

BOCES BITS

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From the District Superintendent

Dear Staff:

The African proverb that says “it takes a village to raise a child” may also be applied to BOCES. Our success is due to the hard work and commitment of many. In October, we take the time to appreciate one of those groups who volunteer their time and energy to direct our work – the members of the OCM BOCES Board of Education.

Representing all 23 of our component districts, the eleven members of our Board of Education are committed to our mission of providing high quality services to students and districts. Charged with governing the BOCES, they focus on setting the policies that guide our decisions and the direction that guides our actions.

On behalf of all of our staff, I want to express our thanks for a wonderful, caring, interested, and supportive board of education.

As you are making your plans for this year, please remember the changes made to Spring Recess dates for April 2012.

The Board of Education approved those changes at the September meeting. The link to the new calendar is <http://www.ocmboces.org/tfiles/folder1051/2011-2012%20School%20Calendar.pdf>.

Jessica

Students in the Spotlight!



Senior cosmetology students in Joanne Webster's class are hard at work reviewing coloring techniques from their junior year. The students are preparing for a visit from representatives from Wella, including a coloring clinic.

If you would like to have your students featured in the student spotlight section of a future “BOCES Bits” contact Laurie Cook at lcook@ocmboces.org.



Thank You

OCMBOCES 
Committed to Your Success

Board of Education Members!

**October 31 - November 4
is National School Board
Recognition week!**

OCM BOCES would like to use this week to thank our Board members for their dedication to learning, to our children and to the community!



Employees Now Have Immediate Access to Material Safety Data Sheets for Products Used at OCM BOCES

OCM BOCES employees now have easy access to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with just a few clicks of their mouse! The OCM BOCES Health, Safety and Risk Management Office, through MSDS Online Inc., is now providing immediate access (via the internet) to the MSDSs of all products used at OCM BOCES. Through the system it is now possible for our employees, as well as those of our component districts, to utilize the database through the OCM BOCES website.

In order to search for a product's MSDS, simply go to the Health & Safety web page at <http://www.ocmboces.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=1493> and click on the MSDS Search button. Scroll down to the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES and click to begin your search. It is not necessary to create a user account or a password.

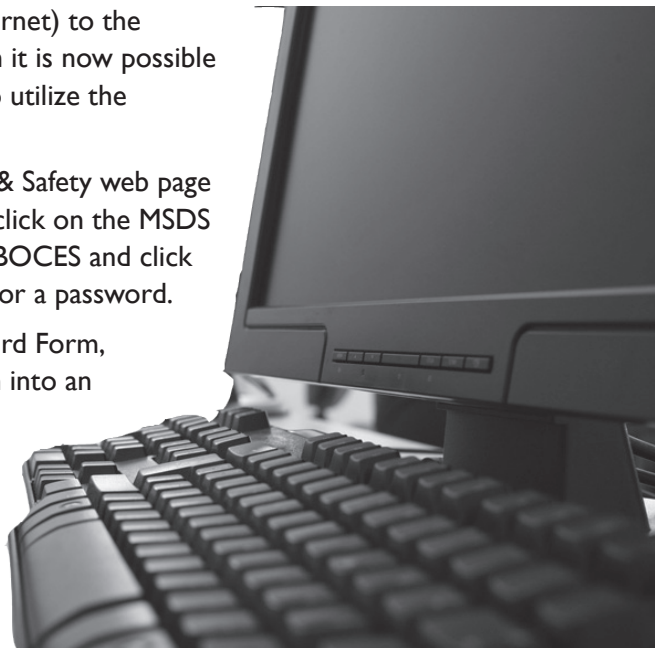
Utilizing data submitted through our internal Product Usage Record Form, we have 'captured' the MSDSs for products listed and pulled them into an electronic folder specific to OCM BOCES. Additional sheets are continually being added as product inventories are provided.

The government is now recognizing the provision of MSDSs through electronic systems as being in compliance with regulations. This recognition reduces the burden of maintaining multiple paper copies of a product's MSDS at every location.

Departments who regularly keep hard copies of Material Safety Data Sheets are welcome to continue. Backup paper copies of MSDSs are also maintained by the Health & Safety Office.

All new MSDSs (or copies of) received at our sites should continue to be sent to David Daignault, Safety Coordinator, at the OCM BOCES Administration Building in Syracuse. As always, please write the department/class using the product and the site location on the sheet to help us properly identify the MSDS.

In an emergency, a Material Safety Data Sheet can also be obtained through the "FAX by Demand" system by calling 1-888-362-7416 at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!



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The Eagle Eyes program is an anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens on the war on terror. The program reveals some typical activities in which terrorists engage to plan their attacks.

How You Can Help Anti-Terrorism Efforts in Syracuse, NY...

Preventing terrorist acts requires all of us to be both diligent and proactive in identifying suspected terrorists. Members of the public are an invaluable resource in our effort to safeguard citizens and their property. The law enforcement community is doing all it can to keep us safe. You can help by offering your full support and cooperation should your assistance be needed in an interview, request for documentation, or request for information. You and your family are encouraged to stay attuned to your surroundings. If you see activity that you think is suspicious and possibly linked to terrorism, please report it promptly to your local law enforcement agency, the FBI or Syracuse Air National Guard base Security Forces.

174th Security Forces Squadron Base Defense
Operations Center (BDOC): 315/233-2199
Emergencies Dial 911

EAP Fall 2011 Workshop Schedule

Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a free, voluntary and confidential assessment and referral service for employees and their family members who are experiencing personal or work related problems. In addition to individual counseling, EAP staff provide workshops on a variety of topics. For more information on the EAP or to print a registration form for any of these workshops, visit their website at www.eap.ocmboces.org. All workshops are free of charge.

October 19 Wednesday	<i>How to DeJunk Your Life: The Sequel</i> with Michelle Stolicker	Liverpool Public Library Carmen Community Room - 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool, NY	4-5:30 pm
October 26 Wednesday	<i>Who Moved My Cheese? Managing Change</i> with Michelle Stolicker	OCM BOCES Henry Campus Admin. Bldg. Distance Learning Center - 6820 Thompson Road, Syracuse, NY	4-5:30 pm
November 1 Tuesday	<i>Food & Mood</i> with Michelle Stolicker	Ithaca City School District - Boynton Middle School Conference Room - 1601 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY	4-5:30 pm
November 9 Wednesday	NYS Teacher Retirement System with NYS TRS Representative	OCM BOCES Rodax Complex Building 8 Conference Room - 6075 East Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY	4-6:00 pm

OCM BOCES Flu and Pneumonia Shot Clinic

Thursday, October 20

1:45 - 2:45 PM

Henry Campus (6820 Thompson Road in Syracuse)

Administration Building Large Conference Room

No appointment necessary



Flu: Two types of injections are available this year. **BOTH** are equally effective and utilize the same flu serum.

Intramuscular (the traditional shot) \$34

Intradermal (New this year - injection between skin layers - needle is pen-tip size) \$41

Pneumonia: \$72 - Recommended every 5 years for those with chronic respiratory disease, asthma, heart conditions or smokers

Payment can be made by cash or check, payable to Regional Medical Services. Insurance reimbursement can be submitted for flu and pneumonia shots given at this clinic. No payment is necessary for individuals with Medicare part B or most Medicare Advantage plans. If you plan to submit for insurance reimbursement you **MUST** complete the insurance form at the clinic.

If you have questions e-mail Linda Shapess at Lshapess@ocmboces.org

~October~ Marital Stress



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CONGRATULATIONS! KUDOS! GREAT JOB! WELL DONE! BRAVO!

If you know of an OCM BOCES student or employee that has done a great job on a project or if you know someone that should be recognized for an achievement they've made, please let us know about it! We'd like to get the word out about the great things that are going on in our organization. Send your information to Laurie Cook at lcook@ocmboces or call at 431-8597.

OCM BOCES Healthy Schools NY Leadership Program Coordinator Successfully Ascends the Ladder to Leadership!

Kari Shanahan, OCM BOCES Healthy Schools New York Leadership Program Coordinator recently graduated from Ladder to Leadership, an elite 16-month leadership development program. Shanahan will take the knowledge she has gained through the program and apply it to her position at BOCES.



Ladder to Leadership: Developing the Next Generation of Community Health Leaders is a national initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in collaboration with the Center for Creative Leadership. The aim of the initiative is to enhance the leadership capacity of community-based nonprofit health and health-related organizations serving vulnerable populations. The Ladder to Leadership program was facilitated in Central New York across several counties, and focused on the development of critical leadership competencies for 27 mid-career professionals through an innovative, 16-month leadership development curriculum. The 27 fellows were divided into five (5) Action Learning Teams, each with a project to improve their individual leadership capacities and to impact a specific health concern in Central New York.

Kari's team's project was to create a movement that changes the health reform dialogue from financial to one focused on health care as a human right. In addition to her team project, other aspects of the curriculum included a mixture of face-to-face training sessions, individualized executive coaching and mentoring.

Congratulations Kari!

RIC Welcomes New Addition to Data Coordinator's Family!



The staff of the OCM BOCES test scoring department and data warehouse at the Regional Information Center are happy to welcome their fellow co-worker's new addition! On September 5, 2011, Samuel George Robinette was born to Michelle Robinette, District Data Coordinator and her husband, Daniel. Sam weighed in at 9

pounds and 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. Sam joins siblings Dominic, Madison and Alyssa in the Robinette household. Congratulations to the Robinette family!

Letter to the Editor Offers Thanks to BOCES Teacher

In a June 2011 letter to the editor in the *Syracuse Post Standard*, Chris and Sue Ford, parents of Max Ford, an OCM BOCES Automotive Technology student from the North Syracuse Central School District, write to express their gratitude to their son's teachers at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. The letter also extends a special thanks to Max's OCM BOCES Teacher, Sam Azria, saying, "We will never forget your dedication and guidance."

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