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Dear Jeff,

In celebration of Employee Recognition Day April 13, 2011

The BOCES Trustees, Administrators and I appreciate and admire your hard work throughout the year(s). The Employee Recognition Committee has again recommended that we dispense with the small gift that had been presented to staff in past years. I am sure that you will agree that this decision is prudent in the light of the state and national economy.

To quote from my message of last year, "Your work is the magic and glue that assures a healthy future for Dutchess BOCES."

On behalf of the Dutchess BOCES Trustees, thank you for your dedication and exemplary professionalism.

John C. Pennoyer
District Superintendent

PEACCE Class at Linden Avenue Middle

During the month of March, students at Linden Avenue Middle School (LAMS) in Red Hook, including those in the Dutchess BOCES PEACCE class, participated in a climbing unit during

their physical education class. Students were taught the basics of belaying. Belaying refers to a variety of techniques used in climbing to exert friction on a climbing rope so that a falling climber does not fall very far. A climbing partner typically applies the friction at the other end of the rope whenever the climber is not moving, removing the friction from the rope whenever the climber needs more rope in order to be able to continue climbing. Students climbed not only walls, but also challenging elements suspended from the ceiling. During these exercises, students not only need courage, but also focus and determination!



Barnes & Noble Bookfair

REMINDER: Barnes and Noble Book Fair - Friday, April 8, 2011! A percent of all purchases made will benefit the SPC library. Customers must present a coupon at the time of purchase. In addition, the week

following the bookfair is Educators Week at Barnes and Noble, during which Dutchess BOCES staff will get a 25% discount off any purchase. For more details and to download a coupon, visit the [Dutchess BOCES Web site](#).



Chili Cook-off is Huge Success!

The Chili Cook-off was a huge success! The event was held on March 31 at CTI and was a team effort between SPC 6-8 graders and Culinary students from CTI. Homemade chili was available for purchase and \$400

worth of proceeds benefited CTI's Skills USA and SPC's Interact Club. A video was put together about the cook-off and was a posted on our Web site. It was a huge hit! If you haven't had a chance to watch it, it's still available on our home page. As of last Friday, the video was viewed over 38,000 times! Sincere thanks to everyone involved.



2011 AHA Events

Thanks to the generosity of many Dutchess BOCES staff, we collected \$762 for our **GO RED for Women** fund raiser. The lucky winner of the

hand-made quilt raffle (which brought in \$335 toward the AHA walk) was CGR's Jackie Cardascia. The AHA Walk took place at Vassar College on March 13, with seven staff members from Dutchess BOCES participating. In total, \$2,885 for all the AHA events! Many thanks to all those who participated in the event and special thanks to all our contributors!

Student Chorus Performed March 18th

On March 18, the Salt Point Center chorus, lead by Barb Mauer, performed at the Fireman's Home. Residents at the home truly enjoyed the performances. After the chorus completed their songs, they toured the Fireman's Museum. Congratulations to all the students and staff who participated.

Staff Benefit from Notary Workshop

Business Administrator for Human Resources Matt Carr and his staff organized a Notary Public information workshop, which was held on March 11. Twelve individuals were in attendance from our BOCES and our component districts. The class was facilitated by local attorney Kenneth Bernstein, Esq. Participants of the workshop provided positive feedback of this worthwhile course.



NYS Archives Grant

Dutchess BOCES staff members Anna Marie Paolercio, Matthew Carr and Genevieve Kellam wrote a New York State Archives Grant for \$61,000 for digital scanning, indexing and disaster recovery of Dutchess BOCES former employee records. This project would work in partnership with Orange/Ulster BOCES. Grant award recipients will be announced in July 2011.

Spelling Bee at Marist

Several BOCES student spellers participated in the Literacy Connection's Spelling Bee, held at Marist College on the morning of March 15th. BETA's Kathy White brought three of her students-Brianna Madaffari, Maggie Capers and Dylan Humbert. White reported that the students had a great time at the spelling bee. They returned to school and bragged to everyone about how much fun it was! Thanks to the Poughkeepsie Rotary club for the generous support, as well as Literacy Connection and Marist College for their efforts.





CTI Students Build Roof! CTI's Residential Construction class is building a roof that will be used by the Dutchess County Fire Training Facility. It is constructed in such a way that it can be repaired and used again. This is just another example of BOCES reaching out to support our community!

Student Employed by Stop and Shop

Andrew Donnelly, a former Hyde Park and BOCES Salt Point Center student of the work-based learning program, is now gainfully employed by Stop and Shop. Congratulations Andrew and good luck in your new position!



GED Plus New Literacy Class

There is a new literacy class offering at our Manufacturing and Technology Institute (MTI) called *GED Plus*. Still in its infancy stage, the class is designed to help students not only prepare for the GED test, but to also arm them with higher level math and reading skills needed to successfully pass college placement exams.



Partnership with Library District

Our partnership with Adriance Library continues to flourish, with library personnel providing career and job readiness training for several classes. In recent months, our literacy and HVAC students at MTI participated in class seminars presented by Chris Short, Technology Trainer for the library. [The Poughkeepsie Public Library District](#), which includes Adriance and the Arlington branches, provide computer labs and Employment Readiness Skills Training classes at these two locations. These services are the result of a two-year grant awarded to the library district.

Teaching the Hudson Valley Summer Institute

WHO: K-12 teachers plus environmental, historic site, and museum educators

WHAT: Place and the Digital Native: Using Technology and Social Media to Teach the Hudson Valley

WHEN: 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 26-28, 2011

WHERE: Wallace Education Center, FDR Home and Presidential Library, Hyde Park



WHY: iPods, wikis, on-line collections and collaborations, PDAs, virtual tours, and more, are second nature to many of our students and a growing number of staff members. Uncover ways to use these tools to build community and teach about special places. And, if you're nervous about trying some of this out in your classroom or museum, don't worry because colleagues eager to help will surround you.

Workshops, field experiences, discussions, and more! Registration will open in April. Tentative keynote: Dina Strasser, middle school teacher and blogger, "The Line." For additional details, email Teaching the Hudson Valley, call 845.229.9116, ext. 3025, or visit Teaching the Hudson Valley.

Instructor Certification Training Program

The tuition for the Instructor Certification Training Program (ICTP) class will be waived for Tim Marchini and will be paid for by a grant we received from The Trimmer Foundation entitled the 21st Century Grant. Once certified, we will be able to offer industry-approved, higher level courses.

BPI Affiliation Received

The Adult Education Division recently achieved Building Performance Institute (BPI) affiliation. Because of this designation, we have seen increased activity from students coming to us to take their BPI field examinations.



BOCES In-District Classes

- Erin Scott's Community Based class at Spackenkill High School recently completed a 150-letter mailing for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. For this effort, the class received a donation of stamping materials.
- On March 15, two students from Lindsay Paolercio's Unionvale Middle School class performed with the school chorus. In addition, Paolercio's class celebrated Black History Month in February and Irish culture in March.
- Eileen Huller, Dutchess BOCES Teaching Assistant at Nassau Elementary, was honored at Todd Middle School. Huller received a Lifetime Member Award from the Spackenkill Union Free School District Todd Middle School PTA. Congratulations, Eileen!
- Lisa Slagle's PEACCE class at Arlington High School (AHS) joined the high school's Environmental Club. The BOCES students will work with AHS student "buddies" on a recycling project for the school.
- The Incentive Committee, chaired by Ann Banas, initiated a 'Student of the Week' selection process to promote character education. This initiative is part of the 2010-2011 APPR.
- At Pawling High School (PHS), Martha Schultz's class participated in the *Pennies for Peace* project to help build schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The students participated in this project through their involvement with the BOCES Interact Club.
- The *Midnight Run* is an annual charitable event at Pawling High School (PHS). This year the students from the BOCES Pegasus class at PHS pitched in and helped the Pawling Peer Leadership Student Group package about 100 personal hygiene kits. The

personal hygiene kits will be distributed during this year's *Midnight Run* to the needy who reside in homeless shelters in New York. Martha Schultz's class made sandwiches and hard-boiled eggs for this event.



Alternative High School Updates

- Two AHS students were recently recognized as *Students of the Month* by the Arlington Rotary. Congratulations to James Jimison (February) and Richard Cannon (March).
- A very successful spring clothing drive was sponsored by the AHS Interact club on March 28, 30, and April 1. Congratulations and thanks to all who so generously donated items for this very worthy cause.
- A school-wide ping-pong tournament closed out with student Jon Henion as the winner.
- Congratulations to the AHS students who completed the Regents exams this past January. Test results indicated over 90% of the students passed the exams.

ACS Daffodil Days

According to Jean Eyring, the CTI faculty and staff contributed a total of \$400 to the American Cancer Society during the recent Daffodil Days campaign. In addition, Karen Runza reported that she collected \$410 for the same cause. Many thanks to the staff for their generosity in the fight against cancer.



It's a Class Act

On Thursday, April 7, Maria Sita and Leah Pollack will present at Marist College for their 3rd Annual Future Teachers Information Day, entitled *It's a Class Act*. The purpose of the conference is to get high school students interested in the field of education and to learn about the possibilities within this field. Sita and Pollack will share information about self-contained settings with a focus on the PEACCE Program classrooms. Melissa Greig's CTI Early Childhood class will be attending this conference.



Latch Boards Made for Elant Residents

Students in Daren Davidson's CTI carpentry class recently built activity boards for the Elant Nursing home's memory impaired patients. Elant purchased the wood and manipulatives for the boards and the students constructed the boards. Instructor Davidson received a BIG thank you from the staff and residents for the wonderful job the students did in making the latch boards. This was a great community service project!

Dates to Remember

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| April 13 | BOCES Employee Recognition Day |
| April 18-25 | Spring Recess |
| April 22 | Good Friday (BOCES Offices Closed) |
| April 26 | Component Boards Vote: BOCES Administrative Budget and Board Members |
| May 11 | BOCES Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m. |
| May 17 | Component Districts' Budget Votes |

June 8 CTI Awards Ceremony: 9:00 a.m. - SPC Multi-purpose Room
June 8 BOCES Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
June 10 BETA Graduation: 12:00 noon - BETA Campus
June 14 CTI Recognition Night: 6:00 p.m. - CTI lawn (Room 301 if inclement weather)
June 16 LPN Graduation: 7:00 p.m. - Beacon High School
June 17 SPC Moving-Up Day: 10:00 a.m. - SPC Multi-purpose Room
June 21 Adult Ed GED Graduation: 7:00 p.m. - DCC Falcon Hall
June 24 BOCES Superintendent's Conference Day - End-of-Year Event

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