



# Weekly Bulletin

“ It is better to err on the side of daring than the side of caution.”

- Alvin Toffler

## Upcoming Events

- Mon., April 7 – World Health Day
- Thurs., April 10 – Annual Board Meeting
- Tues., April 15 – Passover
- Tues., April 15 – Tax Day
- Sun., April 20 – Easter
- Tues., April 22 – National Jelly Bean Day
- Tues., April 22 – Earth Day

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

## A Message from Mike

In this fascinating and humorous TED Talk, [Del Harvey](#), the head of Twitter's Trust and Safety Team, shares her approach to protecting Twitter users from themselves and one another. She shares some interesting data about the scale of Twitter that makes nefarious activity more likely than you might think. If you plan to watch the TED Talk and don't want me to spoil it for you, stop reading now and click on Harvey's name above to watch it now.

In January 2009 there were 2 million tweets per day. In January 2014 there were 500 million tweets per day. According to Harvey 99.999% of tweets are harmless. But when you are dealing with 0.001%, we're talking about 5,000 tweets per day that could be potentially harmful.

In spite of this potential for catastrophe, Harvey maintains a healthy world view. She shows that it's possible to have a positive outlook while maintaining a realistic view of what could go horribly wrong. As with most of life, your outlook has a lot to do with balance. And this is not an easy balance to strike. I'm sure we could each think of someone on either end of this continuum. Can you think of someone who has found the balance between happiness and caution? How does he or she approach challenges and risks? How do you model for others a positive outlook with a healthy amount of caution?

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

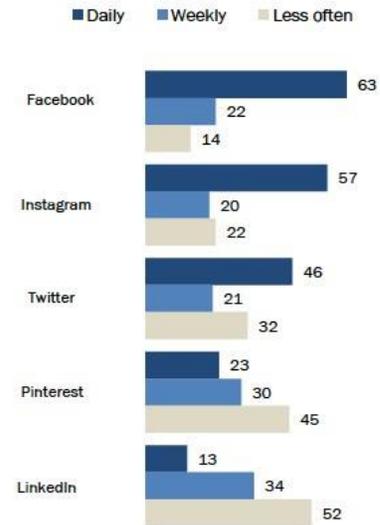
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## Data Snapshot

### Frequency of social media site use

% of social media site users who use a particular site with the following frequencies (% is reported among each specific site's user groups, e.g., 63% of Facebook users use the site on a daily basis)



Pew Research Center's Internet Project August Tracking Survey, August 07 -September 16, 2013. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and on landline and cell phones.

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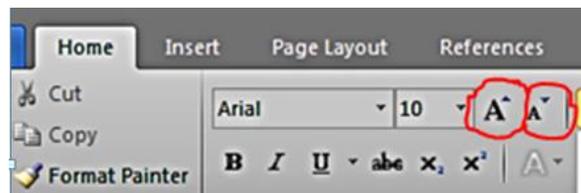
# Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

## Change Font Size without numbers

When you want the font size to get bigger or smaller, you were taught to do a trial and error method with font size. Is 16 too big? Is 8 too small, etc.? There is an easier way to do it and let your eyes be the judge.

1. Select the text to change.
2. Notice that next to the "Font Number" are 2 icons – a **big A** and a **little A** (Each time you click on the icon it changes the font size up or down a little bit.)
3. Click multiple times until the text looks the size you'd like. If you go too far, click the other A to go back.



## 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 **Margaret (Peggy) Huck**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am a Staff Substitute in the Deaf Education Department, which means every morning at 6:30 AM I get a call from our office telling me which of our many District Based positions I will be covering for. I can become an interpreter, signing skills coach, or Note-taker at any given moment. I also work closely with office staff to complete projects which will enhance our department.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** This is my second year.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** I love the variety of "hats" my job permits me to wear. Subbing in the various positions provided by BOCES in the school setting gives me a better appreciation for all who are involved with the education of the deaf students whether it is the Signing Skills Coach who works to build a vocabulary with a student who has little to no language, the Interpreter who, after a student has a foundation for language, helps by conveying the material taught into a language each student can comprehend, or the Note-taker and Captionist who provide additional support to aid in the deaf student's academic success. I am now able to see the whole picture of services provided by the Deaf Education Department and I understand the importance of each role.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** When I have free time, I enjoy scrapbooking. I have tons of albums filled with photographs of my family, but I have fallen a bit behind. I am looking forward to starting again this summer since I have a new baby to add to my albums!
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I became interested in learning sign language from an early age when I saw deaf people in the Rochester area struggling to be understood. While my grandfather was hospitalized and had a breathing tube inserted, I became terribly upset when I realized his communication was halted due to his inability to voice. I wished then that he knew sign language because saying "I love you" should never be so hard. Hoping to solve communication barriers, I attended the National Technical Institute for the Deaf where I received my Bachelor's degree in interpreting.

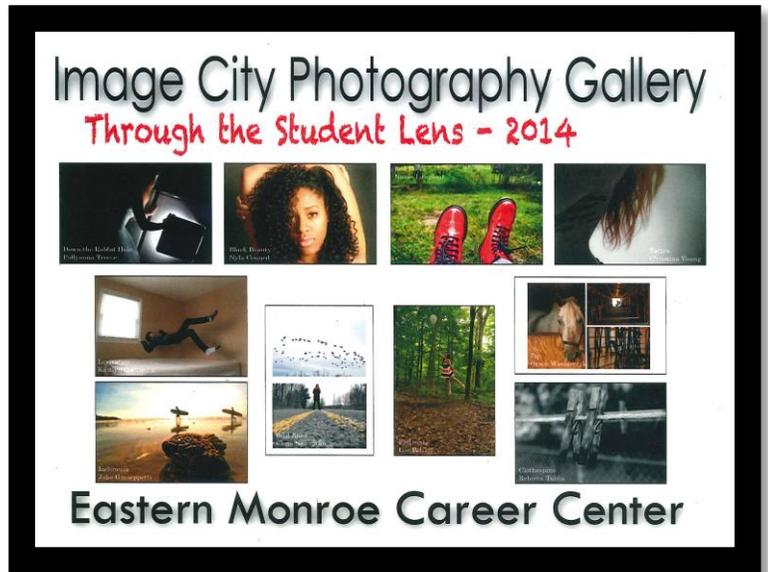


# Programs & Services Update

## EMCC - "Best School in Show"

EMCC was awarded "Best School in Show" in *Through the Student Lens 2014*, at Image City Photography Gallery. The opening was held on Friday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>. A blue ribbon and a special framed certificate were awarded to the EMCC program for the amazing display of photography by our Visual Communication and Photo students. Congratulations to our very talented students!

West Irondequoit's display of photography was partially the work of James Conner's students. (James was a former substitute teacher at Monroe #1 BOCES.) Students from East Irondequoit Middle School who had work displayed in the gallery are in Jessica Spaker's class. Jessica is an alumna of our EMCC program.



Check out the amazing exhibit at 722 University Avenue, Rochester. [Click here](#) to view the Image City Photography Gallery website for full details, including a list of participating schools. There is no admission fee to visit the gallery.

- Sulyn Bennett-Hennessey, EMCC teacher

## START/ALA Program

### PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports)

On Thursday, February 17, nineteen students and six staff members from START/ALA enjoyed a trip to Fairview Lanes for an afternoon of bowling. Students that participated in this PBIS recognition event, received an *Above and Beyond Ticket* for an exemplary accomplishment during the second quarter and are in good academic and behavioral standing. Last fall, we took a similar number of students to Hong Wa Chinese Restaurant for lunch, and in April we will host a recognition dinner here at school for students and their families. A great big "Thank you!" to all the START/ALA staff who work diligently each day to support our PBIS efforts and bring out the best in our students!



- Mike Langridge, Assistant Principal, START/ALA

# News and Notes

## Deaf/ASL Education and Vision/Orientation Mobility Department

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is a national organization that brings awareness to people about hearing loss, and supports access for deaf and hard of hearing people in a variety of ways. One of the ways the organization raises awareness is through their annual Walk4Hearing events that take place all across the country.



The Rochester area has a very strong local chapter of the HLAA. The Rochester Walk4Hearing takes place annually right near BOCES 1... on the Erie Canal Path.

We, the Monroe #1 BOCES Deaf/ASL Education and Vision/Orientation Mobility Department, have a team walking and we invite anyone to join us. The event attracts people from all walks of life and is a great excuse to get outside and walk.

### Why Walk? HLAA members say:

*We walk because hearing loss is a public health issue third in line after heart disease and arthritis.*

- *48 million people have some form of hearing loss*
- *26 million people have noise-induced hearing loss that could have been prevented*
- *2 to 3 out of every 1,000 children are born deaf or with a hearing loss*
- *60 percent of the people with hearing loss are either in the work force or in educational settings*

*Hearing loss affects one's ability to communicate every day in different situations - from a dinner conversation at a noisy restaurant, on the phone, to not hearing alarm clocks and smoke alarms. For people with hearing loss, these situations can become obstacles without the right information and support. HLAA provides the assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss. For more information about HLAA, please visit [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).*



Allyson Pape, Coloring Book Winner, Dayton/Cincinnati Walk4Hearing.

The event will take place on Sunday May 4, 2014,  
At Perinton Park, 31F Fairport, N.Y.  
Registration/check-in begins at 8:30; the walk begins at 10.  
It's a beautiful 3.1 mile (5K) path along the Erie Canal.  
Music and refreshments are provided after the event.

To join our team:

Go to: [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org)

Team name: Monroe #1 BOCES

- Nancy Carr, Program Coordinator, Deaf/ASL Education - Vision/Orientation & Mobility Dept.

## SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

Extended School Year: **ESY**