



Weekly Bulletin



Where's the big one?"

- A Creekside student to Mike after the Creekside Awards Assembly – it was clear he preferred Dan to hand out the awards.

Upcoming Events

- Mon., February 17 – Presidents’ Day (recess)
- Thurs., Feb. 27 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., February 28 – National Science Day
- Tues., March 4 – National Grammar Day
- Thurs., Mar. 13 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., March 14 – Superintendent’s Conference Day

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

A Message from Mike

The definition of nexus is, “a connection or series of connections linking two or more things.” Last Friday on the WBER Friday Morning Show, we had a set of interviews that resulted in a fascinating nexus. Renowned jazz saxophonist and 1993 Fairport High School graduate [Mike MacArthur](#) had returned to his alma mater to conduct master classes with the high school jazz musicians. MacArthur’s former music teacher, Bill Tiberio, continues to direct the Fairport High School Jazz Band. Thanks to winter weather all over the country, MacArthur’s flights were canceled, and he was able to come to the station for an interview. After a lively discussion about making a living as a musician and his Rochester roots (specifically what he likes on a garbage plate), we brought in three members of the band [Silver Creek Attractions](#). This band is made up of high school students from Fairport and Pittsford, and two of the members in the studio had been in the master classes the previous day with Mike MacArthur. It was fascinating to watch an accomplished, professional musician give advice and counsel to a group just getting started. “Keep playing...and learn about the business side of things.” It was sage advice that could only come from someone making his living as a musician, which by most accounts is not an easy thing to do. The power of advice from those who are farther down your chosen path cannot be underestimated.

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Data Snapshot

Over 900 people are already signed up for Dr. Paul Nussbaum’s *Save Your Brain* opening session on our March 14 Superintendent’s Conference Day. Be sure to sign up. Follow this [link](#).

As I have been visiting our classrooms recently, I have been paying attention to the many ways that our students use expressive and receptive language. From sign language, to exchanging pictures (PECS), to electronic devices that produce sounds (Dynavox), there are many ways that our students share their knowledge and make their needs known. In this fascinating [TED talk](#), speech scientist Rupal Patel shares her work developing individualized voices to be used in assistive technology devices. It’s pretty cool.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:
[Quickly Adding Borders under Paragraphs in Word](#)



If you wish to add borders to some paragraph, you can use the Borders and Shading dialog box. However, if your need is just to add bottom border to text/paragraph, you can do it by adding three special characters and hitting Enter.

Press – (**hyphen**) three times and press **Enter** to draw an underline border of 3/4 points

Press _ (**underscore**) three times and press **Enter** to draw an underline border of 1.5 points

Press ~ (**tilde**) three times and press **Enter** to draw a zigzag underline border

Press * (**asterisk**) three times and press **Enter** to draw a dotted underline border

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: **Maryann Quirk**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am the Science Instructional Specialist K-12 across BOCES programs. My primary responsibilities include supporting teachers with professional development, curriculum, instruction and materials.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES for 15 years. I started my journey in a District Based classroom at Brighton HS and then worked in the START program for the majority of my career. I transitioned to the Instructional Specialist team in February 2011.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is supporting and working closely with teachers and students.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy spending time with my three children and my husband. We love playing games, being outdoors, and enjoying the adventures that each day brings!
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** I feel very blessed to work at BOCES with a wonderful team of people who are committed to meeting the needs of our diverse population of students.



Programs & Services Update

District Based Program

Students in Mrs. Bailey's District Based class went to the Fairport Outdoor Ice Skating Rink with their Physical Education teacher, Mrs. DiPerna. This was an exciting experience for all as you can see by the huge smiles on their (cold) faces! Thanks Mrs. DiPerna for always including our students in fun and different ways!

- Cyndi Lembo, Principal, District Based



District Based Program

Two members of the "Brady Bunch" (Marne Brady's Class) at Winslow School in Rush Henrietta have been honored by their special subjects teachers as students of the month. Riley is the 4th grade Musician of the Month seen with his music teacher, Mrs. Wynn and classroom teacher, Ms. Brady. Joelle was honored by her art teacher Mrs. Beikirch in October as the 4th grade Artist of the Month. Congratulations Riley and Joelle!



- Cyndi Lembo, Principal, District Based

Polar Bear Plunge

On Sunday, February 9th, eleven brave "plungers" on the team "Creekside Bulldogs" ran into Lake Ontario as part of Rochester's 14th annual Polar Plunge. This event raises money for the Special Olympics and has grown this year to include two thousand participants. Due to the weather we have had this year and the fact that 78% of the Great Lakes are ice covered, bulldozers worked hard in the morning to clear a spot so that plungers had water (i.e. slushy ice) to run into. The Creekside team included staff members and friends and family, who were all willing to raise money in exchange for the privilege of running into Lake Ontario in February. It was a great event and our team raised over \$2000 for the Special Olympics. Thank you to everyone who was on the team and everyone who donated to the cause! We invite all of you to join our team for next year.



Back Row (left to right): Ashley Sanford, Jo Jo Hammond, Claudine Chartier, Becky Hicks, Rummor Lutz, Mark Frenzel, Paul Mack, Rebecca Etlinger, Aaron Datro
Front Row (left to right): Lori Lutz, Mike Doughty

- Rebecca Etlinger, Assistant Principal, Creekside School

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Employees' Retirement System: **ERS**