

Inside Story

Common Grounds



Did You Know?

Erie 1 BOCES has three career and technical centers located north, east and south of Buffalo. Kenton, which is located in Tonawanda, sits snugly within a neighborhood. Because of this challenge, Kenton has not been able to join its sister locations, Harkness and Potter, in building a house each school year. However, that will all change in 2016-17 thanks to the tiny house trend. Keep your eyes peeled for more news about Kenton's tiny house that is being constructed by Roger Broecker's senior class.



Annual Acknowledgements

Each year employees are informed about the requirement to complete their acknowledgements for the Compliance Videos and Policies & Regulations. Knowledge of our procedures regarding certain rules and regulations impacts us all as Erie 1 BOCES employees. Start your [annual acknowledgements here](#).



United Way
of Buffalo & Erie County



UW Donation Options

As a cooperative, we intimately understand how format, consistency, redundancy reduction and follow-through are key elements of lasting systemic success. United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, which coordinates efforts in over 100 programs in agencies throughout the community, wants you to be aware of how your donations are managed based on your selection.

- **Donations to the United Way** – Your donation to United Way will be used to ensure your funds go to where the funding is needed most. There are many lesser-known agencies that do important work and need funding or additional support. Roughly 89% of your donation goes directly into programs at agencies in our community. According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, nationally a 25% administrative cost is used as the benchmark for efficiency and effectiveness of a non-profit. The United Way of Buffalo & Erie County is at 11%, one of the lowest in the community.
- **Designated Donations** – On your United Way form, you may designate to a charity that is close to your heart. If you do so, 100% of your donation will go directly to that agency - United Way does not take an administrative fee.
- **Hybrid Approach** – If you would like to do both, simply designate a portion of your proceeds with the "United Way" listed as one of your designated charities.

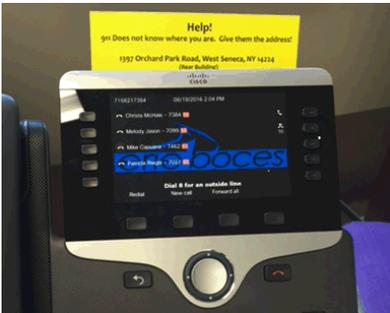


United Way paper forms should be returned to Darlene Williamson in the payroll department located in Building C. To use payroll deduction, over 20 pay periods, you must return your form by Sept. 16, 2016. If you would like to learn more about the prizes, events or how to donate via the online system, please see [this page on MyErie1](#).



E1B.org Set As Default

Our website, E1B.org, has traditionally been set as the default welcome URL for all Erie 1 BOCES owned computers. However, some computers were not set up in that manner. To adjust, on Sept. 26, that default will be reset on all Erie 1 BOCES owned computers. In areas that require another welcome page, for service reasons, you may override the setting. The Service Desk and Tech Tips have been provided directions.



Important 911 Note

Erie 1 BOCES staff members working in Maryvale, the Learning Center, West Elementary and Walden Workforce Development are asked to note the following about a 911 glitch. When 911 is called from any E1B phone in your building, as noted above, the call tells dispatch that it is coming from Central Office on Harlem Road. A team is working to correct the issue. In the meantime, it is imperative that all staff and students know to tell the 911 operator your exact location. To help with this, we created labels that should be attached to each phone (via double-sided tape). If, for any reason, a phone is missing a label, please still act with extreme caution and provide the exact address of your call. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



How the Suggestion Box Works

As a reminder, the suggestion box on MyErie1 is available to all staff to submit their ideas to assist the organization. Suggestions are reviewed at each ODS meeting. While all items are taken into consideration, ODS is not able to promise immediate action for every suggestion. Some suggestions are delegated to various responsible parties to research and provide an update. If an employee chooses to add their name to their suggestion, an effort is made to provide that employee with an update.

Changes to Note



Meet Kathryn Wojciechowski

Employees and visitors to Building 'C' on the Education Campus are being welcomed by a new face. While Kathryn Wojciechowski may be new to some, she's not new to Erie 1 BOCES. "I've been fortunate to be in many different locations," she said. Since 2008, those locations include Special Education, Alternative Schools, Workforce Development, the Erie County Youth Services Center and now Human Resources. Wojciechowski replaced Maureen Alf, who retired this summer.

News Zone – Education Campus



Jersey and Jeans 9/15

The E1B Education Campus Special Events Committee will be hosting a jersey and jeans day on September 15, 2016, which is the day of the Buffalo Bills home opener. It is \$2 to participate. See the committee member in your area for dress down tickets.



Buying, Selling & Donations Reminder

As an employer, Erie 1 BOCES wants to provide opportunities for employees to share information that better connects them to each other and their community. However, as a public entity we must also adhere to the law. As a public entity, by law, we are not able to use public resources for private gain. Here are some reminders for use of the physical and electronic employee bulletin boards:



Fund-Raising/Donations – Approval Needed for Print and Electronic

Any funds, materials or solicitation of any kind (including charitable) conducted during work hours and/or with the use of Erie 1 BOCES resources such as e-mail, desk/wall space or phone numbers MUST have prior approval. The "solicitation for charitable donations" form is located on the employee bulletin board and on MyErie1. This form must be completed and approved prior to posting here. Consideration will only be given to benefiting 501c(3) organizations, not individuals.

For Sale – Electronic Bulletin Board Only

You may post materials here that are available for purchase outside of work hours. You must provide outside contact details such as a home phone number and home e-mail addresses. Postings found here should not involve any solicitation, communications or resources (such as employee time, phone or e-mail) found within Erie 1 BOCES' buildings.

WNY Events – Electronic Bulletin Board Only

At times, there are events that are occurring in WNY that better connect us to the community. Here you may list concerts, art shows, public forums, benefits, etc. of community interest. But if you are an active member wanting to sell tickets, they can only be available for purchase outside of work hours. You must provide outside contact details such as a home phone number and home email addresses. Postings found here should not involve any solicitation, communications or resources (such as desk/wall space, employee time, phone or

e-mail) found within Erie 1 BOCES' buildings. As noted above, requests to use Erie 1 BOCES resources (such as desk/wall space, employee time or e-mail), you must complete the "solicitation for charitable donations" form and post your details ONLY in the "Fund-raising/Donation" area of the message board.

News Zone – Career & Technical Education



New Zoo Program

At E1B's orientation for a new one-year program, Pearl the Porcupine stole the show! Classes for teens began at the Buffalo Zoo this September. [Learn more here...](#)

Kudos



Kudos Don Bakowski

For going above and beyond, Don Bakowski of Technology Services received words of thanks from Bob Meyers, cafeteria manager for Wellsville Central Schools. "I just wanted to take time to thank you for all your hard work, helping me generate reports for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). It was very thoughtful of you to come off your vacation to help me out because you knew it was important. Because of your hard work Wellsville Elementary School was approved for the CEP."

Kudos Michelle Rozanski

Christa McHale, director of educational partnerships and workforce development at Erie 1 BOCES, sent the following to Michelle Rozanski in Communication Services. "The bulletin board project turned out awesome! Thanks so much for your help on this project!"

Special Features



September is National Courtesy Month

According to Reader's Digest, "it's amazing how often we forget this little politeness and it seems like the ones we most often drop our manners with are our friends and family." Reader's Digest shares [33 Effortless Ways to Celebrate National Courtesy Month](http://www.rd.com/advice/relationships/social-etiquette-rules/).
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Jokes of the Month

- Q. What do sea monsters eat?**
A. Fish and ships.
- Q. What happened when 19 and 20 got into a fight?**
A. Twenty-won
- Q. How does the ocean say hello?**
A. It waves.



Dash for Diversity

Join the NFJC as they celebrate the diversity that distinguishes our community and promotes understanding.

On Sun., Oct. 2 at 10 a.m., in addition to the race/walk, there will be music by CJ Sound, raffles (including a 50/50 raffle), prizes, a delicious Hyatt sponsored lunch and much more during and after the Dash! From 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM for those who would like to join us, there will be a brief Interfaith Kick-Off Service! At 11 AM our popular Kids Fun Dash will kick off for kids ages 2-9 complete with prizes for all!

The NFJC is a proactive Human Relations organization with nearly a 65-year tradition in WNY of embracing our regions vast Diversity. They encourage all people to foster positive dialogue to bring about change. Schools, organizations, businesses, law enforcement, faith leaders and the youth of tomorrow have benefited from the intervention and actions of their programs and initiatives.

[Learn more about the annual event here.](#)



Like Us, Share Us and Re-Tweet Us

One of the easiest ways you can help promote Erie 1 BOCES is by following us and interacting with us on social media. If you like, share or re-tweet E1B's postings you can quickly spread the word about the great work accomplished by E1B.

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