



Weekly Bulletin



It's paradoxical, that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone."

– Andy Rooney

Upcoming Events

- Tues., Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day
- Thurs., Dec. 12 – Regular Board Meeting
- Mon., Dec. 16 – National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- Tues., Dec. 17 – National Maple Syrup Day
- Sat., Dec. 21 – Look at the Bright Side Day
- Wed., Dec. 25 – Christmas
- Thurs., Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa begins
- Thurs., Jan. 9 – Regular Board Meeting

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

A Message from Mike

Last week I had the opportunity to give a presentation to our two New Visions Medical Careers classes. In these half day Career and Technical Education Classes through EMCC, high school seniors from our component school districts, “participate in a rigorous academic program with hands-on experience in medical careers. Students participate in four 10-week rotations in different medical departments of the health care facility” ([BOCES Website](#)). We partner with Rochester General Hospital and St. Ann’s Community to provide these opportunities. It’s a very cool program with a great group of students. When Gina Lord, one of the teachers, asked me if I would share my work on giving effective presentations, I jumped at the chance.

The last time I taught a lesson to high school students was in a math classroom at Churchville-Chili Senior High School in 2001. As I got into the presentation, I realized that many of my standard attempts at humor were falling flat. I had been away from teaching teenagers for so long that many of the pop culture references I made were completely lost on the students. As I reflected on this experience, it hit me like a ton of bricks. When I was a high school teacher in my early twenties, I was closer to the age of my students than I was to the age of their parents. These students last week are closer to my daughter’s age than they are to my age. Most of these high school seniors were born in 1996. I wished I had taken a look at [Beloit College’s](#) Mindset List before my presentation.

Each August since 1998, Beloit College has released the Beloit College Mindset List, providing a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college this fall....[T]he list was originally created as a reminder to faculty to be aware of dated references ([Beloit College Website](#)).

Here are several of my favorites from this year’s list:

- As kids they may well have seen Chicken Run but probably never got chicken pox.
- Gaga has never been baby talk.
- They have known only two presidents.

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- A tablet is no longer something you take in the morning.
- They have never attended a concert in a smoke-filled arena.
- Their favorite feature films have always been largely, if not totally, computer generated.
- Kevin Bacon has always maintained six degrees of separation in the cinematic universe.
- Washington, D.C., tour buses have never been able to drive in front of the White House.
- Their parents' car CD player is soooooo ancient and embarrassing.

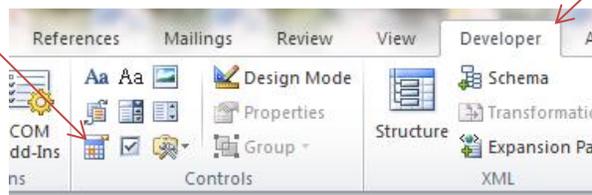
This whole experience reminded me that staying current takes work, and that it's tough to get old.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Technology Tip of the Week

Microsoft Word

To add a **Date Picker** (a clickable calendar) to your document, from the **Developer Tab**, click the **Date Picker Content Control** in the **Controls** group.



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 **Colleen Horton**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am a Physical Therapist Assistant in the OT/PT department. I currently work at the Creekside School, but have been in many schools in the Monroe #1 BOCES system. My primary responsibility is to supply physical therapy to our students. I also assist in maintaining the student's durable medical equipment needs, and work in the pool one morning a week providing therapeutic services in that medium.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES 25 years!
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** Working with the students! It is very rewarding.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Spending time with my family is first, then kayaking, camping, hiking, and multiple crafting avenues.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** You may hear about a Mary Horton and that is also me! My 'legal' name is Mary Colleen, but my sisters are Laurien, Gerene, Marlene and Kathleen, so I have always gone by Colleen. My brother is Brian! But that is another story!



Programs & Services Update

District Based Program

One of the goals of the District Based Transition program is to develop self-advocacy skills for independent living. In teaching these skills it is often difficult for our students to understand what life will be like after they graduate. Every year the Brighton classes put on a Thanksgiving feast and invite graduates to participate. The current students and graduates spend time together celebrating, renewing friendships, and sharing information on what life is like "after the school bus does not stop anymore". This year's event was well-attended with many happy and positive stories shared. Many thanks go out to all the staff who worked with our students to make this event so successful.



- Cyndi Lembo, District Based Principal

Instructional Technology

About a month ago the Green Machine spent four days at Northside Elementary School in Fairport. Fourth graders at the school had an opportunity to join "CSI teams". Each team looked at evidence and came up with a hypothesis to solve the mystery of an unidentified traveler. Check out the article to the right, from the Penny Saver. Nice job Peter, Andy and Mary Jane.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Green Machine.

- Steve Orcutt, Director of Instructional Programs and Services

Fourth-graders become "CSI team" during interactive learning experience

Fourth-graders at Northside Elementary School experienced learning outside the traditional classroom walls when they were part of a "CSI team" hands-on learning experience through the Monroe #1 BOCES "Green Machine," Oct. 28-31.

The Green Machine, a 100 percent solar powered research vehicle, is a state-of-the-art mobile science and technology laboratory that is set up in the school parking lot and offers students the opportunity to work hands-on in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

"This program is inquiry-based science exploration," said Peter Robson, instructional technology teacher from Monroe #1 BOCES. "A key component in the fourth grade is on the scientific method, and The Green Machine is a culminating activity for that."

Students worked together to solve a mystery that involved an unidentified person who was found unconscious after traveling across New York State. Students were divided into small teams (CSI, Ecology, Geography, Zoology, and Medical) with each team looking at the evidence and then determining a hypothesis within their area of focus.



Fourth-graders at Northside Elementary School work with Peter Robson of Monroe #1 BOCES in The Green Machine

"This type of learning experience is incredibly engaging for our students," said Lead Teacher Erin Moretter. "We were thrilled to have the Green Machine return to Northside."

For more information about The Green Machine, visit: <http://www.monroe.edu/webpages/GMachine/index.cfm>

Creekside Program

On behalf of the staff and students who organized the Thanksgiving basket project and the families who received baskets this year, we would like to thank all of you for donations and support! We were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets to 20 families. Baskets were filled with everything needed for a full meal. The project was kicked off at the Pumpkin Dance when students who attended were asked to bring a non-perishable food item. Mr. Buchanan's students and staff (with a lot of help and support from Rebecca Etlinger) did a great job organizing the event. Thank you to Mr. Buchanan's class, who also helped with packing up boxes, staff who donated the food and turkeys, and teachers and mental health staff who helped coordinate with families and buses for making this project a success!

Below, please see a "Thank You" note from Steven, one of our students.

Our food drive was successful we packed a lot of food we have 22 baskets filled with food. We have 11 baskets of food left over. People donated food to people that did not have anything to cook.

Thank you for supporting people with baskets of food we thank you.

-Mark Frenzel, Principal, Creekside School

EMCC Student Spotlight

Three Seasons Restaurant at the Foreman Center, run by EMCC students, is open to the public and operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45 AM till 12 noon.

Alyssa Perry, this week's student in the spotlight, works in the restaurant helping out wherever she is needed.

- **What is your school district/high school?** Fairport
- **In what EMCC program are you enrolled?** Culinary Arts
- **Why did you choose to come to EMCC?** I came here to meet new people and have fun because I like baking. I am really good at making cookies, especially chocolate chip with M&Ms!
- **How did you hear about EMCC?** My sister was in cosmetology, so I heard all about it from her. I came to the visitation day when I was a sophomore to see what the cosmetology and culinary programs were like; I chose culinary!
- **What is your favorite part of this program?** I like improving on my skills, and I really like our student-run restaurant. I am able to stay at EMCC on restaurant days past our regular hours to help out.
- **What classes at your home school have helped you in this program?** I took a culinary class, which really made me even more interested in coming to EMCC. Math was helpful because of all the measurements involved in cooking and baking.
- **When did you know you wanted to pursue this career?** I'm not 100% sure this will be my career, but over the course of these two years, I have grown to love it more and more!
- **Who most influenced your decision to pursue this career?** No one really; I kind of have always liked baking, so I thought culinary would be a good fit.
- **What is one thing you want people to know about you?** I don't seem like it, but I am definitely a tomboy. I like motorcycling, dirt biking, and camping. I have my own dirt bike and I ride at my uncle's or at Mickee's house (student who was highlighted last week), or on any trails I can find.



News and Notes



Marne Brady

This fall the Buffalo Bills ran a contest called Touchdown for Teachers. Community members and co-workers were invited to nominate teachers who go above and beyond for their students and community. One of our parents, Cindy Jay, nominated Marne Brady, a District Based teacher at Winslow Elementary School. Marne is an excellent choice for this award, always putting her students' needs first and supporting them and families with care. Tracy Sens, a Creekside teacher, was nominated by the Creekside Administration for her enthusiasm and excitement in all that she does to encourage the students in her classroom. Tracy is selfless and deserves this nomination because she truly is a "Touchdown in the game of education in body, heart, and soul".



Tracy Sens (center), with students Brady Perkins and Chelsea Brown

Both Marne and Tracy were recognized by the Buffalo Bills and their Touchdown for Teachers Program as outstanding teachers and community advocates for all students. Congratulations Marne and Tracy!

- Cyndi Lembo, District Based Principal & Mark Frenzel, Principal, Creekside School

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