



Weekly Bulletin



The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little.”

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Upcoming Events

- Wed., Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day (No School)
- Wed., Nov. 25 – Holiday Recess for 10-Month Employees
- Thurs., Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving (No School)
- Fri., Nov. 27 – Holiday Recess for 10-Month Employees
- Fri., Dec. 11 – IEP/Parent Conference Day (Students in Special Education Programs do not attend in the afternoon)

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

A Message from Mike

In [this interesting TED Talk](#), chemistry teacher Ramsey Musallam shares his three rules to spark learning:

1. Curiosity comes first.
2. Embrace the mess.
3. Practice reflection.

His personal story really brings these rules to life. How can you incorporate these rules into your daily work whether with students in a classroom or your colleagues in an office? Enjoy.

In other news, below are two updates from the New York State Education Department that I thought you might be interested in learning about:

1. Common Core Survey – It’s safe to say that lots of people have opinions about the Common Core Standards. The State Education Department is interested in hearing from us and is soliciting feedback as part of a process to review the standards. You can provide your thoughts by following this link: <http://www.nysed.gov/aimhighny>.
2. Information about State Assessments – The Commissioner has released an assessment toolkit for Districts to use to assist with communicating with parents on the importance of assessments. It’s available on the NYSED Website: <http://www.nysed.gov/assessments-toolkit>, and you might find the information interesting.

- Mike Dougherty, Deputy Superintendent

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Meet Our Board Members

Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. Sora Sachs

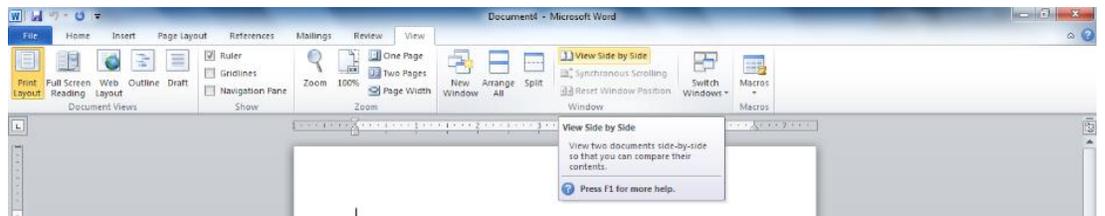
Mrs. Sachs was appointed to serve on the Monroe #1 BOCES Board of Education in 2002 as the Brighton School Central District representative.

In addition to Board Vice President, Mrs. Sachs also serves on the Policy Committee and the Facilities Committee, and is a member of the Monroe County School Boards Association's Information Exchange Committee. Mrs. Sachs' term ends in 2018.



Technology Tip of the Week

Side-by-Side View. To view two documents next to each other, open both documents then on one document click on View.

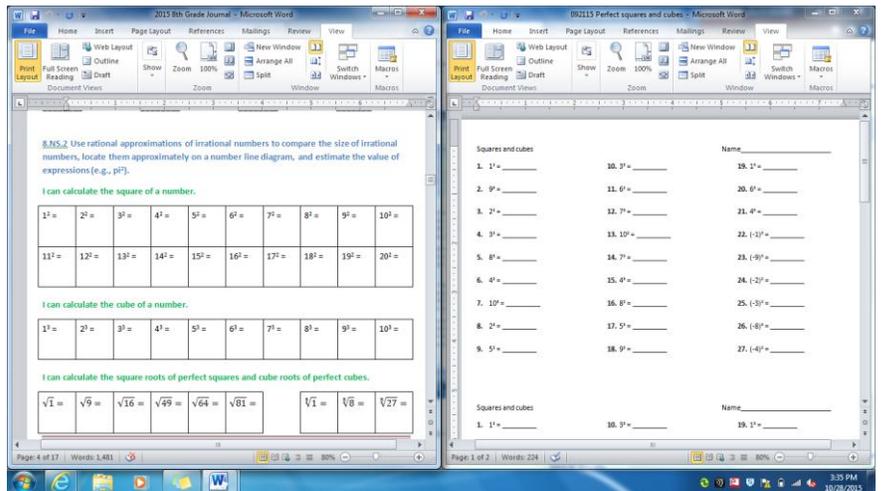


In the View ribbon select "View Side by Side".

Word will default to Synchronous Scrolling. So that when you scroll on one page it will also scroll on the other. To turn this feature off click on the highlighted icon.



- Bill Donahue, Instructional Specialist



Programs & Services Update

9-10 Career Exploration Program

The **9-10 Career Exploration Program** is a new BOCES general education program geared for 9th and 10th grade students who are at-risk of dropping out of school or who demonstrate a general disengagement from the traditional school environment. Students are on campus for a half day and take ELA and Math, in addition to a



vocational program. The academic classes are delivered by our Consultant Teacher Tutoring Services department and the vocational classes are offered through the Multi-Occupational programs on campus.

As a new program, we have 18 students currently attending. These students report that they like this program much better than traditional school and are really enjoying the change. Home schools are reporting that participating students appear much happier when they return for their afternoon classes. We are very pleased to offer yet another programming option for our component district students!

- Annette Christensen, Executive Coordinator

Professional Development

PD at M1B: Engaged in Learning

We have a short week, full of sessions that may support you with meeting a professional or personal goal. Review or learn something new? Take a look at the offerings; see if you find a session that moves you closer to one of your goals.

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities:

- November 10 American Sign Language Level 1
- November 10 iPad Basics for the Engaging Classroom
- November 12 Mentor Training
- November 13 False Faces: Dealing with the Passive Aggressive

These sessions and others can be found at WinCap WEB: <http://www.monroe.edu/about.cfm?subpage=2829>

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

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 **Jeremiah Okal-Frink**, Director of Learning and School Improvement.

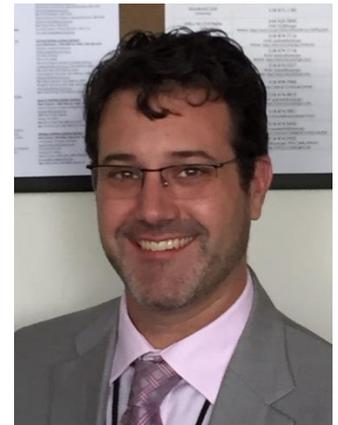
What are your primary responsibilities? I oversee and at times deliver the professional development that we provide and coordinate for our 10 component school districts. I also oversee eight other services that focus on the instructional support or instructional technology services provided to districts by BOCES.

How long have you worked for BOCES? I have been at Monroe 1 for eight years.

What is your favorite part of your job? The full process of developing and delivering professional learning. 1) identifying what will help students learn more effectively or enjoy and engage with the learning process more, 2) developing a professional learning experience that will support teachers in addressing that area, 3) providing and reflecting that experience, 4) working with the teachers as the new strategy, method or complete change is put in place in their room and finally 5) seeing it truly change the learning process for those students.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I have five kids: Micah (15), Mercie (13), Mark (11), Devin (3), and Ryleigh (9 months). I'm afraid I don't understand that phrase you used: "free time"

What is one thing you would like people to know about you? I'm here. I love to connect people with people or people with resources or people with opportunities that will help them grow in their own professional practice.



News and Notes

Good Apple Awards

In 1988, the administration at Monroe #1 BOCES developed the 'Good Apple' Award program to acknowledge staff who "make a difference" in our school community, and to recognize staff members who demonstrate the qualities of the BOCES vision: *innovation, collaboration and leadership*.

- [Click here to nominate a colleague.](#)
 - [Click here to view most recent Good Apple Award recipients.](#)
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Special Offer for Monroe #1 BOCES Employees and Families:

Discount Tickets – Disney on Ice: Let's Celebrate! [Click on this link for more information.](#)

Reminder: Open Enrollment /Open House in the Foreman Center Board Room, R13

- **Monday, November 9th 3:30 - 5:30 PM**
 - **Session 1 - 3:30 PM**
 - **Session 2 - 4:30 PM**
- **Thursday, November 12th 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**
 - **Session 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM** – Don Colligan, NYSUT Benefits Representative
 - **Session 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM** – Don Colligan, NYSUT Benefits Representative

Information will be available regarding the following:

- Medical and Dental insurance; Opt-Out; Flex 125 Plan
- Life Insurance; HRA 105 Plan; AFLAC; LTD; EAP
- TSA Accounts – 403b/457 and LOA/FMLA

- Tracy Birge, Benefits Clerk, 383-6680

School Psychology Awareness Week is November 9–13.

The theme for 2015 School Psychology Awareness Week is Connect the Dots and THRIVE! This year's poster can be found at [this link](#).

- Michele Austin, School Psychologist

SANE (Sometimes Acronyms Need Explaining)

NYSA – [New York State Archives](#)

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