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Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!

We are thrilled to be sending the Dutchess BOCES Highlights to you in this new enewsletter format. Please continue to send your good news to me so that we can share it with others! Dutchess BOCES offers so many exceptional programs and services and we need your help in spreading the word!

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We welcome your feedback. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes for a great year!

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Dutchess BOCES Capital Project

One Campus ~ Endless Opportunities

As you know, on December 1, 2009, Dutchess BOCES will conduct a countywide referendum asking residents to vote on our proposal for One Campus ~ Endless Opportunities. The proposal is to construct a new 66,500 square foot Alternative High School on the BOCES Salt Point Campus in Poughkeepsie, renovate portions of the existing Career and Technical Institute (CTI) and the Salt Point Center (SPC), and replace failing roofing systems at a total cost of \$29.65 million. If approved by voters, this proposal will:

- Convert Rent Payments to Ownership Payments
- Enhance Educational Opportunities for All
- Save School Districts and Taxpayers Money



Voting will take place at thirteen locations throughout Dutchess County on December 1 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You can learn more about the capital project by checking your mailboxes in early November, attending one of public information sessions, and by visiting [Dutchess BOCES](#) and clicking on the One Campus ~ Endless Opportunities link. We are working actively to inform county residents of the details of the building proposal and the December 1st referendum.

Wellness Day at Dutchess BOCES - October 28

Free Testing for Employees!

On October 28, Dutchess BOCES will host a Wellness Day. Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield is providing a "Wellness Bus" for all BOCES employees. You do not have to be enrolled in the Empire Plan. Free

screening opportunities are available relating to diabetes, body mass index, and a lipid profile. To make an appointment, call 1-866-792-7932 or visit [Health Fair](#).

Our event code is 61255. If you need additional information contact Linda Poleski at 486-4800, extension 215 or Kelly Seibert at 486-4800, extension 228. The bus will be located at three different BOCES sites during the day.

- CTI: Side of building by the greenhouse from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
- SPC: Front of the building from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- BETA: Side of building by Communications Services and Learning Technology from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Walkway over the Hudson World's longest pedestrian bridge in the world!

On schedule and under budget, the grand opening of the walkway took place on October 3. If you haven't had a chance to go, now is the time. On a clear day, it's absolutely gorgeous! The walkway will eventually link 27 miles of trails in Ulster and Dutchess Counties. For information visit [Walkway over the Hudson](#).

Board of Education Week Dutchess BOCES Board Recognized



School Board Recognition Week October 19-23, 2009

At the Dutchess BOCES Board meeting on Wednesday, October 14, The Dutchess BOCES Board of Education Trustees were recognized for their continued hard work and service to the students, staff and community of Dutchess County. We sincerely thank each of our Trustees for their dedication to our organization.

Dutchess BOCES United Way Fund Drive "Live United"

At Dutchess BOCES, we have earned a reputation for caring about the communities where we work and live. The Dutchess BOCES 2009 United Way Campaign begins October 1 and runs through October 23. This year's theme is also "LIVE UNITED." We hope that every employee will share in this important campaign drive. In 2008, Dutchess BOCES raised \$6,202.50! This year our goal is \$7,000. Please return your pledge form to your respective United Way Building Team Captain. For those choosing payroll deductions, your deductions will begin on November 13, 2009, and continue through May 27, 2010, for fifteen pay periods. We urge you to support this year's effort and "LIVE UNITED!" Because of you, our community will be a better place to live, work and raise a family. For more information about the United Way, visit [The United Way of Dutchess County](#).



Salt Point Strides



The 2009 Salt Point Strides took place on October 20 at the SPC playground. Pictured here are participants from the walk. This year's strides incorporated reading, math and fitness. The top three mileage earners received a certificate. Congrats to all the participants!



Salt Point Chorus Visits VA Hospital

The SPC Chorus will visit Castle Point VA Hospital on October 29 at 11 a.m. The chorus will present a patriot show, which takes the listener on a musical journey of patriotic music starting with the Revolutionary War right up to the present.

Dutchess County Youth Forum

A youth forum for Dutchess County high school students was held at Dutchess BOCES on Thursday, October 15 at 8:15 a.m. This event was co-sponsored by Dutchess BOCES and Dutchess County Youth Bureau. This was an opportunity for students to share ideas with other students in a panel discussion about school activities, meet new people and "mix it up", learn how to serve on a community agency board, and speak with agency leaders.



Dutchess BOCES Welcomes New Hires New Hire Orientation Day - September 2

Several new employees participated in the New Hire Orientation on Wednesday, September 2. A warm welcome to Stephen Blaire, Brigid Casson, Christine Collins, Lawrence Diamond, David Felipe, Paige Flori, Daniel Gil, Robert Hanley, Kelly Herlihy, Matthew LaBrake, Michael Moore, Daniele Rimaldi, Christine Shea-Coelho, Mellisa Thomas, William Todd, Sara Traver, and Risa Wolfzahn. Many thanks to Matt Carr and Joan Goldhammer for putting together another very successful new hire orientation day!

Aesop

New Substitute Calling System at BOCES



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Aesop is the automated solution for absence management and substitute placement challenges faced by K-12 school districts worldwide. This service provides participating districts with automated substitute calling. Each district supplies the service with lists of teachers, staff and approved substitutes. The system (Aesop) accepts phone calls from employees and places calls electronically to substitutes based on employee request and substitute availability. Teachers and substitutes can also utilize the internet through www.aesoponline.com to create absences and search for jobs. Several reports record teachers' absences and substitute fill rates are available. This program can produce additional reports such as statistics on substitute/employee activity by date(s), integrate with mylearningplan.com and integrate with a number of financial management systems.

Educational Resources

Professional Development Opportunities

November 3 - RTI Training with Jim Wright 8:30 am,
Staff Development Room, BETA



The Fall 2009 Professional Development Catalog is now available online. For more information about these and other professional development opportunities, visit [The Educational Resources Division Fall 2009 Professional Development Catalog.](#)

Response to Intervention (RTI)

Countywide Initiative Continues

Educational Resources is pleased to be able to continue our Countywide Response to Intervention (RTI) Initiative. School improvement and Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center (SE-TASC) will work collaboratively and diligently to continue to provide the best services possible to our component districts. Jim Wright will be joining us again this year, this time working with building-level teams beginning on November 3rd.



"Thank You" Tea

Unionvale Middle School Class Shows Appreciation

Maureen Moloney's class at Unionvale Middle School hosted their annual "thank you" tea to show appreciation to everyone who helped make the school year a success. The tea was well attended by Union Vale Middle School and BOCES staff and administrators. The students baked cookies and served lemonade to those who stopped in. So again, simply said . . . THANK YOU!

President Obama Proclamation

National Information Literacy Awareness Month

President Obama proclaimed October 2009 as National Information Literacy Awareness Month. As stated by President Obama, "This month, we dedicate ourselves to increasing information literacy awareness so that all citizens understand its vital importance. An informed and educated citizenry is essential to the functioning of our modern democratic society, and I encourage educational and community institutions across the country to help Americans find and evaluate the information they seek, in all its forms.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as National Information Literacy Awareness Month. I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the important role information plays in our daily lives, and appreciate the need for a greater understanding of its impact."

Dutchess BOCES Employees Recognized

MHSSC Awards



Three Dutchess BOCES employees were recognized at the Mid-Hudson School Study Council (MHSSC) Awards for Excellence event on October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. Congratulations to CTI's Barry Eyring and Lynn Bailey, and BETA's Marilyn McGauley!

American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer



Salt Point Center's Randi Morf signed up to walk in the American Cancer Society *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*, on Sunday, October 18 at the Woodbury Common Premium Outlets. Randi chose to participate in the 5K walk with the American Cancer Society because money raised through Making Strides is used to find cures, helps people stay well and get well from breast cancer, and empowers people to fight back. Together, we can save lives. So far this year, Randi raised \$1,800. As she has a goal of \$2,5000, you can still donate to her cause -- visit [Randi Morf's Making Strides](#) or you can send a check to Randi at SPC made out to the American Cancer Society. Over the course of four years, Randi has raised almost \$10,000! Save the date for the 2010 walk (usually the third Sunday in October) and walk with Randi!

Dutchess BOCES Shines at the Dutchess County Fair!



Dutchess BOCES participated in the Dutchess County Fair this August and had over 3,000 visitors stop by to gather information or just chat about our programs and services. Visitors walked away with a great reusable goodie bag full of information about the programs and services offered at Dutchess BOCES. There were so many great presentations during the week! The Poughkeepsie Journal featured a wonderful article on us published on August 28, describing "Locks of Love" that was hosted by our CTI Cosmetology Program, and also highlighted the great hands-on experience our students receive from attending our CTI programs. Many thanks to CTI's Mitchell Shron and all the BOCES staff members who helped make this event so successful!

Dental Laboratory Technician Program

New Adult Education Program

The Dutchess BOCES Adult Education Division at the Manufacturing and Technology Institute (MTI) has rolled out a new adult educational program, which offers training in the design, fabrication and production of dental prosthesis. The Dental Laboratory Technician Program, which has three separate phases, offers a certification from the Dental Laboratory Association of New York (DLANY) in as little as 10 months as well as a more advanced, Zahn certification. Gary Spadaro, Executive Director of DLANY said, "Dutchess BOCES is the first in New York State to offer an anatomy and physiology course which lays the foundation for producing dental prosthetics. This is the only program that offers the DLANY certification in the Hudson Valley."



The Poughkeepsie Journal published an article on August 18 that detailed this program, which assisted us in getting the word out to the community. The Phase 1 class, Anatomy and Physiology, began September 22 with eight students and runs 13 weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin the week of January 11, 2010. Entry-level positions can be obtained upon completion of the first two phases with a more advanced course in digital dentistry being offered as Phase 3. Phase 1 Anatomy and Physiology is offered at MTI. Dental lab technicians fulfill dental prescriptions by manufacturing such prosthetics as crowns, bridges and dentures. Employment is available either in the office of dentists or at a laboratory that specifically manufactures these devices.

Roger Risko Receives Award District Governor's Rotarian of the Year



District Governor Jeffrey Keahon presented the District Governor's Rotarian of the Year Award to BETA's Roger Risko at Rotary Club's Annual Conference. The award was presented to Risko for developing Radio Rotary, which has been broadcasting every Friday featuring over 100 guests thus far. Risko also initiated the concept of Elderact, which was voted on to the 2010 Rotary International Legislative Agenda. Risko serves BOCES as Director of Community Service for the Arlington Rotary Club Board of Directors and facilitates the Student of the Month Program, which provides monthly and annual awards for students at BETA and CTI. The award is engraved with the names of the Rotary programs that Risko has advised and founded.

Stay Healthy - 'Tis the Cold and Flu Season!

Dutchess BOCES has been in contact with The WorkPlace to administer seasonal flu vaccines this year, which we anticipate will take place either late October or early November. The WorkPlace does plan to offer the H1N1 vaccine this year. More information on this vaccine will be forthcoming.



During cold and flu season, the best way to reduce the risk of becoming ill or spreading flu viruses are listed below.

- **Monitor your health:** Be aware of the flu-like signs and symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.) Contact your health care provider if necessary.
- **Practice good hygiene:** Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are spread this way.
- **Wash your hands:** Wash your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially after you cough or sneeze.

Informational Web sites: [Center for Disease Control](#) and [Find a Flu Shot](#)

ed2go Dutchess BOCES Offers Online Courses

Dutchess BOCES offers hundreds of engaging online courses for adults covering every topic from SAT test preparation to Web Design. Each ed2go course comes equipped with a patient and caring instructor, lively discussions with your fellow students, and plenty of practical information that you can put to immediate use. For information visit [ed2go](#).



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The advertisement features a dark blue background with a subtle grid pattern. On the left, the word "EDUCAUSE" is written in white capital letters on a red rectangular background. Below it, the tagline "UNCOMMON THINKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD" is written in white. On the right, the text "It's not about information. Or technology. It's what we do with IT that counts." is written in white.

About EDUCAUSE

EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology. The Educause Learning Initiative addresses the subject of Learning Space Design as "The effective design of learning spaces, whether a classroom, a laboratory, a library, or an informal space, can enhance learning. As educators have integrated communication,

collaboration, and computing technologies, learning spaces have morphed. The design of learning spaces goes beyond the physical to include the virtual. Educators, technologists, and space planners are combining technology, pedagogy, learning science, and physical space. What types of activities lead to learning? How can innovative uses of space and technology enable these activities, leading to more effective learning?" Learning Spaces, an EDUCAUSE ebook, can be obtained online. Visit www.educause.edu/learningspaces

The Enterprise Group Needs You!

The Enterprise Group meets each month to discuss opportunities for new programs and services at Dutchess BOCES. Their mission statement reads, "The Enterprise Group," through an open forum process, will discuss new ideas, explore new strategies, and new validated educational trends to determine what ideas and strategies will merit further exploration through a systematic approach. If you are interested in becoming a part of this dynamic group, contact Chairperson Roger Risko at roger.risko@dcboces.org. For more information about The Enterprise Group, visit [The Enterprise Group](#) on our Web site.

CTI Hosts Field Day

The Career and Technical Institute held a field day on Friday, September 18. This day is a mixer for CTI students and allows them to obtain information about various clubs and organizations, such as SkillsUSA and Interact, and to also learn about the many events and activities that take place throughout the school year.

Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Showcase of Champions

Dutchess BOCES mixed with many of the other local businesses on October 14 at the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Showcase of Champions. This year, the event took place at the Grand Hotel on October 14. This was a great opportunity to reach out to the community with information about the programs and services offered at Dutchess BOCES.



A New Roof at SPC!

SPC has a new roof! The project began this past August after summer school ended and is due to be completed near the end of October. Several 12-month SPC staff had to find temporary office space at CTI during the construction phase, and those individuals deserve a big round of thanks for their patience. Thanks also to the Facilities and Operations staff for their hard work and efforts.

Audits, Audits and More Audits!

Assistant Superintendent for Business Linda Poleski reported that our independent audit was recently completed and there were no major issues reported. In addition, Mitchell Shron advised that an audit was completed in late August on our Title IV funding for the adult Practical Nursing Program and we are awaiting the results. Both Poleski and Shron thank the many BOCES staff members who assisted in providing information during these critical audits.

Business Office News

Staff and student information for our K-12 Emergency Alert System will be updated in the near future. If you have any questions about this system, contact Kelly Seibert at Kelly.seibert@dcboces.org.

Under the Office of Government Services (OGS) Dutchess BOCES has entered into a New York State Purchase Option Plan (POP) agreement with the Xerox Corporation for office copiers. This new agreement will save the BOCES thousands of dollars each year. All copiers were installed in early August. Assigned key operators will be responsible to order machine toner supplies and staples. For service issues, key operators should contact Jackie Cardascia at 486-4840, extension 3070 or email jackie.cardascia@dcboces.org.



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Fall Enrollments Strong

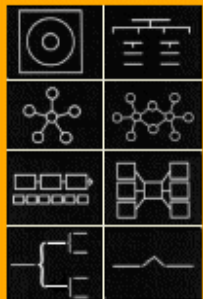
- **Alternative High School** - enrollment is in low 200s
- **Salt Point Center** - enrollment is at 155, more than past years
- **Career and Technical Institute** - enrollment is 772 for the high school and 154 for the adult nursing programs, one of the strongest starts in recent years
- **District classes** - enrollment is up by 10%
- **Adult Education** - New five-hour pre-license course is doing very well, along with many of the other adult education courses. A new Dental Laboratory Technician Program started with 13 students, which is ideal for this type of program.

Dutchess BOCES Hosts Fall Open Houses

The Salt Point Center open house took place on October 22 with a very successful turnout. Over 124 attended--one of the best in recent years. The Career and Technical Institute had a very successful open house on September 30, and many parents and guardians attended the Alternative High School event on October 14.

Thinking

Thinking Maps®



Maps®

SPC's Susan Tornatore will continue training in Thinking Maps® for SPC teachers and related services staff members. Thinking Maps® are visual teaching tools that foster and encourage lifelong learning. The main focus of the professional development is the implementation, on a school-wide and district-wide basis of Thinking Maps®, a common visual language for learning within and across disciplines. Information regarding the training dates and times will be available soon. For more information, contact Denise Traver at 486-8004, extension 428.

New York State Alternate Assessment Training

On September 22 and 23, the New York State Alternate Assessment Training was held at SPC. This workshop provides support for district-based and BOCES teachers to assist them in facilitating the various areas of the assessment for their students. Many thanks to Denise Traver, Tracey Smith, Maria Sita, and Lea Pollack for their work in organizing and presenting this information.

BOCES Employees Stay Informed

Right after school opened, each employee received a packet of information that included the 2009-2010 Dutchess BOCES wall calendar, an updated desk contact card, our BOCES profile brochure, and our most recent copy of the Dutchess BOCES Annual Report. The wall calendar is posted on our Web site. If you need additional copies of any of the items, please contact Jackie Cardascia at 486-8051.

Leadership Dutchess

Director of Communications & Grants Research Anna Marie Paolercio has been selected to participate Leadership Dutchess. Leadership Dutchess is the signature program of The Chamber Foundation, Inc. (the educational foundation of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce) and for over 20 years has been

dedicated to educating and motivating aspiring citizens to serve in leadership roles within our community. This program was designed to foster the development of a group of professionals who grow and learn together over a nine-month period through a variety of experiences that include lively discussions, interactive exercises, experiential roles, community service and ongoing feedback. Leadership Dutchess classes are held once per month September - May and all course work contributes to the knowledge and understanding of leadership. The class covers topics such as leadership styles, stress management and dealing with difficult people, valuing diversity, communications, project management, team building, county government and tourism, and roles and responsibilities of serving on a board.



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Shared Printing Service Expands Service



The Shared Printing Service is expanding with the addition of a new piece of color production equipment. The Print Shop will continue to use its two existing Imagerunner black and white production pieces that will ultimately generate savings for the BOCES and its component districts. If you would like more information about the new color production capabilities, contact Gen Kellam at 486-4840, extension 3006.

New Network Equipment on Salt Point Campus

The network equipment at the Salt Point Campus will be upgraded to more current technology on or about November 11, 2009. With the new technology comes the potential to introduce new solutions (including a unified phone system) to the organization.

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward." ~ *Author Unknown*

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