

## Common Grounds



### Telemedicine Via 247 Online Care

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 beginning July 1, 2017 for a \$0 copay. [Learn more...](#)



### 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 affects us all as Erie 1 BOCES employees. This year, Technology Services started their annual acknowledgement process in July with a goal of completing them by August 15. All other employees may also view this material in advance of their Opening Day.



### Opening Day Reminder

Attendance at an Opening Day event is required of all employees. This year, there will be two sessions:

- **August 15 for Technology Service and the Education Campus Staff.** It will occur in room B-2a at the Education Campus. Registration will begin at 8:30 and the presentation will start at 9 a.m.
- **August 30 for all of Instructional Services.** It will occur at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation will begin at 8 a.m.



### E1B Board Members Honored by ECASB

Mary Busse, a member of both the West Seneca and Erie 1 BOCES boards of education, was honored at the Erie County Association of School Boards Annual Dinner for reaching the 20-Year service milestone in her school board service. Mrs. Busse was elected to the West Seneca School Board 20 years ago, and more recently was also elected to the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education. Mrs. Busse, left, is pictured with ECASB President David Lowrey, who presented the award.



The "Shine On" awards series recognizes ongoing commitment and dedication to expanding one's personal knowledge of issues in education, governance and best practices, as well as working with colleagues on other ECASB member boards on issues identified as priorities by the association. The first tier ("Rising Star"), is reached by completing at least four ECASB training programs in a single year. Erie 1 BOCES trustees Edward Cavan, Andrew Loeb and Janet MacGregor Plarr were named ECASB Rising Stars.

## Changes to Note



### Congratulation June-August Retirees

- Elaine Terwilliger, Special Education, June 30, 2017
- Josephine Radice, Special Education, June 30, 2017
- Kelly Clifford, Special Education, June 30, 2017
- Susan Phillips, Special Education, July 1, 2017
- Marilyn Kneis, Management Services, July 4, 2017
- Carolyn Thomas, Workforce Development, July 28, 2017
- Lemuel Clinton, Special Education, August 31, 2017

## News Zone – Education Campus



### Don't Walk Behind the Building

Due to the increase of visiting truck traffic, Erie 1 BOCES is advising its employees and visitors not to walk behind Education Campus. In an effort to balance the importance of safety and personal health habits, [here is a proposed walking path](#) to follow.



### Upper A to be Renovated

In a letter to Technology Services, Dr. Fusco shared that the process for enhancing the upstairs of Building A began following a facelift of the Building A lobby. She said, "Working in conjunction with our property owner, R&P Oakhill, and various HVAC vendors, a heating and cooling study was completed. A number of technical items were addressed and the heating-and-cooling system will remain a priority moving forward."

Representatives from Young + Wright Architectural have toured the space and have met with technology leadership. The architects and designers are aware of the airflow concerns as they draft a proposal to update the area. She continued, "In the near future, as the options within our rental and budgetary constraints become clearer, a survey will be sent to seek input from staff."



### Picnic 2017

More than 200 employees attended a summer gather for 12-month employees at Cheektowaga Town Park. Participants mingled with co-workers, dined on a catered lunch and enjoyed a variety of games. A Mr. Softie ice cream truck provided a cool treat. The 12-month Employee Special Events Committee organized the event. Thank you to all who helped make this event possible!

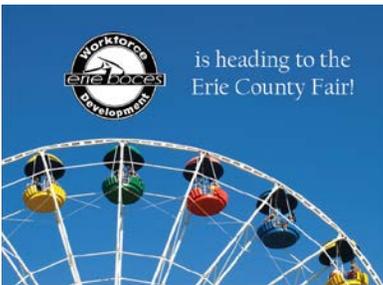
## News Zone – Exceptional Education



### Summer Learning in Progress

To ward off significant academic regression, Erie 1 BOCES Special Education provides a 30-day instructional program over the summer. For six consecutive weeks, students work toward their individual education plan goals. Related services, such as speech therapy and physical therapy are also included during the instructional school day. To help keep learning fun and engaging, a number of field trips and school-wide events are also occurring within the various locations.

## News Zone – CTE & WFD



### Workforce Development at the Fair

This August, Workforce Development will have a booth at the Erie County Fair. Representatives from E1B will be there on August 11-13 and 18-20. Visitors can learn more about the adult training programs offered by Workforce Development and have a chance to win great prizes. The tent will be between the Historical Building and the Beer Garden. Stop out to say hi and learn more about Workforce Development.



### Career Camp

Middle school students are attending a career camp provided by Erie 1 BOCES at the Harkness Career & Technical Center. This one-week camp allows youth to choose four different hands-on courses to enjoy. This year's selection of courses include: 7 Hour Movie Challenge; Airbrush Adventures; Animal Exploration; Camp Culinary; Express Yourself; Fashion Forward; Fun with Cake Décor; Junior Police Academy; Minecraft Madness; Personal Sprinkler System; Sports Conditioning and Sports Science; Video Game Design.

## Kudos



### Kudos RBE-RN West

RBE-RN West, of School Support Services at E1B, conducted a survey for the 2016-2017 school year. Teachers who completed the survey worked directly with Erie 1 BOCES four RBE-RN Coordinators receiving on-site instructional coaching and professional development. The results were extremely positive. Congratulations to all!



### Kudos Graphics

Joseph McGreevy, from Williamsville South High School, sent a note of appreciation to Michelle Rozanski of the graphics department. "We had the most successful WISP magazine since I have been faculty advisor... I want to thank you personally for doing such a great job, and especially your patience in dealing with all our mistakes. Both you and Kim G. have always done such a great job and have always been accommodation to our WISP club."



## Kudos Michelle Kasmore & Cori Jackson

Janet Gajewski, director of special education from Depew UFSD, commended teachers Michelle Kasmore and Cori Jackson. "The relationship they formed with Brianna and the teaching staff at the high school was amazing... I believe that Michelle and Cory went above and behind to assist Brianna in graduating and getting an interview at Wegmans. Both of these ladies are an excellent example of dedication and caring for the success of their students."

## Special Features

MY VIEW

### I no longer yearn for a quiet house

I worry sometimes about the quiet. Is our house too quiet for our 2-year-old? With no siblings around the bend, will she grow up lonely? Spoiled by the gaze of her parents? Longing for her own version of seventh heaven?



Mary Jo Casilio, a mom living in Clarence, works with teachers as a staff development coordinator for Erie 1 BOCES.

I suppose it's ironic because when I was a kid, all I ever really wanted was quiet. The life of "only children" looked rather attractive to me. More than once people would comment, "Oh, Mary Jo, you are so lucky. When you are older, your sisters will be your best friends."

I smiled weakly and swallowed what seemed an awfully bitter pill. Translation: lifetime membership in Nordville. Lucky was not how I felt at all.

Those days on South Prince Drive began early and - generally - urgently. Mom set the pace:

*Mom would scribble a daily list of chores and leave it on the kitchen counter with a cheerful directive at the top: "You pick."*

ness. Stubbed toes, slivered fingers and stinging tears were all just collateral damage in the overall mission.

There would be no TV - no fun, of any kind, really - until soap and water were in use and this list was wiped clean.

On Thursdays, the frenzy would rise to a new level. The local bookmobile would arrive at our neighborhood at 10:30 and idle at the corner for 45 minutes. Talk about an added level of pressure. The only thing more alluring might have been free cones from Mr. Frosty.

So not only did we need a sparkling house, but we needed it on time. By 10:20, someone (probably me) was barking orders up the stairs. "Hurry, or we're leaving without you." "You shouldn't have slept so long." Or, "Why did you stay up so late?" I was never

### I no longer yearn for a quiet house

Mary Jo Casilio of Technology Services provided a personal viewpoint to the Buffalo News. On June 15, 2017, the News published her piece titled, "I no longer yearn for a quiet house." Her composition reflects on her youthful summers and the lessons she now appreciates as an adult.

"As the yard got sprinkled, roses watered, and sinks and tubs wiped down, we were all business. Stubbed toes, slivered fingers and stinging tears were all just collateral damage in the overall mission," wrote Casilio. "There would be no TV - no fun, of any kind, really - until soap and water were in use and this list was wiped clean."

To read Mary Jo Casilio's piece, see this link to the Buffalo News.

<http://buffalonews.com/2017/06/13/view-no-longer-yearn-quiet-house/>  
(a subscription may be required)



### Jokes of the Month

Q. Why is the mushroom always invited to parties?

A. He is a fungi

Q. What did the grape say when it was stepped on?

A. Nothing, but it let out a little wine.

Q. What did one hat say to the other?

A. You stay there; I'll go on a head.



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