



Weekly Bulletin

It's heartbreaking that so many hundreds of millions of people around the world are desperate for the right to vote, but here in America people stay home on Election Day."

- Moby

Upcoming Events

- Sun., Nov. 2 – Daylight Savings time ends
- Mon., Nov. 3 – Restaurant Impossible featuring EMCC Students – 10 PM on the Food Network
- Tues., Nov. 4 – Election Day
- Thurs., Nov. 6 – Regular Board Meeting
- Tues., Nov. 11 – Veterans’ Day (Recess)
- Thurs., Nov. 13 – [Sadie Hawkins Day](#)
- Thurs., Nov. 20 – Great American Smokeout Day
- Thurs., Nov. 20 – Regular Board Meeting

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

A Message from Mike

Election Day is on Tuesday. It seems like far more people like to complain about elected officials that actually vote in elections. While it’s typically the Presidential Elections that bring out larger numbers of votes, it’s more likely that the candidates elected at the local and state levels will have more profound effects on our day-to-day lives. Town council members, county legislators, members of the State Senate and Assembly, judges, and statewide positions (governor, comptroller, attorney general) can more directly impact what happens at the local level. I went looking for voter turnout numbers for Monroe County and found the [2014 Monroe County Report Card](#). Who knew there was one? As with many reports like this the data lags behind by a couple of years. According to the report, in 2012, 84% of those eligible were registered to vote. In that same year only 57% of those registered to vote actually voted. The reported indicated that of both of those figures are “equal to or better than the state” averages. If you do the arithmetic, 57% of 84% is about 48%. And that was a Presidential Election year. So 48% of the total residents of the county are making decisions for everyone.

On Monroe County’s website, you can enter in your name and address to verify your voter registration and polling place, see your current elected officials, and even preview the ballot you will see on Election Day. This includes the candidates and the propositions. Here’s the link: <http://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/>. One of the propositions this year – The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 – affects schools. Here is the text of the proposition so that you can be ready when you head into the voting booth:

The SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014, as set forth in section one of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, authorizes the sale of state bonds of up to two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) to provide access to classroom technology and high-speed internet connectivity to equalize opportunities for children to learn, to add classroom

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space to expand high-quality pre-kindergarten programs, to replace classroom trailers with permanent instructional space, and to install high-tech smart security features in schools. Shall the SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014 be approved?

The abstract and the actual text of the entire proposed law can be found [here](#). Please be sure to vote on Tuesday. It's important that the decisions that impact all of us are voted on by as many of us as possible.

- Mike Doughty, Deputy Superintendent

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

Double and Single Spacing Shortcuts

- **CTRL 2** turns on double spacing for the document.
- **CTRL 1** reverts to single spacing.
- **CTRL 5** changes line spacing to 1.5.



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 **Nicole DeMarco**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I work with students that require assistance in study skills, and/or have mild-to-moderate learning needs based on their IEP. Also, I tutor students based on their learning needs.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** 2 years, this year will be my 3rd.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** Having the ability to work with students of all age and skill levels
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** Hot yoga, I love it!
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I am a music fanatic. I love about every genre out there!



Programs & Services Update



The **TEACHER CENTER** is getting a work-out! I'm happy to say that Monroe #1 BOCES BUP and BPA have been utilizing TC resources regularly! State Ed. gave us this grant money to support professional learning. Let's keep using it.

We still have some money left in the budget for another two study groups. Visit the Teacher Center website for more information. www.monroe.edu/teachercenter (Click "Workshops & Study Groups".)

- Jodi Coniglio, Teacher Center Director

EMCC- Culinary Arts

The Food Network program, **Restaurant: Impossible**, featuring Papa C's Restaurant in Fairport and three EMCC Culinary Arts students, Ashley Driscoll/Fairport, Collin O'Mally/Penfield, and C.J. Artinian/Rush-Henrietta will air on **Monday, November 3rd at 10:00 PM**. The EMCC students helped with cleaning the restaurant, food prep, and cooking during filming of the program back in September. If you have a chance, please watch the November 3rd episode and get a glimpse of our own EMCC students in action alongside British chef and restaurateur Robert Irvine.

- Shannon Speranza, Culinary Arts Instructor

Unity Day Celebrated at Bird/Morgan School



The Bird/Morgan School was all orange on Wednesday, October 22 in recognition of Unity Day and anti-bullying awareness. Leading up to the day, students and classes submitted catchphrase ideas to be voted on. The winner was, "Be a Buddy – Not a Bully". A Unity Day Rally was held in the afternoon and all classes contributed to a Unity Day chain that's now hanging in the main entrance. A school video featuring the catchphrase was also created and was viewed at the rally. Staff gathered after dismissal for a group picture to illustrate their unity. It was a great day with a positive message that will be sure to continue!



- Ellen Howe, Principal, Bird/Morgan School

News and Notes

2015 Superintendent's Conference Day – Save the Date

Monday, April 27, 2015 - 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

The 2015 Superintendent's Conference Day Committee has begun planning for a short day full of enriching workshop sessions for personal and professional development.

- Registration begins in January through the Win Cap WEB system. (Detailed information about sessions will be available in the Win Cap WEB catalog at that time.)
- ALL BOCES staff will sign up for "1" session. **(All Sessions are from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM.)**
- Locations will be determined after registration closes.
- Participants will drive to the location of the session and remain at this session until 12:30 p.m.
- A break will be provided from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
- Coffee, hot water for tea and ice water will be available at all locations. No food will be provided; please plan accordingly.

Session titles include the following:

- Basic Microsoft Office
- Build a Better Lesson: i5 Framework
- Teach Like a Pirate
- Safe Web Browsing
- Practical Strategies for Managing the Angry, Aggressive and Impulsive Student
- Culturally Responsive Practices
- If You Want Respect, You Have to Ask For It
- Building and Sustaining Relationships
- Smart Board 101 and User Group
- Why Do People Act That Way?
- An Introduction to The Habits of Mind
- Taking Control of Your Workday
- Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

For more information, contact the committee chairperson, Annette Hauenstein at 249-7039, or email: Annette_Hauenstein@boces.monroe.edu.

The **Webster Challenger Miracle Field** initiative has been created to support the building of an adaptive field for a variety of sports that includes people with developmental and physical challenges. The field is being built with the cooperation of the Town of Webster, Greater Rochester Challenger Baseball, and the Webster Athletic Association. It will be the first of its kind in our area. For more information and a wonderful video of the Challenger Baseball program, please go to <http://webstermiraclefield.org/>.

The first **Webster Challenger Miracle Field** fundraiser will be held on **Wednesday, November 12th**.

- Penfield Country Club, 1784 Jackson Road, Penfield, NY
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Social mixer and silent auction) (8:00 PM - Organization updates and live auction)
- \$50/person or \$80/couple

The **Webster Challenger Miracle Field** benefit will include:

- Wine tasting
 - Hors d'oeuvres
 - Music
 - Raffles
 - Surprise presentations
 - Live & Silent auctions (Auction items include 2 Boston Red Sox VIP Tickets, 4 Buffalo Sabres VIP Tickets (food & beverages included), and much more).
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SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

IRI – Institute on Rehabilitation Issues

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For more information, contact one of our Civil Rights Compliance Officers: Nancy Carr, 585-249-7010, Nancy_carr@boces.monroe.edu; James Colt, 585-383-2298, James_colt@boces.monroe.edu; Dennis Glaser, 585-383-2232, Dennis_glaser@boces.monroe.edu