



Weekly Bulletin

“ I not only use all the brains that I have,
but all that I can borrow.”

- Woodrow Wilson

Upcoming Events

- October – [National Bullying Prevention Month](#) and Cyber Safety Month
- Sun., Oct. 12 – National Children’s Day
- Mon., Oct. 13 – Columbus Day
- Thurs., Oct. 16 – National Bosses’ Day
- Thurs., Oct. 16 – Regular Board Meeting
- Sat., Oct. 18 – [Sweetest Day](#)
- We., Oct. 22 – National Unity Day
- Fri., Oct. 24 – United Nations Day

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

A Message from Mike

One of my jobs at home is to make everyone’s lunch for the next day. Theresa is pretty easy to please with a salad and Emma is good with a turkey sandwich. Paige, on the other hand is a little pickier. It’s an ongoing process of data collection and course adjustments as I check her lunch bag each day after school to see how I did with my latest attempt. Based on what was not eaten I try again for the next day. Sometimes in the morning, I will even show Paige what I have packed to see if I can get a preview of whether or not she will eat it.

This ongoing process has reinforced one important concept for me: behavior is communication. Since we are not a point where Paige is willing to tell me what she wants to take for a lunch, what she does and doesn’t eat is her way of communicating to me what I ought to be packing...or so I thought.

Last week the signing skills coach who works with Paige had the text message exchange above with Theresa.

Behavior is communication. And this message is pretty clear. Maybe I’ll just add more money to her lunch account.

- Doughty, Deputy Superintendent

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I'm sorry that I didn't see that Paige brought her lunch to school today. She had hid it. She had ordered herself a hot dog. She is doing well this year. We are trying hard to have her sign the stories she is reading.

Ha! That is SO Paige! No worries. Glad to hear she is working hard.

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

Microsoft Word - Alphabetizing a List

When you create a bulleted or numbered list, Word can alphabetize the list quickly.

To do this:

1. Select the data to sort.
2. Click the **Home Tab**.
3. Click the **Sort Icon**. 
4. Select how you would like to sort the text.
5. Click **Okay**.



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 **Derrick Mitchell**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I do technical support and computer programming for our school districts. Mainly helping them move data from one system to another.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** It will be 21 years in January.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** Working with the people in our school districts and always having a new problem to help them with.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Spending time with family. Traveling. Spending time in the outdoors.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I enjoy somewhat adventurous things that take me out of my comfort zone. I should get plenty of that this year. My son is turning 16 in January.



Programs & Services Update

Bird/Morgan Mascot Named

The Bird/Morgan Bobcat has always been missing something...a name! This September, the school participated in a Name the Bobcat competition to fix that. Students were able to submit names to be considered. Five of those names were chosen to be voted on. And the winner is...BOB! Welcome to Bird/Morgan School, **Bob the Bobcat!**



Professional Development

The Monroe #1 Internal PD Catalog - Keeping Us #1

Sign up today for one of these upcoming professional development opportunities:

- Smart Board 101 and Smart Board User Group – October 6
- Smart Board 101 and Smart Board User Group – October 7
- Leveled Literacy Intervention & Extreme Presentation Makeover – October 8
- Appy Hour – October 9

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

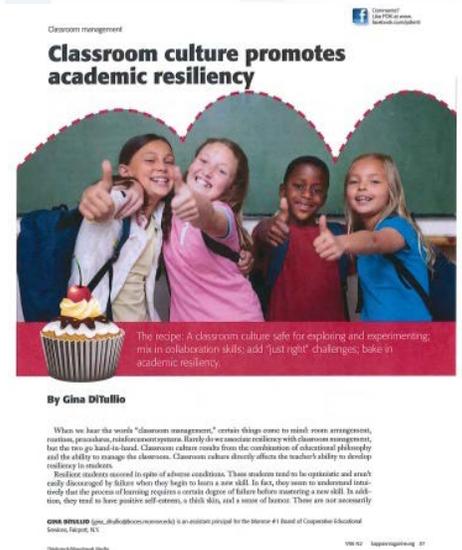
- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development
Jodi Coniglio, Teacher Center Director

News and Notes

Looking for a great read? Check out the October 2014 issue of *Phi Delta Kappan*, where our very own Gina DiTullio, Assistant Principal at Creekside has written an article entitled "Classroom culture promotes academic resiliency". Gina skillfully identifies the relationship between what we think of as classroom management with academic resiliency. Even her teaser "A recipe: A classroom culture safe for exploring and experimenting; mix with collaboration skills; add 'just right' challenges; bake in academic resiliency" is an impressive blend of her strengths as an academic leader with her talents in the kitchen!!

Great job, Gina!

- JoAnn Genthner, Executive Principal



October is National Bullying Prevention Month and Cyber Safety Month

Everyone has a voice in raising awareness to the issue of bullying and a role in assuring that all students feel emotionally and physically safe in school. At Monroe #1 BOCES we will highlight October – which is both Bullying Prevention Month and Cyber Safety Month - through activities that encourage all students and employees to *unite against bullying and make a powerful statement of support for each other*. Join in and help your school act to eliminate all forms of bullying. Activities will lead up to **National Unity Day, October 22, 2014**. On that day, all across the country, schools will be dressing in orange as a sign that they care about creating safe and supportive schools. Check for October activities in your program around the theme, "*The End of Bullying Begins with Me*". Let's use this month to emphasize inclusiveness and show that kindness, empathy, and hope are things that everyone can give to make our schools shine.

- Bill Hurley, Coordinator, Mental Health

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