



Weekly Bulletin

“ Grammar, which knows how to control even kings.
- Moliere

Upcoming Events

- Tues., March 4 – National Grammar Day
- Thurs., March 13 – Regular Board Meeting
- Fri., March 14 – Superintendent’s Conference Day
- Mon., March 17– St. Patrick’s Day
- Fri., March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day
- Wed., March 26 – [Purple Day](#)
- Thurs., March 27 – Regular Board Meeting

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A Message from Mike

Tuesday is National Grammar Day. There is absolutely no way I could let this important day go by without comment. In the interest of full disclosure, I have what many of my friends and family might call an irrational obsession with grammar. To paraphrase our Bird/ Morgan principal Ellen Howe, I prefer to think of this tendency as having “standards.”

There is no shortage of people willing to rant about their personal grammatical pet peeves. A quick search on Google for with the terms “grammatical pet peeves” yielded about 32,000 results. This article from [Forbes](#) was one of my favorites, and the author mentioned some of the mistakes that really bugged me, too.

I was in Albany this weekend as I was writing this and I was talking to my bride on the phone so I asked her to tell me her biggest grammatical pet peeve. Without hesitation she shared one that bugs me quite a bit too – the misuse of reflexive pronouns. Here are a couple examples:

Instead of...	Use...
Dan and myself were in Albany.	Dan and I were in Albany.
When you have finished the paper, send it to Sam or myself.	When you have finished the paper send it to Sam or me.

The other one that people seem to have a lot of trouble with is hyper correcting with the pronoun I. Without getting into too much about subjects and objects you use I when it refers to someone doing an action. Here are a couple examples:

Instead of...	Use...
My mom took Billy and I to the store.	My mom took Billy and me to the store.
Emma made dinner for Theresa and I.	Emma made dinner for Theresa and me.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Technology Tip of the Week



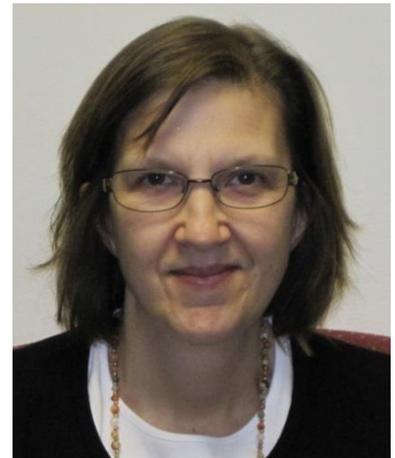
E-mail Tips

1. If you get a message from your bank or eBay about a problem with your account, it's probably a "phishing" scam. It's a fake, designed to lure you into typing your name and password so the bad guys can have it. Delete it. If you're concerned, visit the institution's Web site in your browser by typing in its address (like Citibank.com) — not by clicking the link in e-mail.
2. Before you pass on any amazing item you get by e-mail— the bubble boy wants greeting cards, the Nieman-Marcus \$400 cookie recipe — first check it out at Snopes.com, the world clearinghouse for Internet scams and rumors.
3. If a blue underlined link shows up in an e-mail message, you can mouse over it without clicking to see what Web site it plans to open.
4. If you get a message from someone you know that relates a horror story about being mugged in England (and needing you to wire money immediately), delete it. It's a popular scam — even if it's the correct e-mail address of someone you know.
5. File too big to send by e-mail? Then use **yousendit.com** or **transferbigfiles.com**. You can transmit huge files, using the site as a free intermediary parking space.

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 **Mary Janiszewski**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am an Audiovisual attendant who works with the Audiologists and Audiometric technicians in our department to provide support for students utilizing Hearing Assistance technology.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** 4 ½ years
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My wonderful students! It is so rewarding to be able to help a student who is not able to hear in class to get their equipment back in working order. The smile on their faces and the big "Thanks so much for coming out" are my favorite part of my job.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy spending my free time with my husband Bob and my three children Caitie (20), Josh (18) and Brianna (16). My daughter Irish dances so we travel weekends to her competitions.
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** This is my 2nd career. My first was as an Engineer at Kodak for 13 years.



Programs & Services Update

EMCC Student Spotlight

This week's student in the spotlight is: **Katelynn Capizzi**

- **What is your school district/high school?** Webster Thomas
- **In what EMCC program are you enrolled?** This is my second year in Early Childhood Education. I am currently placed on an internship one afternoon per week at Toddler's Workshop in Webster. The ECE class also has a preschool program at EMCC three afternoons a week, so I get a lot of experience working directly with preschool-aged children.
- **Why did you choose to come to EMCC?** EMCC offered the program I was interested in; I knew that because I was interested in it, it would be time well spent. I knew I wanted to major in Early Childhood Education at college, so this program could only benefit me.
- **How did you hear about EMCC?** I heard about EMCC from my counselor at Webster Thomas. My cousin at Schroeder also told me about it.
- **What is your favorite part of this program?** I love working with the children! One of my favorite activities is creating art projects with them.
- **What classes at your home school have helped you in this program?** I took Child Development, which I really enjoyed.
- **When did you know you wanted to pursue this career?** I knew this was a career I was definitely interested in after I volunteered at the Town of Webster's summer preschool program. It was fun to watch how the children interacted with each other.
- **Who most influenced your decision to pursue this career?** I think I influenced myself! When I signed up to volunteer at the summer program, I didn't really know at that point what I wanted to do. As I went through the summer, I realized how much I liked working with children.
- **What is one thing you want people to know about you?** I played on the Thomas tennis team throughout high school.
- **What are your future goals beyond high school?** I am proud to say that I have been accepted into the Early Childhood Education Program at SUNY Cortland.



SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Elementary and Secondary Education Act: **ESEA**