

Inside Story

Common Grounds



Electronic Recycling

Senator Patrick Gallivan and Sunnking Electronics Recycling will be hosting a free electronic recycling event. Drop-off your materials on Saturday, November 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca. You'll enter through the main driveway shared by Erie 1 BOCES and Multisorb, and follow the traffic behind Erie 1 BOCES' building. Volunteers will direct participants as to where to leave their recyclable materials. Some restrictions apply. [See this list of acceptable materials.](#)



United Way Donation

While the deadline has passed for automatic payroll deduction, the campaign is still going until December 1, 2017. A donation total of \$52 or more enrolls you in the United Way's Prize Challenge. You may return your paper pledge form with a check or donate online. The [directions are posted on MyErie1.](#)



Urgent Medical Care Online

If you are unable to visit your primary care physician or a nearby urgent care center, 247 is a professional, quality alternative for quick and affordable healthcare. Members of the NY44 Health Trust may take advantage of telemedicine for a \$0 copay. [Learn more by visiting MyErie1.](#)

Changes to Note



Welcome Anedda Trautman

On Sept. 14, Anedda Trautman began her role as associate director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) at Erie 1 BOCES. In that role, Trautman will be responsible for the design, development, delivery and evaluation of instructional programs and services of the CTE division. This includes planning, general program management, personnel and fiscal management and community relations, among other duties. Before joining Erie 1 BOCES, Trautman worked as a principal for the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center of Orleans Niagara BOCES since 2009. She also worked as a lecturer for the State University College at Buffalo since 2004. Trautman has 16 years of experience in education.



Welcome Robert Boccaccio

This fall, Robert Boccaccio began his role as principal for Special Education programs at Erie 1 BOCES. In that role, Boccaccio will be responsible for implementing and managing policies, regulations and procedures to ensure that all students are educated in a safe, child-centered learning environment that meets and exceeds standards. This includes daily engagement and dynamic, positive leadership of student programs. Boccaccio will be traveling to satellite locations (e.g. Kenmore East, Tonawanda Middle, Akron Elementary) as part of his duties. Before joining Erie 1 BOCES, Boccaccio worked as a director of curriculum and instruction for Health Sciences Charter School in Buffalo since 2012. He has 10 years of experience in education.



Welcome Jon Erwin

On August 11, Jonathan (Jon) Erwin began his role as director of the WNY Teacher Center at Erie 1 BOCES. At the Teacher Center, Jon will be responsible for course offerings, managing the website and calendar, tracking teachers' credit hours, and reporting to the policy board. Prior to this role, Jon was a high school English teacher at Spencer-VanEtten CSD, a staff development/curriculum specialist for GST BOCES and was a drummer for many bands including Natalie Cole and the Army Band. Since 2003, Jon has published three books for educators and has traveled nationally and internationally as a trainer, consultant, and coach.



Congratulations Retirees

The following retirements were approved at the September and October Board of Education meetings:

- Donald Skotnicki Career and Technical Education 9/29/2017
- Carol Carlin Labor Relations & Policy Services 11/1/2017

News Zone – Education Campus



Renovated Learning Labs

Studies show that children learn better when they are more comfortable, which leads to an increase in creativity. Now, when teachers take professional development classes at Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, they will be learning in a flexible and collaborative environment to spark their own creativity. Those interested in learning more about the Creation Space and Active Learning rooms in Building A of the Education Campus can visit an open house from 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30.

Read [more about the new space here](#).



Halloween Dress Up/Denim Day

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, the 12-month employee special events committee will host a Halloween Dress Up or Denim fundraiser. Please be sure your costume or jeans are "business appropriate." Stickers to participate are \$2 each; to purchase, see Dawn Novak, Sharon Hourihan, Valerie Winegarden or Dawn Schmidt. Proceeds benefit E1B's employee events fund and Hunter's Hope.



Casino Trip

Erie 1 BOCES employees are invited to attend an excursion to Seneca Niagara Casino on November 9 to support hurricane relief efforts*. Friends and family are also welcome to attend. The price to attend is \$20 per person, which includes transportation and tip for the bus driver. There will be games on the bus with prizes. At the Casino, you will receive \$20 credit towards slots and \$5 credit towards food. Registration is required by Tuesday, Oct. 31. Your cash payment is required at the time of registration. Please contact one of the following people to register: Doreen Kausner, Laurie Taber, Valerie Winegarden,

Sharon Hourihan or Yvonne Mazurkiewicz. Sorry, no refunds.



Ugly Sweater Contest/Denim Day

On November 17, 2017, wear your jeans and possibly an ugly sweater to be in the running to win a prize. Winners will be announced at the 12-month employee holiday party. Stickers to participate are \$2 each; to purchase, see Dawn Novak, Sharon Hourihan, Valerie Winegarden or Dawn Schmidt. Proceeds benefit E1B's employee events fund and Hunter's Hope.



12-month Holiday Party

A holiday party for 12-month employees will be held on Tuesday, December 5 from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm at Potts Banquet Hall in Cheektowaga. In addition to dinner, a cash bar, and the announcement of ugly sweater contest winners, a split raffle will also be available. Registration with a \$5 deposit is required by Nov. 22. Registration forms may be download from the electronic employee bulletin board on MyErie1. Cash or checks payable to Erie 1 BOCES Association Fund will be accepted. Those who bring a donation of a non-perishable item(s) to benefit: FISH of East Aurora will receive door prize ticket.

News Zone – Exceptional Education



Project SEARCH Partners

Beechwood Homes welcomed its fifth class of ready-to-work interns from Project SEARCH. Each year, the internship participants rely on Beechwood's staff and residents to learn the skills necessary for their future employment. Residents like Rita Manning, who worked at Air America during WW2 and now lives in Beechwood's Trinity household, models appropriate social skills for the interns. This month, teacher Erin Richeal gave thanks to the countless "Ritas" at Beechwood Homes for their continued contributions and support.



Welding at Kenton Expands

The increasingly popular welding program at Erie 1 BOCES Kenton Career & Technical Center has officially expanded after a significant capital project. The expansion consisted of adding seven new welding booths, updating one booth, upgrading ventilation and electrical systems and renovating class space. To help offset project expenses, Erie 1 BOCES received a \$25,000 grant from the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council (WNYREDC), which supplied 20 percent of the estimated funds.

[Read the full article here...](#)



Building Bountiful Relationships within the Community

High School seniors enrolled in the Building Trades program at Erie 1 BOCES Potter Career & Technical Center assisted with a community service project. In October, the class removed and replaced several raised planter beds at the Giving Garden in Hamburg.

“I saw it as a great opportunity for my students to practice their hands-on skills while also giving back to the community,” said David Grieco, Erie 1 BOCES building trades instructor.”



The Giving Garden sprang to life following the efforts of two mothers of school aged children at Union Pleasant Elementary School. Seeds of Living Education, a nonprofit entity governed by a board whose membership represents parents, teachers, community businesses and concerned community members, now operates the garden.

Hamburg Central School District is a component of Erie 1 BOCES and three of the eight students involved hailed from Hamburg High School. This is the second project that BOCES building trades students have tackled for the Giving Garden. Prior to this fall the class also built the organization’s 20x20’ teaching building.



Counselor Breakfasts

For many families, the 2017-2018 school year has just begun. However, for school leaders, the planning for next year is well underway. Erie 1 BOCES’ three career and technical centers hosted counselors from local high schools to learn about career and technical programs that will be available to local teens in the 2018-19 school year. One counselor meeting convened at the Buffalo Zoo in honor of the New Visions program hosted there.

As part of public education, in concert with 19 local school districts, Erie 1 BOCES will be providing 30 different career programs to high school students in Erie County. From honors-level classes at local hospitals to occupational skills for students with disabilities, and everything in between, the cooperative is focused on helping all youth in Western New York become college-and career-ready. Parents and students interested in seeing what programs are available may visit www.e1b.org/cte and speak with their high school counselor.



Helipad Tour

Christine Tillman, Connections instructor based at the Buffalo General Medical Center, sent the following photo of her students touring the hospital's helipad. Students in the Connections program learn about all aspects of hospital operations, this photo was taken during their hospital orientation.

Kudos



Kudos Dave Bowens and Den'Nise Meeks

Barbara Mocarski, Executive Director Educational Supports and WNYRIC Services received the following in a letter from Anne St. George, BOND Site Liaison Manager. "I am writing to thank your fantastic team, Dave Bowens and Den'Nise Meeks, at Erie 1 BOCES for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the beneficiaries participating in BOND. Their efforts have made an important difference to the success and livelihood of many BOND beneficiaries."

Special Features



Working and Thriving in Anxious Times

Regardless of personal politics, everyone recognizes that our country is facing tremendous disagreement over policies and ideologies. That anxiety can affect you emotionally and physically, leading to difficulty concentrating, exhaustion, increased conflict, and feelings of helplessness. On MyErie1, we have posted some [tips and resources from Child and Family Services Employee Assistance Program](#).



Managing Email Effectively

Reading and answering email all day can be distracting and inefficient. That is why mindtools.com offered the following strategies to tame your inbox. From checking email only at set points during the day and to using the "Two-Minute Rule," they have a variety of insights to help you put your pile of email into perspective. [Read more here](#).



Quote of the Month

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."

-Bryant H. McGill



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