



Weekly Bulletin

“Why are we doing this?”

What Jyothi Bathina had on the board in her high-school classroom throughout the year; “Unless I could answer [this] question, I had no right to teach the material,” she says. From *Phi Delta Kappan*, September 2013

Upcoming Events

- Tues., Sept. 17 – Citizenship Day
- Thurs., Sept. 19 – Regular Board Meeting
- Sat., Sept. 21 – World Gratitude Day
- Wed., Sept. 25 – National Comic Book Day
- Thurs., Sept. 26 – National Good Neighbor Day
- Fri., Sept. 27 – Native American Day
- Thurs., Oct. 3 – Regular Board Meeting

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

A Message from Mike

When I was in Albany this past week, State Education Department Deputy Commissioner Ken Slentz shared data about recent high school graduates in New York State. For the 2008 cohort (students graduating in four years in June 2012), 74% of students overall graduated from high school in New York State. Of the students who graduated 35% of them were deemed “College and Career Ready.” But what does that really mean?

When Commissioner of Education John King visited our region on August 28, he used the data on college readiness (shown in top slide at right). It shows the percentages of college students who had to take remedial, noncredit-bearing courses. When it comes to career readiness out of high school, consider the second slide showing data about unemployment and education for Monroe County.

I am deliberately offering no editorial comments. I encourage you to think about this data based on your own unique perspective. Talk about it with other people. How does it apply to you, your family, and your friends? What effect does your work or can your work have on the situation described by this data?

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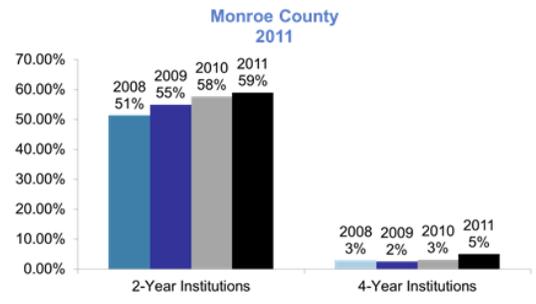
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College Remediation Rates



Source: NYSED Office of Research and Information Systems

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Unemployment and Education

Monroe County (2011)

| Education Level | Unemployment Level | Not in Labor Force |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Less than high school graduate | 7% | 55% |
| High school graduate | 7% | 27% |
| Some college or associate's degree | 6% | 20% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 2% | 14% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR THE POPULATION 25 TO 64 YEARS."

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- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:



The Magic Mouse Scroll Wheel

Most of you have probably used the **scroll wheel** on your mouse to scroll up and down in a document, but did you know:



- You can use the scroll wheel to **zoom in or out?** To do this, hold down the Ctrl button and roll the scroll wheel. It will magnify/reduce the screen.
- The scroll wheel is not just a wheel? It can also be clicked like a button. 
When you click on the wheel the cursor will change to look like this:
 - Then you can **scroll up and down in the document** by moving the whole mouse. It scrolls very fast.
 - **To stop this feature**, click the mouse or type any key.
- When you are in an internet browser (like Internet Explorer or Firefox) the scroll wheel has other functions.
 - If you have multiple tabs open, **click the scroll wheel on the tab to close it.**
 - **Click the scroll wheel on a link and it will open in a new tab.**
 - **To go back and forth between web pages** (without using the back arrow), **hold down the shift key while scrolling up or down.** The cursor must be on the page for this to work.

News and Notes

Help Desk

The help desk is available to all Monroe #1 BOCES employees and can help with all general technology questions including email, printer, and computer questions and password resets. When calling the HELP DESK from a BOCES building, including Bird/Morgan, **dial 2217 only**. Please **do not dial** 383-2217. This will not connect you to the HELP DESK.

Teena Fitzroy, Family Information Specialist

Teena Fitzroy was one of 15 guest speakers at the TEDxFlourCity conference on June 8, 2013 at the Academy of Medicine at 1441 East Ave. The TEDxFlourCity event provided a forum for people to share what inspires them. It highlighted the passion, ingenuity, talent, and perspectives of a remarkable group of Rochester area residents. Teena asked the audience to take a walk in her shoes as she presented "Teena's Trunk" which includes her personal experiences of growing up with cerebral palsy. Please click here to see the [video of her presentation](#).



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 **Theresa Woodson, Director of the Urban-Suburban Program**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** My responsibilities include supervision, coordinating transportation, budget, and establishing and maintaining communication among parents, parent groups, program alumni and the staff of receiving schools.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES for 18 years.



- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is interacting with parents, students, program alumnus and staff of receiving districts.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy traveling, attending professional baseball games (Atlanta Braves), reading, and bike riding.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** Two items on my bucket list include visiting Ghana and taking a ride in a hot air balloon.

Programs & Services Update



Join in the Monroe 1 BOCES School Library System's OverDrive BIG LIBRARY READ!

September 16 - 30, 2013

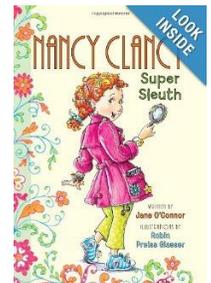
Between September 16th-30th, Monroe 1 BOCES OverDrive Digital Library users will be able to check out the eBook or audiobook version of ***Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth*** by Jane O'Connor. Unlimited simultaneous checkouts will allow students and teachers the opportunity to all read and/or listen to the same book at the same time. The BIG LIBRARY READ program is made possible through a partnership between OverDrive, the leading supplier of eBooks and more to libraries, and HarperCollins, publisher of the best-selling Fancy Nancy series of children's titles. To borrow the eBook and audiobook versions of "Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth" as part of BIG LIBRARY READ, patrons can visit <http://monroe1boces.lib.overdrive.com>.

No special sign-up is necessary, but if you participate we'd love to hear about your experiences. Interested in promoting the **BIG LIBRARY READ** with your students and staff? Unsure how to access Monroe 1 BOCES OverDrive Collection? Contact **Beth Puckett** (383-2215).

For those who aren't familiar with the Fancy Nancy books:

Kids who grew up with Jane O'Connor's Fancy Nancy picture books can spend some quality time with their BFF: Nancy Clancy is now starring in her own chapter books!

Fancy Nancy: Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth is the first in a series of delightful middle-grade mysteries. Sassy Fancy Nancy is now a detective. When one of her classmate's most special possessions disappears from school, it's up to Nancy to save the day. With the help of her friend Bree, she follows the clues to an unexpected source.



- Katie Bertrand, Director of Library, Media Services & the Arts

CTE Increases Student Achievement

- A ratio of one CTE class for every two academic classes minimizes the risk of students dropping out of high school (Plank et al., *Dropping Out of High School and the Place of Career and Technical Education*, 2005)
- 81% of dropouts said that "more real-world learning" may have influenced them to stay in school (Bridgeland et al., *The Silent Epidemic*, 2006)
- Students at schools with highly integrated rigorous academic and CTE programs have significantly higher achievement in reading, mathematics, and science than do students with less integrated programs (SREB, *Linking Career/Technical Education Studies to Broader High School Reform*, 2004)
- CTE students are significantly more likely than their non-CTE counterparts to report that they developed problem-solving, project completion, research, math, college application, work-related, communication, time management, and critical thinking skills during high school (Lekes et al., *Career and Technical Education Pathway Programs, Academic Performance, and the Transition to College and Career*, 2007)

- Joyce Cymer, Director, Career & Technical Education, Co-operative Summer School, Driver Education, ESOL & Translation Services, Grants

2013 Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference - Another Successful Year!

The 2013 Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference was a great success again this year. We've continued to reach teachers from around the region in order to hold an immersive 2 day conference. Workshops such as Edmodo, Mission US, Smartboard, Appy Hours, and Flipped Classroom gave educators a hands on experience with a new or emerging technology. For 2 days, educators participated in hands-on workshops to expand their technology knowledge and usage. Open lab time allowed the participants the opportunity to immediately work with the new technologies and prepare for use within the curriculum. To view a video on the conference, please visit this website:

<http://www.monroe.edu/bits>

- Doreen D. Pietrantonio, Instructional Technology Specialist

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math: **(STEM)**