



Weekly Bulletin

“Protecting the rights of even the least individual among us is basically the only excuse the government has for even existing.

- Ronald Reagan

Upcoming Events

- Wed., Dec. 25 – Christmas
- Thurs., Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa begins
- Wed., Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day
- Fri., Jan. 3 – Fruitcake Toss Day
- Thurs., Jan. 9 – Regular Board Meeting
- Sun., Jan. 19 – National Popcorn Day
- Mon., Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Junior Day
- Thurs., Jan. 23 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., Jan. 31 – Chinese New Year

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A Message from Mike

Last week we concluded a series of tours for component school district boards of education. During the last few years members of the boards of education from each of our ten component school districts have visited the Foreman Center Campus. They each heard a brief presentation about Monroe #1 BOCES and then took a walking tour of the programs on campus. As part of the tour we also shared information about our programs that are not housed on this campus. After each tour, we returned to a conference room to ask the board members if they had any questions and to get feedback about the experience. Here are several of the most memorable quotes from board members during the tours and following the tours in the debriefings:

- “I can’t believe the work you people do here.”
- “Your employees are so dedicated.”
- “Why don’t more people know about these programs?”
- “It was amazing to see how calm and patient everyone was with such challenging students.”
- “We could never do this in our district.”
- “I feel so much better knowing that our neediest students have such a safe and supportive place to learn.”
- “I could never do the kind of work that your folks do.”
- “BOCES is such a safety net for our students and their parents.”

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Brighton ♦ East Irondequoit
♦ East Rochester ♦ Fairport
♦ Honeoye Falls-Lima ♦
Penfield ♦ Pittsford ♦
Rush-Henrietta ♦ Webster ♦
West Irondequoit

- “I was impressed with how often people on the tour mentioned partnerships that BOCES has with so many other agencies.”

I couldn't have said it better myself. It was so affirming to hear these words directly from the decision makers in the districts we serve. We are an extension of our component school districts, and based on these comments, it's clear that they have confidence in our work and view us as essential partners in meeting the educational needs of their students. I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it: **We are #1 for so many reasons.**

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Technology Tip of the Week

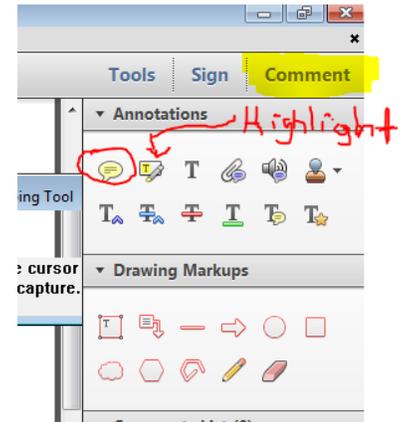
Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

Adding Comments and Highlighting to .PDF files in Acrobat Reader



When you receive an Adobe Acrobat document (.pdf) it is not editable. However, you can add comments and highlighting to the document:

1. Open the document using Acrobat Reader.
2. In the upper right corner, click on **Comment**
3. Click on the **Highlighting Tool**. (see arrow)
4. The cursor changes to an **I beam in a box**. **Drag it** across the text you want to highlight.
5. Click on the **Highlighting Tool** again to stop.
6. For comments, click on the **Thought Bubble icon** (circled) or **hold down Ctrl and type 6**.
7. Click on the document where you want to attach the comment. The **Thought Bubble icon** will appear and a box will open for you to type your comments.
8. Type your comments in the box. (You can resize the box by dragging on the lower corners. You can move the placement of the box by dragging on the title area next to your name.)
9. You must **SAVE** the document to keep your comments.



Now, when you send the file, the recipient will see the **Thought Bubble**. When they hover the mouse over the icon they will see the comment. If they click on the icon, it will stay visible.

- Thurs., Nov. 21 – Regular Board Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 27 – Hanukkah begins at sunset
- **Thurs., Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving**

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 Come over for Dinner!

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 **Ryanna Dimick**.

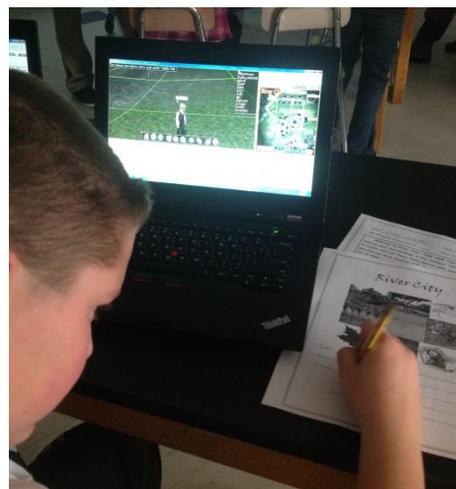
- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am currently one of the Physical Therapists that service our BOCES Preschool program. As a physical therapist in this program, I provide group physical therapy for 3, 4, and 5 year old students. I also spend one day of my week as the Assistant Program Coordinator for the Occupational and Physical Therapy Program.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have been here at BOCES for 13 years!
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I love watching students achieve independence. Whether it be propelling their own wheelchair, sitting unassisted, stepping up on a curb, or jumping up off the ground, I am thrilled to share in their success!
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy spending time with my husband and my two boys. Our favorite place to be is on Keuka Lake, swimming, boating, and throwing rocks in the water!
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** I am passionate about physical therapy and its place in the educational environment. If you ever have a question about physical development - just ask!



Programs & Services Update

Brighton Science Students Travel to River City!

With the assistance of Model Schools and the Distance Learning CoSers, Brighton Twelve Corners Middle School 6th grade science students are traveling back to 1878 to investigate why the residents of River City are sick. River City is a Multi-User Virtual Environment in which students select an avatar and use 21st century knowledge to solve 19th century health issues. Student groups gather evidence from residents, historical documents, health charts, and environmental readings during the year, encompassing four seasons. At the end of the investigation, students present their hypotheses on the data they have gathered and indicate what was making the people ill. TCMS students and River City are also featured in December's Assignment BOCES, which is located in Safari Montage-<http://media.monroe.edu>.



- Doreen Pietrantonio, Instructional Technology Specialist

EMCC's Annual Creative Leadership Conference

EMCC's Annual Creative Leadership Conference is a professional 3-day experience for CTE students held offsite at the Rochester Business Alliance. Students work through two days of intense skills training focused on problem solving, creativity, team work and leadership. The final day culminates with a highly authentic student/business collaboration. Teams of trained students lead clients through a half-day creative problem solving session. Clients walk away with a unique understanding of their real challenge, innovative solutions and a "next steps" action plan. This unique experience has been having a positive impact on student confidence, optimism and 21st century skills since 2006. This year's conference was on December 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Below, find a sampling of student and client quotes from the 2013 EMCC Creative Leadership Conference.

- *"It was a great experience to be able to work and help these high-end people achieve their goals."*

Melisa Zucic, Cosmetology and Penfield, HS

- *“It was a great experience to deal with problems from real companies. I got a lot out of expanding my thoughts and the way I think. It taught me that through various tools and techniques, you can broaden the solutions to problems.”*
Emily Rounpapas, Culinary Arts and Webster Thomas HS
- *“The creative leadership conference was a great opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills. The final day was a lot of fun working with a group, which is tough for me and I learned skills I will have for the future.”*
David McGraw, Culinary Arts and Penfield HS
- *“This is worth your time and it will make you think about your business.”*
Tom, Owner, Stuart Spices
- *“My team of students developed solutions that I am excited to implement. I am also going to take their problem solving process and use it with my work team. Please invite me back next year.”*
Brian Jones, Bryant and Stratton

Creative Leadership Conference Teams



Client: **Neighbor Works**



Client: **Rochester Public Library**

2013 EMCC Creative Leadership Conference



Client: **Bryant and Stratton**



Client: **School Safety & Security**

EMCC Student Spotlight

This week's student in the spotlight is **Paige Casey**. See photo of Paige, below, at this year's **Annual Creative Leadership Conference**.

- **What is your school district/high school?** Fairport High School and I am in the Cosmetology Program at EMCC.
- **How did you first hear about the Creative Leadership Conference?** My Cosmetology teacher asked me to attend because she thought I would enjoy the experience.
- **Why did you choose to attend?** I chose to attend because it was something that seemed really interesting to me.



- **What did you find different or unique about this experience?** I found that it taught me a lot about how I problem solve.
- **What did you find meaningful about the Creative Leadership Conference?** I found it meaningful because I was able to experience something not many students get the chance to do, like meet with a real business client and really help them solve a problem.
- **Who from your home school helped you attend this conference?** Fairport bus garage for getting me there.
- **What are your future goals beyond high school?** I plan to attend college for Therapeutic Recreation.
- **What is one thing you want people to know about you?** I learned at this conference that I am an “Ideator”.



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Emergency Immigrant Education Program: **EIEP**