



Erie 1 Professional Education Association

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President's Message

Dear Members,

As we hit the midpoint of the school year I wanted to let you know that the EPEA has been very busy over the past several months. We had an extremely successful Holiday and Retirement Party in December. Thank you very much to the entire Social Committee, your efforts are truly appreciated! Our Public Relations Committee continues to develop our website. An unveiling will be coming soon.

APPR continues to be a focus for us. Garth Merlino and I have been meeting with the district regularly to develop our Annual Professional Performance Review plan. In January a committee of teachers gathered to participate in presentations from three vendors regarding different assessment tools. The district developed assessments that have been used in the past are no longer allowed under the new 3012-d regulations. February will bring a meeting with the district and the APPR committee to look at fair ways to evaluate Domains 1 and 4 of the Danielson rubric. Our hope is to have a plan ready to submit to the state by the July 1, 2016 deadline. As of right now that looks like a very obtainable goal. Developments will be discussed at our next General Membership meeting and at the March Staff Development Day.

On Opening Day I briefly discussed a case the Supreme Court would be hearing this year, Friedrichs vs. California Teachers Association. Arguments were heard on January 11, 2016. A ruling in favor of Friedrichs will change public sector union business as we know it. We would likely move from an "opt-out" model of membership to an "opt-in" model. It may also significantly change the way we collectively bargain. As developments roll in, we will keep you informed.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to our second General Membership meeting of the 2015-16 school year. We will be meeting at 4:15PM on Thursday March 3. The meeting will be held in Mr. Marinelli's classroom at the Kenton Career and Technical Center located at 151 Two Mile Creek Road, Tonawanda, 14150. Hope to see you there!

Donna Walters
EPEA President

Sunshine Committee

July 2015 - September 2015

October 2015 -January 2016



Suzette Euscher	dad passed
Michelle Montaldi	In-law passed
Cheryl Geary	In-law passed
Kim Sweet Family	Kim passed
Debbie Gawjewski	brother passed
Bob Mroz	surgery
John Gatto	illness/hospitalization



Kim Sweet

Know Your Representatives

Joseph V. McNamara, CCNA, CCAI

Instructor, Cybersecurity and Networking

Joe has worked for Erie 1 BOCES for 17 years. 15 years in Career Ed. He has taught A Plus, Info Tech, Cisco Networking and Cyber Security. He has also taught for Work Force Development and acted as Night Supervisor. He has been an EPEA representative for Harkness Center for the last two years and had worked for 20 years in the private sector in computer networking.

Did You Know.....

2.02 Maintenance and Repair of Equipment

a) Instructors of Career Education classes will not be responsible for major repair of District equipment or buildings. Minor repair of equipment within the classroom may be performed by teachers qualified to do so, as long as it does not interfere with the instructional day.

b) This clause does not preclude maintenance or repair projects which have an instructional value and which can be made part of the curriculum as determined by the relevant instructor.

2.10 I.E.P Conferences, Parent Nights and Open Houses

a. Two (2) full days will be scheduled free of instruction for exceptional education staff for the purpose of development of the I.E.P. and related parent conferences. The Director of Exceptional Education will schedule these days and inform the staff of the days they are assigned no later than October 15 of the school year. These two (2) full days will be scheduled district-wide for all exceptional education staff.

b. Teachers may be required to attend one (1) parent's night or one (1) open house per semester as determined by the principal. The principal may offer the opportunity to develop alternative evening activities to the building planning team or shared decision making committee for their consideration and approval.

Classroom Happenings

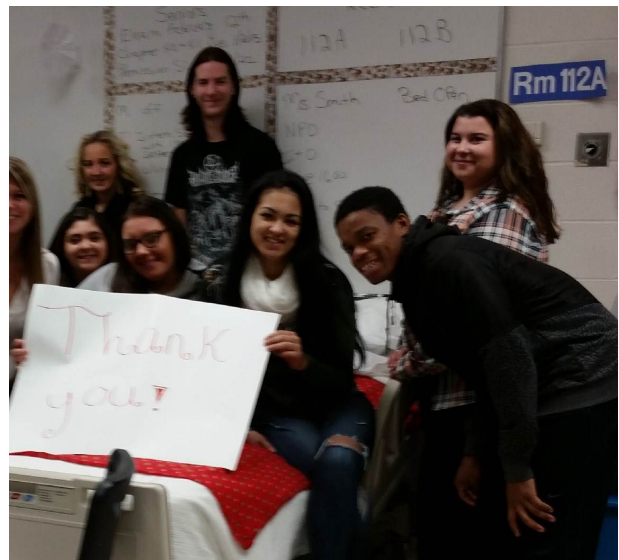
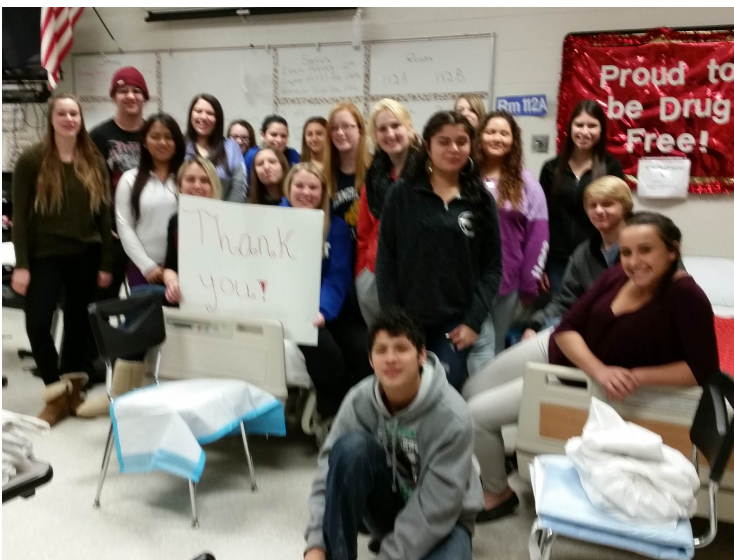
Math Classroom Happenings at the Erie County Youth Detention Center:

Our Fifth Annual Gingerbread House Event was a huge success at the Erie County Detention Center. The students work cooperatively and use their math and engineering skills to build and decorate ginger bread houses. The houses are used as decorations for the Holiday Party that is held every year.



DONATION FROM ECMC

ECMC with the assistance of Angelo DiCarlo CBET has donated three Hill-Rom Advance Beds to Health Careers and Basic Nursing Skills at our KenTon location . With the growth of the Health Careers Program, having two clinical practice areas allows increased hands on learning for our students. We have been using hospital scenarios during our daily lessons. One of our learning experiences in the classroom has been to change our classroom into a hospital setting. The students has assigned areas such as receptionist, radiology technician, phlebotomist, nurse, CNA and doctor. Students utilize understanding of Patient Rights, HIPAA, Triaging, and bedside care of patients. . With various patient scenarios the students role play using their knowledge and skills to care for a patient from admission to discharge. Thank you ECMC and Mr. DiCarlo for your most generous gift! Mrs. Jonnie O'Connor RN/Instructor



Harkness Auto/Collision College Day

On October 30, 2015, Scott Jacobs from Universal Technical Institute, Pat Dixon from the University of Northwestern Ohio and Andy Svisco and Brad Asper, from Dave Smith Ford spoke with all the Harkness junior and senior classes that are enrolled in the Auto Technician Technology and Collision Repair programs.

Andy and Brad, spoke with the students concerning the importance of employability skills, the job application and what the skills needed to become an employee and maintain a position.



UTI and UNOH spoke to the students about the type's degree programs, programs of study, such as: Motorsports, Diesel, Heavy Equipment, Alternative fuels, Custom Painting, benefits of a postsecondary degree in the auto area, their campus, housing and financial aid.

Each of the representatives gave a 30 minute presentation and students were able to ask many questions concerning for each presenter.

Newsletter Articles

Please send all newsletter articles to eschreiber@e1b.org or abrown@e1b.org
Let others know what is going on in your classrooms, community outings, etc!!

Membership

Please send all changes in name, address and work site to jmarinelli@e1b.org

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to everyone who has a birthday in November through February.
We would love to include individual names, but due to our large membership, space does not permit. We hope your day is wonderful!!!!!!!!!!!!

On November 12, 2015, Harkness hosted a College Day for juniors and seniors to participate in. Many of the colleges that attended have Articulation Agreements with Erie 1 BOCES programs.

Students were able to talk one on one with each of the colleges with any questions they had regarding their institution.

Colleges that attended were: Alfred State College

Air National Guard, Bryant and Stratton College, Buffalo State College

Canisius College,

Corning Community College, Daemen College, D'Youville College, Erie

Community College, Genesee Community College, Hilbert College,

Jamestown Community College

Medaille College, Monroe Community College, Monroe College, Morrisville

State College, Niagara County Community College, Niagara University,

Trocaire College

Villa Maria College, SUNY Delhi, and SUNY Cobleskill.

An articulation Agreement allows a student that has meant the criteria set by the college to receive college credit for courses to eliminate duplication of material already learned in their BOCES program.

Auto Technician Program Connects With Automotive Businesses

Connecting with Automotive Businesses

Seniors in the Automotive Technology program at Erie 1 BOCES Harkness Career & Technical Center spent a day visiting three large automotive business in WNY. General Motors (GM), Buffalo Harley Davidson and Cummins Northeast hosted the teens. At GM the students learned about workplace safety and how engines are produced. At Buffalo Harley Davidson the students toured the showroom, repair shop, and learned how parts are ordered and inventoried. At Cummins Northeast, David Thompson the General Manager, treated the 40 students to lunch and organized 5 rotations for the students to participate throughout the shop area at Cummins. The students were divided into 5 groups where they learned about: Parts, logistics and inventory, Natural Gas Powered vehicles, Heavy duty and midrange engines, thermal oxidizer (emissions) and power generators. David Thompson closed down the shop area so his workforce

could talk to students and show them examples of their area of expertise with our students.

"It is important to expose students to examples of how their skills will translate in the world of work," said Pamela Santillo, work-based learning teacher for Erie 1 BOCES. "The goal of today was to generate interest in various local workplace opportunities." It is greatly appreciated that these businesses opened their doors for our auto students at Erie 1 BOCES.



January 18-22 was Career week for Mrs. McKay's preschool program at the Kenton Career Center. The Early Childhood II senior teachers took the preschool class to learn about building trades, nursing, cosmetology, sports science and baking.

In Mrs. Schaller's baking class, preschool teacher Stephanie Tully (Kenmore West) watches as Sophia Kirst adds the chocolate chips to Alexis Jermy's (Tonawanda) chocolate chip cookie recipe.



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3. A strong voice at work
4. Professional learning

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Member Appreciation Month is back again this February!

Since it was such a big hit last year, we're doing it again! Member Appreciation Month is coming February 2016.

This year will be even bigger because it's a leap year... that means more chances to win even more great prizes!!!

Once again, Member Appreciation Month will be filled with a series of special prize drawings for items donated by Member Benefits and our endorsed program providers. Prizes will include gift cards, Beats headphones, a Go Pro camera and more.

To be eligible for these drawings, all you need to do is participate in our voluntary MAP Alert email service.



We will announce the winners of these special prize drawings exclusively on the Member Benefits website throughout the month of February.

It's the strength of the more than 600,000 NYSUT members that makes it possible for Member Benefits to offer more than 40 endorsed programs & services designed with you in mind.

For more details about this exciting event, visit the Member Benefits website at memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.



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