



# Weekly Bulletin



The past actually happened but history is only what someone wrote down.”

- A. Whitney Brown

## Upcoming Events

- Mon., Sept. 1 – Labor Day
- Thurs., Sept 4 – Regular Board Meeting
- Thurs., Sept. 11 – [911 Remembrance Day](#)
- Sun., Sept. 21 – International Peace Day
- Tues., Sept. 23 – Autumnal Equinox Day
- Wed., Sept. 24 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- Fri., Sept. 26 – Native American Day

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

## A Message from Mike

Last week my friend Tom found podcasts, and he is not alone. According to Pew (the most recent data I could find), more and more people are becoming aware of this type of media (see the graph at the right). An audio podcast is basically a radio show, typically about a specific topic. There are also video podcasts. My current favorites are *Hardcore History*, *Freakonomics*, and *Grammar Girl*.

In 2005 The Pew Research Internet Project published, *Podcasts are Catching On*. In it the authors reported that, “some 29% of the 22 million who own iPods/MP3 players have downloaded podcasts. That represents more than 6 million people.”

The number of podcasts continues to increase. In 2010 there were nearly 90,000 podcasts. While most people head to iTunes for podcasts, there are many sites that provide audio and video content. For example, [podcastalley.com](#), claims to have 91,794 different podcasts and 6,070,164 individual episodes.

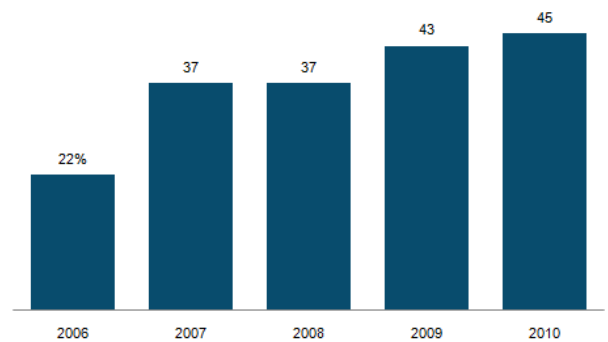
The lure of this media seems to be its ability to target very specific topics and content. From personal productivity to comedy to political commentary to news, there seems to be something for everyone. Let me know if you have a great podcast that I should be listening to.

- Mike Doughty, Deputy Superintendent

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**Awareness Is Also Up Slightly**  
Percent of Respondents Who Said They Were Aware of What a Podcast Is



Source: Arbitron. "The Infinite Dial 2010." April 8, 2010.  
PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S PROJECT FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM  
2011 STATE OF THE NEWS MEDIA

# Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

## Use Yahoo Finance to Convert Currencies



Follow this [link](#) to convert currencies:

1. Select the country or currency.
2. Enter the amount.
3. Select the country or currency you would like to convert to.
4. The conversion rate will appear.

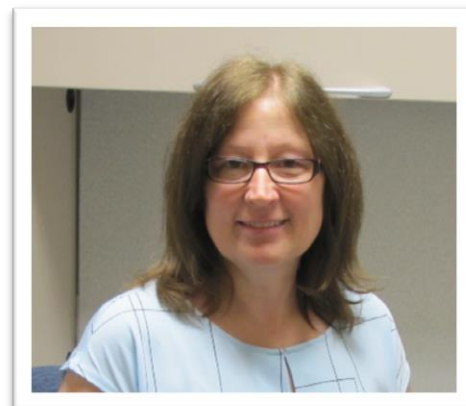
Currency Converter

Majors	European Crosses	Yen Crosses	Asia Pacific	Emerging Markets	Skans
<a href="#">Show help</a>					
Type a country or currency United States Dollar (USD) Browse All ▾			Type a country or currency Euro (EUR) Browse All ▾		
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## 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 **Pat Wagar**:

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I hold a Clerk I position in the Deaf Education/Vision/Orientation & Mobility department. I work as a team with two other staff members, Beverly Huitt and Joan Santsprees and the entire Deaf Ed. and Vision staff. My primary responsibilities include processing conference forms, working on spreadsheets, setting up interviews with potential new employees and checking their references. I am also responsible for the setting up and running of our Deaf Ed. library through the Follett system.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I started working for BOCES in the summer of 2012. Prior to working at BOCES, I worked in the Hilton CSD as a main office secretary for almost 7 years. Prior to that, I worked at Eastman Kodak Co. for almost 20 years. I earned my B.S. in Business and Economics in 2009 from Empire State College, exactly 30 years after earning my A.A.S. degree in Retail Business Mgmt. from Monroe Community College.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of my job is the people. I enjoy the team that I work with and the interactions with the staff that come and go in our busy office.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I enjoy spending as much time as I can with my parents, husband, son and two daughters.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I play baseball, along with my daughters, for the New England Red Sox Women's **Baseball** team. The team is, of course, based out of Boston but players on the team are from all different states. We play two to three tournaments a year and have played against international teams from Australia, Canada and Japan. The team has several Team U.S.A. players and World Cup players on the roster. After the team has scored a few runs, the coach puts me in to have an at bat or pinch run. My daughters are the real players. It's an amazing experience!



# Programs & Services Update

## Teens-N-Tots Preschool Program – Learning Together

### Register your preschooler now!

Teens-N-Tots is a preschool program for **children ages 3 – 5** that also serves as a field experience for high school juniors and seniors who are enrolled in the Monroe #1 BOCES Eastern Monroe Career Center's Early Childhood Education Program.



The preschool and high school students learn from each other in a unique and successful model! For more information, click [here](#).

*- John Walker, School-Community Relations Coordinator*

## Professional Development

### Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities from The Monroe #1 Internal PD Catalog:

- Therapeutic Crisis Intervention - (Full Course) August 25-28
- WinCap WEB: How to Work the System? September 8
- Zones of Regulation Webinar – September 10
- TCI Refresher - September 12

Follow this [link](#) to our Internal Catalog in **WinCapWEB** and enroll today!

*- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development  
Jodi Coniglio, Teacher Center Director*

## News and Notes

### Flu Clinic Schedule - September 2014

- **Friday, 9/12/14 2:15 pm - 4:45 pm - Bird/Morgan School Cafeteria**  
120 East Avenue, East Rochester  
Contact Judy Olena, 388-2454
- **Monday, 9/15/14 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Foreman Center, Board Room, R-13**  
41 O'Connor Road, Fairport  
Contact Debbie Letta, 383-6416
- **Tuesday, 9/16/14 11:00 am - 1:00 pm – Transportation: Training Room**  
79 O'Connor Road  
Please park on right hand side of the building. Contact Mary Butera, 383-6667
- **Wednesday, 9/24/14 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Technology Services,**  
11 Linden Park, Conference Room H1 Contact Barb Born, 249-7200

Independent Nursing Care will provide influenza immunizations **to all BOCES 1 employees**. Each employee **MUST** present their health insurance card. With most insurance policies, there is no cost to the employee; check your policy to be certain. You must be in good health. You must not be allergic to eggs. If you are pregnant, you must have a doctor's order to receive the vaccine.

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## Website Makeover Week!

Mark your calendar—August 25th through August 29th will be Monroe #1 BOCES' website makeover week!

Beginning August 25th, you will be able to visit [www.monroe.edu](http://www.monroe.edu) and take a sneak peek at our new, dynamic website design. Throughout that week, explore the updated website, test out the navigation changes, investigate the new Staff ZONE, and share your thoughts with us before the new website is "officially" announced on September 2nd.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email [Valerie\\_Barclay@boces.monroe.edu](mailto:Valerie_Barclay@boces.monroe.edu).

Monroe #1 BOCES homepage: [www.monroe.edu](http://www.monroe.edu)

Staff Zone: [www.monroe.edu/staffzone](http://www.monroe.edu/staffzone)

- Valerie Barclay, School-Community Relations Department



# SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

IEP - Individualized Education Program

## Notice of Non-discrimination

The Monroe #1 BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation (the term "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or asexuality), political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, genetic information or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. In addition, students are also afforded protection based on weight.