



Weekly Bulletin

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“Indecision and delays are the parents of failure.”
- George Canning

Upcoming Events

- Fri., April 3 – Good Friday
- Sun., April 5 – Easter
- Thurs., April 9 – Annual Board Meeting
- Tues., April 14 – Creekside Awards Ceremony
- Wed., April 22 – Earth Day

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

A Message from Mike

This was my family’s 16th year in a row vacationing in Myrtle Beach for Spring Break. We went with several other families. A few of the adults work in the field of education, but many of them do not. During the week, we had a conversation about “Common Core”. There are a lot of emotions and misinformation wrapped up in the rhetoric around this hot topic. As people who work in schools, I think it’s important for us to be able to share true and correct information about the things that affect our business. Recently I saw [this article](#) by Tim Shanahan in *Education Gadfly*. Shanahan frames his debunking of Common Core myths in terms of arguments against the Common Core that Presidential hopefuls ought to avoid. Here’s the list of things that aren’t true about the Common Core Standards:

1. Previous educational standards were better.
2. Teachers didn’t write them.
3. They promote the theories of evolution and global warming.
4. The Common Core isn’t research-based.
5. They require too much testing.
6. They are the reason for all of the test prep.
7. Publishers are making money from them.
8. The U.S. Constitution bans national curricula.
9. Common Core violates states’ rights.
10. These are President Obama’s standards.

I encourage you to [check out the full article](#) so that you can be prepared with accurate information.

Hopefully you will have (or had) the opportunity to take a break from the normal routine and enjoy time with friends and family. When school starts again on April 6, we are in the home stretch – about 11 weeks until the end of the school year. Here we go.

- Mike Dougherty, Deputy Superintendent

Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

Inserting Common Special Symbols

The copyright symbol

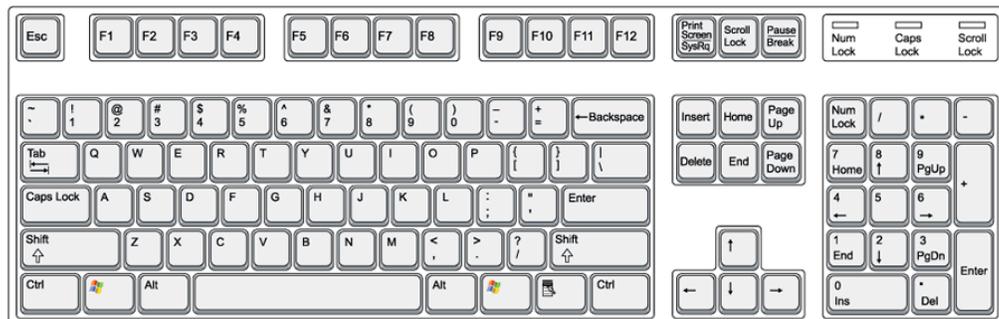
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Connecting with a Colleague

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 **Darlene Piper**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** My primary responsibilities include maintaining and creating the online course catalog in WinCapWeb, scheduling rooms for professional development sessions including Superintendent's Conference Day. I schedule Annette's time and answer phone calls with any questions about the trainings that we are offering. I am also responsible for making sure that all TCI courses meet minimum enrollment, helping district people enroll, distributing rosters for any courses that are taking place, and then getting those rosters back to maintain attendance records. The Follett system is another job that I have been tasked with. We are creating an electronic database for books and materials to be borrowed by M1B staff.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I have been at BOCES since August of 2014.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of my job is working for Annette and with an amazing group of people whose jobs it is to help others. I know that I am valued and that makes me work my hardest every day.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** In my free time, I am a busy mother and chauffeur. I am always running my daughter to gymnastics or my son to lacrosse and I love every second of sticking to my color coded calendar that hangs on the refrigerator.
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I would like people to know that I am a very creative person. I am a floral designer and still do weddings in my free time and I also crochet if time allows.



Programs & Services Update

The College and Career Ready Partnership

On Monday, March 23, students from partnering districts visited Monroe Community College to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. MCC and the Rochester Institute of Technology teamed up to offer both cyber security and engineering sessions, a robotics demonstration, and a time for discussion in regard to the 2+2 transfer opportunities that exist between the two schools.

With job openings, in the STEM areas, occurring because of industry growth and retiring workers, students engaging in STEM studies (certificate level, associate level or bachelor's level) are likely to find employment. Events such as this are advantageous to students who are beginning to think about their future direction.



Javier Ayala, MCC's Dean of Career and Technical Education, welcomes students.



Dr. Ann Kress, president of MCC, gets students thinking about how much technology exists on their phones (right down to the camera lenses).

- JoAnne Jones, "College and Career Ready" Coordinator

Creekside School

The Treasure Chest is an integral part of the PBIS program at Creekside School. Throughout their day, students can earn tokens for engaging in their program and striving to meet their goals. The store is open every day at various times so that all students have an opportunity to shop using their tokens or cash. Staff is also welcome to shop at the store.

Our store depends on donations from friends, family and staff to continually refresh our inventory. We never know what a student will find enticing so we are always encouraging people to bring us their castoffs. Our small operating budget also buys supplies and hard to find items that don't always get donated such as earbuds. On a bi-weekly basis, students head to Walmart or BJ's with lists in hand to buy whatever the store needs. While shopping, we focus on price comparison, using coupons, budgeting and meeting customer needs. Student shoppers load and unload the bus, put product away in storage, and restock the sales floor.

The sales floor changes with the season and reflects the upcoming holidays. Students can put items on layaway using tokens. Just like big box retailers, we ask for a 10% down payment and weekly payments towards their purchase. We offer gift wrapping free of charge. We also make special occasion cards to order. Students get very excited bringing home a beautifully wrapped gift purchased from their hard earned tokens. In addition to practicing saving and price comparison skills, students can apply to work at The Treasure Chest. They fill out a standard application that includes three references and then undergo an interview with one of the store managers, Ms. Chantra or Mrs. Fairley. Once hired, they're added to the schedule after orientation. Although it is an unpaid experience, it reflects jobs in our community like cashier, stocker and greeter. It's a great resume builder.



The store is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:30-2:30 and Tuesday/Thursday 10:15-12:00. We are also open most mornings from 8:30-9 a.m. for staff to buy a cup of coffee and browse. We collect coupons, Coke and Soup labels, as well as Kellogg's labels, bottles, and cans to increase revenue. Please keep us in mind if you come across those items when you are cleaning out! Your donation may make a student's day.

- Gina DiTullio, Creekside Assistant Principal

Professional Development

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Our spring **Superintendent's Conference Day** is just around the corner. On April 10th registration in our WinCap WEB catalog closes. **The locations for each session are as follows:**

Session Title	Location/Room
Basic Microsoft Office	Foreman Center Computer Lab R-10
Build a Better Lesson	Foreman Center R-4
Building and Sustaining Relationships	Foreman Center C-7
CSE & Part 200 Updates	11 Linden A-10 (Please note location change.)
If You Want Respect, You Have to Ask For It	Foreman Center Board Room R-13
M1B Retirement Planning	Foreman Center Cafeteria
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction	Eagle Vale – The Grand Ballroom (First Floor)
Practical Strategies for Managing the Angry, Aggressive and Impulsive Student	Burgundy Basin Inn – The Grand Ballroom
Promoting Positive Behaviors through Discipline	15 Linden Park Room 2AB
SMARTBoard 101 & User Group	11 Linden Park Room A13
Staying Safe & Secure...	Burgundy Basin Inn – The State Room
Taking Control of Your Workday	15 Linden Park Room 1AB
Teach Like a Pirate	Casa Larga The Vintage in Bella Vista
The Habits of Mind	Eagle Vale – The Stratford Room (Lower Level)
Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Workshop	Transportation Department Training Room
Why Do People Act That Way?	Mario's Via Abruzzi – Ballroom A & B

The Schedule for April 27th:

- Arrival at your session location
- Sign in on a roster for attendance
- Session begins 8:00 - 10:00
- Break 10:00 – 10:15
- Session resumes 10:15 – 12:30
- Dismissal

No food will be provided this year. All locations will have coffee, hot water for tea and water available. Bring your own provisions to accommodate your needs and personal preferences.

After Superintendent's Conference Day you will receive two surveys. One survey will pertain to the session you attended. This feedback will be forwarded to each presenter. You will also receive an overall survey regarding the day. Please complete these for your professional development hours and future planning.

For more information about Superintendent's Conference Day, follow this [link](#) to **WinCapWEB** .

- Annette Hauenstein, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development

News and Notes

Cindy Rohlin Featured in the Democrat & Chronicle

Cindy Rohlin, the Monroe #1 BOCES Claims Auditor, works in the Business Office and reports to the Board of Education. Since being hired in 2007, Cindy has audited all the financial transactions processed in the Human Resources Office and the Business Office. Her audits ensure that every check is authentic and legitimate, with proper documentation that is properly dated. Cindy also audits all mileage claims to verify that the requests have not been previously paid. In addition, she reviews all wire transfers, general ledger reports, conference expenses, cell phone reimbursements, tuition reimbursements, bank reconciliations, cash handling procedures, and Board packet payroll changes.

Cindy was featured in the Democrat & Chronicle, ROC Next Section on Sunday, March 29th. To access the entire article, "Running a firm in a world without sound" written by Todd Clausen, click [here](#).



- John Walker, School-Community Relations Coordinator

Safety and Security

Over the break, we posted emergency response information in all classrooms and offices at our various locations. The document is labeled "Monroe #1 BOCES Emergency Response Options" and is posted in all rooms near the fire drill exit procedures.

The information summarizes our primary emergency procedures that are also included in the blue and white "School Safety Plan Reference Manuals". This is not intended to replace the more detailed information in the manuals, but rather to provide a visible summary of our primary emergency procedures. All staff and students should be aware of these procedures.

All updated emergency information is included in the blue and white manuals and on the laminated "Emergency Response Options". If you come across any "older" versions of emergency response information (red emergency books dated 2009, flip crisis cards with spiral binders, etc.), they can all be recycled.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- James P. Colt, Ed.D.

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

MIG – Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

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.

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