

Weekly Bulletin

“Ambition can creep as well as soar.”

- Edmund Burke

Upcoming Events

- Wed., Sept. 11 – National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Thurs., Sept. 12 – National Chocolate Milkshake Day
- Sat., Sept. 14 – Yom Kippur
- Tues., Sept. 17 – Citizenship Day
- Thurs., Sept. 19 – Regular Board Meeting
- Sat., Sept. 21 – International Day of Peace
- Sun., Sept. 22 – First Day of Autumn
- Wed., Sept. 25 – National Comic Book Day
- Thurs., Sept. 26 – National Good Neighbor Day

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

A Message from Mike

By all accounts this has been a smooth and productive opening to our regular school year. For many of us it has felt like we never left. For others it's a welcome return to routine after a restful summer break. I want to thank everyone who welcomed Dan, Sheila, and me as we visited classrooms during the week. We tried not to be too disruptive and really enjoyed our conversations with students and staff. The funniest remark, by far was a student in Ann Kavanaugh's culinary class at START/ALA. As Dan and I entered the classroom, the young man remarked, "Wow those are really nice suits; you guys look like Cellino and Barnes." Based on the pictures below (where I am standing on a chair), I think I'm the bald one.



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- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

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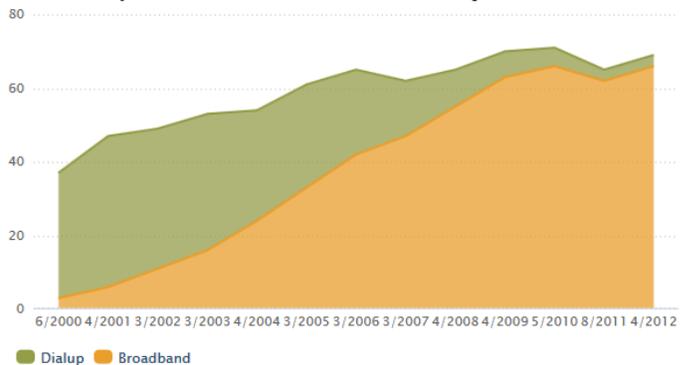
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Data Snapshot

Percent of American adults who access the internet via dial-up or broadband



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(Source: [Pew](#))

Technology Tip of the Week

Navigate Home in Microsoft Word

To jump to the beginning (or the end) of a document, press **Ctrl + Home (or Ctrl + End)**.



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 **Valerie Leonardo**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I work as a Benefits Clerk in the Human Resources Department. My primary responsibilities include processing time sheets for several departments for payroll, assisting new and current employees with their payroll paperwork, as well as helping them with any personnel questions or concerns regarding their paychecks and benefits.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have been working here at BOCES for 3 years this October.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I enjoy helping people and that is a big part of my job here in HR. It's a very busy department and I work with a great bunch of people who are always there to assist others as well as each other. We work hard but also manage to have a few laughs from time to time. It's a great balance!
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I now have 2 kids in college so I seem to have more free time than usual. I enjoy working out at the gym, traveling around to different colleges with my husband attending my daughter's soccer games, trying new recipes, reading, hanging out with my friends and family, and most recently I've discovered Netflix!!
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I love sports...especially soccer and basketball! My family has always been involved with sporting activities whether it be coaching, playing, or just being a spectator. We are all pretty competitive in my house - every day is "game day"!



Programs & Services Update

Instructional Programs

This year we have received another Motorola Innovation Generation grant for \$25,000 to create video conferences that present STEM content and then tie the content to a career path. For example, students will video conference with our presenters as well as presenters at the Seneca Park Zoo. Then students can participate in an internship in a career path of their choice at the zoo. At the end of the internship, students will conference back to their classroom and share their experience. The goal is to increase interest in STEM career paths through partnerships with local organizations and our component school districts.

-Steve Orcutt, Director of Instructional Programs



Health Services Update

Flu Clinic Schedule - September 2013

Independent Nursing Care will provide influenza immunizations for ALL BOCES 1 employees on these days (no appointment needed):

- Friday, 9/13/13 2:15 pm - 4:45 pm - Bird/Morgan Cafeteria
- Monday, 9/16/13 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Foreman Center, Board Room, R-13
- Tuesday, 9/17/13 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Transportation, 79 O'Connor Road - Please park on right hand side of the building.
- Wednesday, 9/25/13 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Technology Services, 11 Linden Park, Room H1

Seasonal flu shots are offered to ALL BOCES 1 employees.

- ✓ Each employee MUST present their health insurance card.
- ✓ With most insurance policies, there is no cost to the employee; check your policy to be certain.
- ✓ You must be in good health.
- ✓ You must not be allergic to eggs.
- ✓ If you are pregnant, you must have a doctor's order to receive the vaccine.

*If you have any specific questions regarding the flu shot, please ask your doctor.

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Consolidated Fiscal Reporting System (CFRS): The Consolidated Fiscal Reporting System (CFRS) is a standardized reporting method accepted by these state agencies (OASAS, OMH, OPWDD and SED), consisting of schedules which, in different combinations, capture financial information for budgets, quarterly and/or mid-year claims, an annual cost report, and a final claim.