



Weekly Bulletin



“Smile, it’s free therapy.”

- Douglas Horton

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

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A Message from Mike

To say that I am a reluctant dog owner would be a huge understatement. I didn’t have a dog growing up and never really wanted one as an adult. Theresa grew up with dogs. It wasn’t until about four years ago, when I saw Paige interact with my in-laws’ dog, that I finally agreed that we should get one. For some reason, being around the dog brought out an incredible amount of language in Paige. She was more expressive and used more sign language.

It’s four years later. Even though we have some issues with barking and bolting out the door, I thought we had done a decent job training Rico, our Welsh corgi. He still isn’t exactly where we want him to be. Upon the recommendation of my sister-in-law, Theresa and I met with a dog trainer for help. As the meeting progressed at our kitchen table, I felt like I was on a TLC reality show with a dog whisperer. It turns out that Rico has done a really good job training us. It was interesting to have someone call us out based on a series of objective observations. When we go away on vacation in August, Rico will be going to boot camp. When we get back the humans will be trained. Having a knowledgeable, disinterested, third party expert provide an objective assessment was amazing. In a few minutes, the trainer was able to get to the heart of the matter, give us valuable background information, identify the major problems, and recommend a course of action. It was unbelievable. Where in your work or personal life are there opportunities for an objective view of a familiar problem?

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Data Snapshot

During the July 1-July 19 time period, 19,195 WBER listening hours were streamed over the Internet from wber.org.

(source: [Joey Guisto](#))

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Scott Schroeder for the following tech tip:

Look up a word Definition on an iPad

It's easy to find the definition of any word on your iPad if you know the steps:

1. Select the word, highlight the word, and touch **Select** on the menu.
2. When the next menu comes up, touch **Define**. You will then see the dictionary information for the word.



Programs & Services Update

Monroe #1 BOCES provides English as a Second Language (ESL) services to students in East Rochester and Honeoye Falls-Lima, as well students from Rochester City School District, Rush Henrietta, and Fairport who participate in BOCES' special education programs at Creekside, START/ALA, and District Based. The units of instruction that each student receives are determined by the student's score on the New York State English as Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT). This test measures the student's English language proficiency and is administered annually in the spring. Students continue to receive ESL services until they reach the proficient level. Our ESL teachers work collaboratively with classroom teachers and administrators to determine the best method to deliver instruction ("push-in" or "pull out") for each child. Students are grouped whenever possible. Although our ESL Department is small in numbers, our teachers have a significant impact on their students as they support their acclimation to a new culture and English language acquisition.

-Joyce Cymber, 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 **Steve Imburgia**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** As a school bus driver, it is my responsibility to get the students to school safely, and to create an environment that is comfortable for them.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES for nine years.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of my job is knowing that at the end of the day, I've done my best to help the students that I transport. I really enjoy interacting with the students on my bus.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy reading (history), music, gardening, and science (astronomy).
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I would like people to know that I try to do my best in my assignments.



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Academic Intervention Services (AIS): Academic intervention services (AIS) are services designed to help students achieve the learning standards in English language arts and mathematics in grades K-12 and social studies and science in grades 4-12.