



# Weekly Bulletin

“ Face the facts of being what you are, for that is what changes what you are.”

- Soren Kierkegaard

## Upcoming Events

- Mon., June 23 – National **Pink Day**
- Sun., June 29 – Ramadan begins
- Sun., June 29 – [Camera Day](#)
- Fri., July 4 – Independence Day

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

## A Message from Mike

We are in the final week of our “regular school year.” Earlier in the week, one of my friends asked, “It must be nice to work in a school during the summer when no one is around; what do you do all day?” I did my best to be nice as I shared that we operate a complete school year in six weeks for our special education students as well as two regional summer school sites for our component school districts.

Whether you are getting ready to enjoy a summer without work or are gearing up for six weeks of more school, this is a great time to reflect on the year that has ended and prepare for what is coming up. What went well? What will you do differently next year? What are you most proud of? How did you work with colleagues to improve your practice? What will you work on for the year to come?

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### Data Snapshot

#### Monroe #1 BOCES Summer Student Enrollment:

- Approximately 600 students from our component school districts and beyond attend our Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) programs.
- Our Regional High School Summer School serves approximately 1,200-1,400 students from our ten component school districts.



The Weekly Bulletin survey is still open. To date, 94 people have completed the survey. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to give your feedback by clicking on the **yellow button** to the left. I plan to share the results of the survey and any changes to The Weekly Bulletin during the summer.

- Mike Doughty, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

# Technology Tip of the Week



## Basic Computer Tutorial

Do you know someone who wants to learn basic computer skills? This week's tip provides three great resources. Hopefully you've developed enough confidence with the computer that you don't need these sites, but forward this information on to someone else who does.

Here are three websites for basic computer knowledge:

- *Really Easy:* [New User Tutorial](#) – This really easy tutorial is intended for people who have never used a computer before. It is run by [The Library Network](#) in Michigan. It was adapted in part from tutorials at [Washoe County Nevada Library System](#) and [Central Kansas Library System](#) and [Palm Beach County Library System](#).
- *Beginner Level:* [Computer Basics](#) – The [Goodwill Community Foundation](#) in Raleigh, North Carolina has created a great website to help anyone learn more about computer technology and many other topics. It is a great resource for adult professionals with limited computer skills but also a great free resource for learning more advanced skills.
- *Basic Level:* [Basic Computer Tutorial](#) – This more in-depth tutorial is from the [Computer Technology Documentation](#) Project. It offers lots of information and a large table of contents to explore. It is a much more extensive tutorial compared to the others.

## 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 **Roberta Carter**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I provide voice-to-text notes of lectures and classroom discussions via electronic communications to deaf/hard-of-hearing students utilizing *C-Print* technology.
- **How long have you worked at BOCES?** I have worked at BOCES for 6.5 years. I first began working for BOCES in 2007 as a pen/paper note-taker in a substitute position and was later hired permanently. Currently, I am a *C-Print* Captionist, and have been working in this position for approximately four and one-half years.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is ensuring that I capture the discussions and classroom information that the teacher and/or students are providing in the class for my student. I am happy when the student informs me that the notes I provide are (and I quote) of “stellar” quality and very beneficial to him.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** In my free time, I enjoy traveling on short weekend trips with my husband and children, and buying gifts for the grandchildren. I also enjoy meeting for lunch with former colleagues I worked with during my 25 years at Xerox. Other activities include reading, walking on the beach, bowling and playing putt-putt golf.
- **What is the one thing you would like people to know about you?** I have been married for 46 years to James Wallace Carter; we have three sons, one daughter, and 15 grandchildren.



# Programs & Services Update

## Creekside School Celebrates the Year End!

It was another terrific year at Creekside School! As usual, the end of the year was busy, but also memorable. Students and staff had the opportunity to celebrate together at the annual Dinner Dance and our Graduation Ceremony. On Tuesday, students will get to end the year together having fun and playing games at our annual Creekside Carnival.

Thank you to all staff and students for your hard work and dedication this year!



- Mark Frenzel, Creekside School Principal

For the most recent BOCES news follow this link: <http://www.monroe.edu/news.cfm>

## News and Notes

### Teen Book Festival – ROC Star Treatment



The Eastridge High School drum line led the authors down the red carpet while screaming fans welcomed them to the Teen Book Festival.

The Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival (TBF), held on the campus of Nazareth College on May 17, 2014, was bigger and better than ever! The Teen Book Festival began as a collaborative effort among regional school and public librarians with a passion and a mission “to foster a community effort to celebrate and promote reading by connecting teens and authors.” And WOW – Mission Accomplished!

This year’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual TBF saw the biggest attendance ever as well as the most books sold. (\$25,000 in books in just 9 hours!!) And Rochester has become a place authors and publishers across the country are talking about. Authors rave about how enthusiastic our teens are about reading! The Greater Rochester TBF has become one of the most respected and acclaimed Teen Book Festivals in the country. The Monroe 1 BOCES School Library System is proud to sponsor the Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival and applauds the positive impact it has on teens in our region.

Here are just a few, of the many, many testimonials received:

- ...as an English teacher, I feel like I had earned 9 hours of the best professional development EVER!!! BRAVO! (local English teacher/TBF volunteer)
- ... so friendly, welcoming, and gushing with enthusiasm for reading, the whole weekend felt like being in a lovely cocoon of booky-nerdy-happiness. (TBF Author)
- ... I am beyond thrilled with the energy surrounding this event. Having all the book-worm teens come out of their shells, and be in their element, watching the kids standing for hours in line to get their books signed—and having teen after teen after teen standing there with their nose in a book, READING. I LOVE IT! (TBF Sponsor)

If you missed TBF 9, mark your calendars now for May 16, 2015. TBF 10 is sure to be the grandest celebration yet and you won't want to miss it!!!

- Beth Puckett, Library Media Specialist

## SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

HEOP - [Higher Education Opportunity Program](#)