



# Weekly Bulletin

“ We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.”

- Carl Sagan

## Upcoming Events

- May – Mental Health Awareness Month
- Tues., May 26 – Chase Corporate Challenge
- Fri., May 29 – BOCES Foundation Golf Tournament
- Mon., June 1 – Creekside Dinner/Dance
- Wed., June 10 – Bird/Morgan Blacklight Show
- Thurs., June 11 – Multi-Occ./FOCUS End of Year Celebration
- Fri., June 12 – Urban Suburban 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala
- Fri., June 12 – EMCC Student Recognition & Certification Ceremony
- Tues., June 16 – Creekside Graduation
- Mon., June 22 – Project Search at Wegman’s Recognition Celebration
- Tues., June 23 – Bird/Morgan 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- Wed., June 24 – O’Connor Academy Graduation
- Wed., June 24 – Transition District Based 12:1:4 Graduation

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

## A Message from Mike

Do you like science? It’s kind of a loaded question. Of course you like science when it produces cures for diseases and technologies that make our lives easier. What do you remember from your science learning in school? How much science does a person need to know to function in society? Since 1988, [Jon Miller of the University of Michigan](#) has been giving a true-false/multiple-choice test of scientific literacy to adults around the world. Here are some of the questions:

1. The center of the Earth is very hot.
2. Lasers work by focusing sound waves.
3. Electrons are smaller than atoms.
4. Antibiotics kill viruses as well as bacteria.
5. The universe began with a huge explosion.
6. The continents on which we live have been moving their location for millions of years and will continue to move in the future.
7. Human beings, as we know them today, developed from earlier species of animals.
8. The earliest humans lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.
9. Which travels faster, light or sound? [*Light, Sound, Both the same*]
10. How long does it take for the Earth to go around the Sun? [*One day, One month, One year*]
11. A doctor tells a couple that their genetic makeup means that they’ve got one in four chances of having a child with an inherited illness. What does this mean? [*If their first three children are healthy, the fourth will have the illness; If their first child has the illness, the next three will not; Each of the couple’s children will have the same risk of suffering from the illness; If they have only three children, none will have the illness.*]

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Keep in mind that this is only a sample of the questions on the full test. Unfortunately, on the full test, only 27.3% of U.S. adults met the standard for scientific literacy. There is a silver lining here. Surprisingly (or not surprisingly) we ranked #2 in the world, with only Sweden scoring higher (with 35.1% scientifically literate). Here is how several other countries did with respect to the percent of scientifically literate adults:

- Finland 22.2%
- France 17.0%
- Britain 14.1%
- Ireland 9.4%
- Turkey 1.5%

In case you're curious, here are the correct answers to the questions above and the percent of Americans who got each one right: 1. True (80%), 2. False (48%), 3. True (54%), 4. False (55%), 5. True (30%), 6. True (72%), 7. True (37%), 8. False (47%), 9. Light (86%), 10. One year (67%), 11. Each of the children... (72%).

If you'd like to read more about this research, follow this [link](#).

- Mike Doughty, Deputy Superintendent

## Technology Tip of the Week

Thanks to Diane Smith for the following tech tip:

### Adding Rows to Excel Tables

I hope you are using the powerful new feature of Excel called "Tables". If you want to add a new row you can go to the last row and just keep **Tabbing** to get it to add a new row. If you want to add many blank rows or columns there is a trick.

In the lower right corner there is a tiny icon. If you **click** on this icon, the cursor turns into a 2-headed arrow. Now **drag** until the table is the size you want.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	District Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2	Brighton	4,756	2,785	2,552	1,749	2,517	3,735	836
3	East Irondequoit	35	-	293	20	146	283	-
4	East Rochester	73	7	1,780	10	16	322	88
5	Fairport	2,735	2,054	2,722	1,121	2,225	2,236	225
6	Honeoye Falls-Lima	45	197	276	40	-	333	106
7	Penfield	1,882	1,123	1,641	717	1,405	1,069	927
8	Pittsford	3,141	1,696	4,364	4,837	1,135	2,259	1,902
9	Rush Henrietta	-		152				-
10	Webster	3,141	1,696	4,516	4,837	1,135	2,259	1,902
11	West Irondequoit	469	278	1,303	949	173	777	88
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15	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,278</b>	<b>9,834</b>	<b>19,599</b>	<b>14,280</b>	<b>8,752</b>	<b>13,272</b>	<b>6,074</b>
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Notice that if you have turned on the **Total Row** feature (on the **Design** Ribbon) that the new rows are above the totals.

# 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 **Rebecca Mura**.

- **What are your primary responsibilities?** I am the Newbie here in the office at Bird/Morgan. I've given myself and believe it's true, the title of "Annual Review Queen" at Bird/Morgan. I also do the ordering, reimbursements, conference forms, and a number of other miscellaneous tasks.
- **How long have you worked for BOCES?** I started December 15, 2014.
- **What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job is feeling like part of a team or family. I love being able to work so well with the other ladies in the office and the Administrators, but also love interacting with and/or helping so many different staff and students.
- **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** The majority of my free time is spent with my 6 year old daughter. We love being outside, in or near the water, and being with our family!
- **What is one thing you would like people to know about you?** I have a twin brother, whom I wouldn't trade for the world. Everyone asks what it's like to be a twin, but I wouldn't know any other way!



## News and Notes

### EMCC's Shannon Speranza Rides to Support the NCMEC

On May 15th, EMCC Culinary Arts Teacher, Shannon Speranza, rode in The Ride for Missing Children with her friend Katie Hibbard, a preschool teacher from Greece CSD. The group of 250 riders traveled over 100 miles in just over 10 hours, riding at a pace of 14-18 mph.

The riders visited schools along the route to greet children and offer information to raise awareness. The school visits were electric as hundreds of children and adults cheered the riders as they entered the school grounds, a gratifying part of the ride for all the riders.

The 2015 NCMEC ride raised over \$120,000 to support prevention and education programs that help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation. Congratulations to all the riders, organizers, and local law enforcement which halted traffic along the route to assist the riders.

For more information on NCMEC, go to: <http://www.missingkids.com/NewYork>

- John Lisak, Principal, EMCC



## SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

NCES – [National Center for Education Statistics](#)

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