

Weekly Bulletin

“Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn’t know you left open.

- John Barrymore

Upcoming Events

- Tues., April 9 – Board of Education Annual Meeting
- Tues., April 16 – School Librarian Day
- Mon., April 22 – Earth Day
- Wed., April 24 – Administrative Professionals’ Day
- Thurs., April 25 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., April 26 – Arbor Day
- Mon., May 2 – New York State Teacher Day

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

A Message from Mike

At one point during our vacation last week, there were ten people – some adults, some children – sitting around the large table at the house. Each person’s head was buried in some sort of electronic device. After a couple of us commented on the scene, it was decided that we would have a “technology free day.” So the next day, after giving the children and a few reluctant adults plenty of notice, all of the portable screens were gathered and placed on the kitchen table. The picture shows the collection of devices. I am proud to say that I made it through the day. I was permitted to use my phone to call my father on his birthday, but after that I read a good old fashioned paper magazine. It was liberating. We had lots of great conversations, and a group of the kids even played Scrabble. As the day progressed, I didn’t want it to end. But, like vacation itself, all good things must come to an end.

When was the last time you were able to unplug completely from all of your technology? With our constant connectivity and many people’s expectations of instant response, it can be difficult to disconnect. It was worth the effort last week. Good luck.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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Data Snapshot

383

The number of professional staff employed at Monroe #1 BOCES



Did You Know?

- BOCES Nurses give over 140 medications every single day.
- We have over 50 emergency medications for students with life threatening conditions.
- There is now a full time nurse in building 9 to cover the START/ALA program
- All nurses are assigned to specific classrooms, as case managers, in order to improve communication between the classroom staff, health offices, and parents.
- We are available to provide any in-service training or information you may need regarding health issues in your classroom.
- We have a new electronic health record for all BOCES program students (except DB, EMCC), which we are just beginning to use.
- Years of experience in BOCES (of all nurses)= 121 years (average 12 years each).
- Our nurses accompany students as needed on CBIs and field trips (including DB classes) in order to provide a safe environment for students.
- BOCES provides all health office staff (NPs, RNs, LPNs, and Health Aides) to all schools in the Rochester City School District (including private, parochial and charter schools).

- Kathy Mackay, Executive Coordinator of Health Services

Technology Tip of the Week

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

If you have been having trouble finding the Excel 2003 feature that allows you to **click and drag the Print Margins** until they are to your liking, it has not disappeared.

1. To find this feature, go to the **File** ribbon and click on **Print**. The **Print Preview** will be on the right. Below the preview, in the right corner of the page, you will see two icons. The left one is **Show Margins** and the right one is **Zoom to Page**.



2. Click on the **Show Margins** icon and margins will show up as light grey lines. You can click on them and drag them where you want them.



Programs & Services Update

Bon Appétit at Bird/Morgan

Home and Careers Teacher, Ashlee VanKouwenberg, and students from Frank Vacanti's class at LEB/Morgan demonstrated what they learned this quarter by preparing a luncheon exclusively for specially invited guests! Students developed a three course menu and invitations were delivered. The classroom was transformed into a café style establishment named Boceni's where tables were adorned with tablecloths and handcrafted centerpieces. Customers were greeted by a very energetic and task orientated Maître d', whose leadership style rivaled Gordon



Ramsey. Students shared roles taking orders and ensuring customers felt comfortable and at ease. All students showed potential in the food services industry. Customers dined on fresh salad with their choice of dressing, assorted pizzas, or pasta bake with freshly grated parmesan cheese. The meal concluded with homemade M & M cookies. For those who couldn't attend, to-go orders were available for pick up or delivery service. Everything served was prepared from scratch by the students. In the end, everyone pitched in and students were proud to be a part of an operational restaurant for the afternoon.

- Dan Healy, Assistant Principal, Lois E. Bird/Morgan School

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 **Mark Frenzel**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am responsible for the instructional leadership of Creekside School by sustaining unique educational programs through collaborative methods to assist students to achieve academic and vocational goals, while supporting social and emotional growth.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** This is my third year at Creekside School. I started in November of 2010 as an Assistant Principal.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is watching students learn and grow. I also really enjoy student arrival time each morning. Seeing all the smiling faces as they arrive off the busses, is a great way to start each day.
- **What do you enjoy in your free time?** I enjoy spending time with my family and participating in any outdoor activity. We especially like to play sports, go swimming, and fish whenever possible.
- **What did you enjoy most about last year's superintendent's conference?** Last year on Superintendent's Conference Day, I really enjoyed the Common Core Training. It was a great opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and learn from the experienced presenters.
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** I have been married for six years to my wonderful wife and we have three beautiful children. Jack is five years old and will be entering Kindergarten next year. Madeline is three years old and is currently in pre-school and Lillian is one and she is quickly learning how to manage being the youngest sibling.



News and Notes

Revive, Renew and Refine on Superintendent's Conference Day Monday, April 29th. Register for your sessions on WinCap WEB by April 19th. Confirmations of your session locations will be sent out soon.

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.

We are encouraging you to car pool to sessions at the Linden Park locations to alleviate issues with parking. 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



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

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

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS): a proactive systems approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success