



Weekly Bulletin



Without change, something sleeps inside us, and seldom awakens. The sleeper must awaken.

- Frank Herbert

Upcoming Events

- Thurs., July 25 – Regular Board Meeting
- Sun., Aug. 4 – National Kids’ Day
- August 13-14 – Summer School Regents Exams
- Fri., August 16 – ESY ends
- Thurs., Aug. 22 – Regular Board Meeting
- Mon., Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Wed., Sept. 4 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

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

A Message from Mike

The results are in from the 2013 Weekly Bulletin survey. Thank you to the 119 people who responded. Of those who responded, 90.8% said that they read the Bulletin “every week without fail” and 61.4% indicated that the Bulletin should continue to be distributed weekly.

The chart at the right shows how people rated the individual sections of the Bulletin.

I appreciate the thoughtful and constructive comments that so many people shared. I will work to incorporate as many of the suggestions as possible. One of the themes that emerged from the comments was that people like learning about different departments and programs within BOCES. Consider this an open invitation – if you would like to share information about your program, service, or department, please send me an email. Similarly, if you have an idea for a specific piece that you would like to see in the bulletin, let me know. As my father often says, “Many hands make light work.” Thanks for the help.

In this Issue

Upcoming Events 1
 A Message from Mike 1
 Technology Tip of the Week 2
 Programs & Services Update 2
 Connecting with a Colleague 2
 SANE..... 3

Data Snapshot

67% of cell owners find themselves checking their phone for messages, alerts, or calls – even when they don’t notice their phone ringing or vibrating. Some 18% of cell owners say that they do this “frequently”.

(source: [Pew](#))

3. Please rate the quality of the sections of the Weekly Bulletin. As you select your rating, consider the usefulness of the information in each section.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Rating Count
Upcoming Events	53.4% (63)	41.5% (49)	5.1% (6)	0.0% (0)	118
A Message from Mike	66.9% (79)	22.9% (27)	5.1% (6)	5.1% (6)	118
Data Snapshot	47.9% (56)	40.2% (47)	12.0% (14)	0.0% (0)	117
Technology Tip of the Week	52.5% (62)	33.9% (40)	12.7% (15)	0.8% (1)	118
Programs & Services Update	52.6% (61)	42.2% (49)	4.3% (5)	0.9% (1)	118
Connecting with a Colleague	61.0% (72)	30.5% (36)	5.9% (7)	2.5% (3)	118
Did you know?	48.2% (55)	46.5% (53)	5.3% (6)	0.9% (1)	114
News & Notes	47.8% (54)	47.8% (54)	3.5% (4)	0.9% (1)	113
Health Services Updates	43.5% (50)	41.7% (48)	15.7% (18)	0.0% (0)	115
SANE (Some Acronyms Need Explaining)	43.1% (50)	34.5% (40)	20.7% (24)	1.7% (2)	118

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:



Tech Tip - Flying Windows button

Ever wonder why you have that funny key on your keyboard with the Windows logo? It's usually between your **Ctrl** and **Alt** key. It works like the Shift, Ctrl & Alt in that it doesn't do anything until you press another key. Below are examples of what this key can do when used with another key:



- To close all windows and see the Desktop, hold the **Windows** key and press the **D** key.
- To find a file, hold the **Windows** key and press the **F** key.
- To open up Windows Explorer (My Computer), hold the **Windows** key and press the **E** key.
- To see all your open windows scroll by, hold the **Windows** key and press the **Tab** key repeatedly. When the window you want to switch to is on top, release both keys.
- Holding the **Windows** key and pressing the **Spacebar** lets you peek at the desktop and then returns the windows to their previous arrangement.

Programs & Services Update

EMCC

A recent U.S. Department of Education report, **Investing in America's Future**, stated that "our education and training systems have failed too many of our students and businesses. In higher education, the U.S. is being outpaced by other countries. While the U.S. ranks 9th in the world in the proportion of young adults enrolled in college, we have fallen to 16th in the world in our share of certificates and degrees awarded to adults ages 25 – 34." The report also stated that "CTE represents a critical investment in our future" and "offers students opportunities for career awareness and preparation by providing them with the academic and technical knowledge and work-related skills necessary to be successful in postsecondary education, training, and employment."

Eastern Monroe Career Center (EMCC) prepares its graduates for bright futures:

- A survey of EMCC graduates from the class of 2012 showed that 68 % are in college (33% of them are in college and employed), 27% are employed, and 5% are in the military.
- Employment projections in skilled trades show expected employment growth (2008-2016): Electricians (12 %), plumbers (16%), construction managers (17%).
- This year, 146 EMCC students registered to earn 1159 college credits through our dual enrollment program with Monroe Community College and Genesee Community College, giving them a head start toward college with tuition savings for students and parents.
- 146 EMCC students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

-Joyce Cymer, Director of Career & Technical Education

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 **JoAnn Genthner**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** Per Webster's Dictionary, Principal is a chief officer of an elementary, middle or high school. Per experience, Principal is an instructional leader, cheerleader, firefighter, counselor, finance officer, and a host of other roles! I am currently blessed to be Principal of START/ALA, Preschool, TOUR, and Project SEARCH Programs.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES since 1984.



- **What is your favorite part of your job?** This is a really tough question because there are so many parts of my job that I love! I love greeting kids as they come in in the morning. I love watching a preschooler master a new skill. I love watching a transition student having success in employment. Bottom line, it's the students, whether they are 3 or 21!
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** In my free time I enjoy traveling, shopping!!!, as well as just being a homebody.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** The thing I want people to know is how very proud I am to be an employee of Monroe #1 BOCES. This is an organization that serves our community in so many ways. I strongly believe that regardless of whether you are staff, student or a community member, you leave here a better person than when you entered.



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Independent Living Center (ILC): Independent Living Centers provide an array of services that assist New Yorkers with disabilities to live integrated and self-directed lives. The centers assist with removing barriers so individuals with disabilities may participate fully in the local community and beyond.