALA, support building needs, and communicate with all relevant stakeholders.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at Monroe #1 BOCES for 2 years.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I enjoy helping students succeed in areas they never thought they could and being a part of such a supportive team.
- **What did you enjoy most about last year's Superintendent's Conference Day?** It was a chance to connect and collaborate with colleagues on ways to improve instruction.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids. I also enjoy golfing, running, reading, and hockey.
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** I was pretty close to being an ALA type student in middle school and it was because of some excellent and caring teachers that I am where I am today.



Health Services Update

Five Minutes or Less for Health

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It is best to wash your hands with



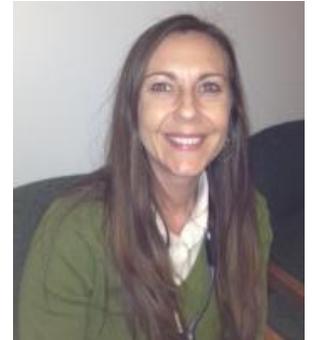
soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. However, if soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product to clean your hands. Alcohol-based hand rubs significantly reduce the number of germs on skin and are fast acting.

- Kathy Mackay, RN, SNT, FNP, Executive Coordinator of Health Services

News and Notes

Sulyn Bennett-Hennessey, teacher of Visual Communication in our EMCC program, had an editorial published online recently, in the Democrat and Chronicle. Please take a moment to check out her [Web Essay: Unnecessary Roadblocks](#).

Please join me in congratulating Bonnie Masiuk who has been named the SANNYS Region 11 Middle School Administrator of the Year. Bonnie was nominated by her colleagues for her 15 years of services to Monroe #1 BOCES and specifically her last seven years as an Assistant Principal at Bird Morgan and Creekside School. Bonnie's leadership and ability to work with families and students makes her a most deserving recipient of this award. Bonnie will be receiving her award on April 23rd at Midvale Country Club. Congratulations Bonnie!



- Mark Frenzel, Principal, Creekside School

Superintendent's Conference Day

Mark your calendars! Superintendent's Conference Day is Monday, April 29th. The presentations scheduled are guaranteed to **Revive, Renew** and **Refine**. Our day will begin with a message from Superintendent Dan White. This opening address will occur at the location of your first session. **Session 1** will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Brunch will be provided from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the following locations:

- 15 Linden Park
- Foreman Center main gym
- ALA/START cafeteria
- Lois E. Bird-Morgan School cafeteria

Session 2 starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. and our day will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Registration for Superintendent's Conference Day begins on March 18th and runs until April 18th. This year the process will take place electronically through WinCap WEB. Attached are directions for registering on WinCap WEB. If you need further assistance with online registration, open enrollment sessions are being held at the Foreman Center in R10 on these dates:

- Wednesday, March 20th 12-3:30
- Thursday, March 21st 12-3:30
- Friday, March 22nd 12-3:30
- Monday, March 25th 12-3:30
- Thursday, March 28th 12-3:30

When registering online, sign up for two sessions within the 2013 Superintendent's Conference Day catalog. Teachers must attend one section on the Common Core Learning Standards called '*Shifting from Standards Referenced to Standards Based*' according to the grade level of your students. Some sessions will be restricted for specific programs or departments. Program administrators will also be communicating with staff regarding specific registration requirements that have been set up by departments.

Your registration approval will be done electronically through the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development. Emails regarding room locations for each session will be sent out during the week of April 22nd. A brief survey for each session you attend will be sent to you electronically. These are mandatory and must be completed for time and attendance. An overall survey for the day will be sent out after Superintendent's Conference Day to gain input for future planning.

If you have questions, feel free to call the Office of Curriculum, Instruction or Professional Development at 383-2277. Get ready for an exciting Superintendent's Conference Day!

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

Holy Smoke!

At around 10:45 on the morning of Saturday, March 9, a back-up battery to the Monroe 1 BOCES Off-Air Taping System shorted out and began to smoke. This set off alarms and beckoned the Fire Department to 11 Linden Park. Thanks to quick thinking and action by Scot Hendrichs, the offending power supply was removed and replaced before the problem spread to the server and racks. Shortly thereafter, Dana Bowers stopped by and confirmed that there was no significant damage and that the Off-Air Taping System was functioning properly. The photograph to the right may not look like a big deal, but it could have spelled disaster for the Instructional Multimedia Service. The stellar emergency response by Scot and Dana prevented this critical service from becoming toast!



- Katie Bertrand, Director of Library, Media Services & the Arts

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

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

Multi Occupational/FOCUS (MOF): Multi-Occupational is a pre-career and technical program primarily for, but not limited to, high school students with special needs. The FOCUS programs can be a transition between Multi-Occupational and general education career and technical programs or entry-level employment. FOCUS is primarily for, but not limited to, high school students with special needs