

Weekly Bulletin

“ You can never plan the future by the past.”
 - Edmund Burke

Upcoming Events

- Tues., May 7 – National Teachers Day
- Wed., May 8 – National School Nurses Day
- Thurs., May 9 – Regular Board Meeting
- Sun., May 12 – Mother’s Day
- Sat., May 18 – Armed Forces Day
- Mon., May 27 – Memorial Day

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A Message from Mike



April 29 was the day for Superintendent’s Conference Days in the region. Both Emma and Paige also had the day off from school while their teachers engaged in professional development. Thankfully Grandma and Grandpa were able to make the trip up from Cortland to spend the day with the girls while Theresa and I attended our respective conference days. As for those in

my family not attending a conference day, other activities were on the agenda. Apparently playing outside all day and going to the mall can take a lot out of you. Theresa took this picture of Paige shortly after

Grandma and Grandpa left to go home. While Paige is usually tired after a full day of school, the change in routine caught up with her. Sometimes a change in routine can be tiring. While our Superintendent’s Day was shorter than our normal work day, I still was really tired. I didn’t pass out in a folding chair in the playroom, but I was tired. Throughout the day and in the days following Superintendent’s Conference Day, I heard many positive comments about how engaged people were in the different workshops they attended. As we debrief this year and begin the planning process, please be sure to give feedback through the survey that was emailed to all participants. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and who participated so actively in our Superintendent’s Conference Day.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Data Snapshot

These are among the new findings from a nationally representative Pew Research Center survey that explored technology use among 802 youth, ages 12-17 and their parents:

- 78% of teens now have a cell phone, and almost half (47%) of them own smartphones. That translates into 37% of all teens who have smartphones, up from just 23% in 2011.
- 23% of teens have a tablet computer, a level comparable to the general adult population.
- 95% of teens use the internet.

(source: [Pew](#))

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Michael Doughty for the following tech tip:

Click [here](#) to find 10 simple, time-saving tips shared by Tech columnist David Pogue for computer, web, smartphone, and camera users. There are some great tips and I bet you will be surprised to find out that you did not know all of them.



Programs & Services Update

District Based

The students in Marne Brady's class at Winslow Elementary school participate in a read aloud program supported by paraeducator Mary Kacurovski. They recently read the story *The Patchwork Quilt* and then made a quilt together. The students were asked to draw four pictures of their favorite memories. They mounted them with a border, then put them together on a large sheet of construction paper that was then stitched together to make a quilt. These students have happy memories of going fishing, visiting California, spending time with friends and family, and going to the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Nice job Winslow students and Mrs. Kacurovski



-Cyndi Lembo, Principal, District Based Program

Creekside

After school on April 24th, over 70 Creekside staff members participated in the "Amazing Race". Staff members formed teams of 3-6 people and battled each other for first place. This event was run similarly to the television show by the same name and had different challenges such as Fast Forwards, Detours, and Speed Bumps. Teams were given 90 minutes to walk/run around Fairport, finding clues and performing in challenges. There were over 30 different challenges at different businesses or landmarks. Some of the challenges included getting dressed up and singing karaoke, eating ice cream and all the ingredients needed to make a sundae without using utensils, performing a play in the gazebo, and putting on firemen gear and then spraying the fire hose through 2 cones. Teams got into the competitive spirit by creating team shirts and wearing costumes. Everyone had a ton of fun and teams are already planning their strategies for next year. Congratulations to our first place team, "Tims Angels" and our runners up, "Bazinga".



-Rebecca Etlinger, Assistant Principal, Creekside

2013 Erie Canal State-wide Video Conference Project

New York State 4th grade classrooms are collaborating once again as they travel back in time to explore the Erie Canal. Approximately 150 students will participate in the **2013 Erie Canal Mystery Through History** to learn facts about the Erie Canal and solve a decade's old mystery. In a future connection, each classroom will present their project regarding a classroom created essential question. Teachers and students love using video conferencing to investigate and collaborate during the free Erie Canal Project! This project is aligned to NYS Common Core Standards and addresses APPR teaching standards. To view a promotional video, please follow this [link](#).

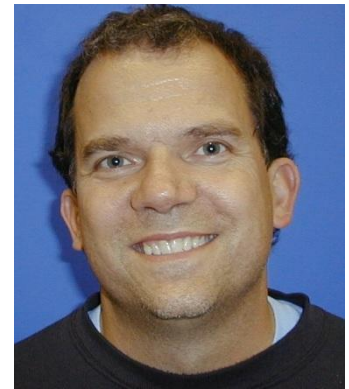
-Doreen D. Pietrantoni, Instructional Technology Specialist



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 **Dan Wyman**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** My primary responsibilities include maintenance and repairs of the heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration systems at BOCES.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES for 13 years.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is troubleshooting HVAC equipment.
- **What did you enjoy most about last year's Superintendent's Conference Day?** I enjoyed talking to people that I don't usually see during the year.
- **What do you enjoy in your free time?** In my free time, I enjoy hiking, hunting, and fishing.
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** I am a Civil War and Revolutionary War enthusiast.



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

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

Student Learning Objectives (SLO's) A Student Learning Objective is an academic goal for a teacher's students, that is set at the start of a course. It represents the most important learning for the year (or semester, where applicable). It must be specific and measurable, based on prior student learning data, and aligned to Common Core, State, or national standards, as well as any other school and District priorities. Teachers' scores are based upon the degree to which their goals were attained.