



## Letter to the Board

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Superintendent of Schools

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November 7, 2008

*"Enthusiasm moves the world."*

*--Arthur James Balfour, former British prime minister*

### **Board Agenda:**

1. **Tour:** Mrs. Wright will lead the tour starting at 6:30. You should plan to meet in the Freewill Library where the board meeting will be held (I actually am not certain if this is where the board meeting is being held or in the cafetorium)
2. **Executive Session:** do you need one?
3. **Musical Presentation:** Freewill band director, Mr. Walker??? Has asked for an opportunity to allow his students to perform for the board again this year. (Mrs. Wright has asked your pleasure – would you like them to perform for a brief time at the beginning of the board meeting or would you rather have them perform exclusively for the board during the tour, in the band room?).... If you want them in the band room, you will need to correct the agenda
4. **NYS Comptroller's Audit:** The auditors arrived on Thursday. We are making them as comfortable as possible in our conference room since they plan to be here for the next 1-2 months. ????
5. **Budget Planning:** Don't know what to say here.
6. **Facilities/Financial Improvement Plan:** We will be presenting a powerpoint for this, but felt it would be better to not attempt to send this one out in advance.....?
7. **Financial Report:** Mr. Atseff will provide his monthly financial reports.
8. **Student Representative:** per schedule sent to me by HS, no student rep is designated for this meeting.
9. **Board Action:** We have our typical personnel and CSE/CPSE, both of which are very light. We also have the September Treasurer's Report, a budget transfer and 2 bids regarding fuel matters for action. I recommend approval of all items as presented.

### **Board Letter**

1. **Retired Board members:** As you will recall, the board wanted to recognize our past board members for their contributions over the years. This Saturday evening all past board members have been invited to

come tour the high school and attend an evening of entertainment at the HS drama club's Cabaret. Amy has made certificates and has little goody bags to go along with them. Unfortunately, I will be in Pennsylvania visiting my daughter so I will be unable to attend.

2. **CDEP memo**: ??? (I received this memo from Kim with a note saying it was for the board letter.... )
3. **January Regents Dates**: We have found an error in our school calendar. We show the regents dates running from January 26<sup>th</sup> through January 29, and NYS Regents dates are actually January 27<sup>th</sup> through January 30 (one day later to start and one day later to end).
4. **XXX**
5. **Veteran's Day Holiday**: Just a reminder that the schools and the offices will be closed next Tuesday to honor the veteran's day holiday.
6. **XXX**
7. **XXX**
8. **Upcoming Dates**:

11/7 & 8 – Jr. High Area All State @ Pittsford Sutherland  
11/10 – Dollars for Scholars Phone –A-Thon  
11/10 – County/School Tax Discussion  
11/10 – HS PTSA Mtg @ Faculty Room – 7:00 p.m.  
11/11 – School's Closed – Veteran's Day  
11/12 & 13– Grade 5 NYS Social Studies Exam  
11/13 – Board of Education Meeting  
11/14 – FE Family Night  
11/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences – Grades K-12  
11/15 – HS Drama Club “**Cabaret**” @ PAC – 7:00 p.m.

13. **Attachments**:

A) CDEP memo  
Tot Spot Email  
Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/28  
Four County Meeting Notice – November 24  
WFL BOCES Newsletter “*Board to Board*”- October



# Wayne Central School District Office of the Superintendent of Schools

## Memorandum

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**TO: Board of Education**  
**FROM: Kim Cox**  
**RE: The Comprehensive District Education Plan**  
**DATE: 11/7/08**

The Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) team met on 8/21/08 and made two minor revisions to the shared decision making structure and plan for the district. The team also approved minor adjustments to the Professional Development Plan. (PDP). 2009 will end our district CDEP plan and will call for resubmission of our instructional plans, including, Professional Development, English as a Second Language, Physical Education, Academic Intervention, Annual Professional Performance Review, along with our Annual School Improvement Plan. Each of these plans will be completed or revised through the 2008-2009 school year and will be presented to the board for approval during the 2008-2009 school year.

I recommend that you approve these revisions to the Wayne Central School District's Comprehensive District Education plan.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

These changes are minor and outlined below;

	Changes		Previously
Shared Decision Making	Team meetings were expanded to include members of the Professional development team and the Wayne Central teacher resource board. community. This allowed for a more comprehensive discussion of the data and the professional development needed to target areas of need.		CDEP met independently of the other two teams and sent recommendations for professional development.
Professional Development Plan	Made the focus for the 2008-2009 professional development days, "Differentiated instruction" and "Looking at Student work"		These activities were to be accomplished at the building level.



WCSD Employee's;

I would like to take a moment to extend a thank you to all of you from all of The Tot Spot employees. The teachers are so grateful for all your help during our fire drills and the children had a GREAT time attending the recent assembly. The weather could not have been any more perfect for the Halloween parade in which The Tot Spot was invited as well. The children were so excited to show off their costumes.

Speaking of great news and welcoming, The Tot Spot would like to extend openings to your friends and family members as well. Please feel free to pass on our phone number 315-524-1139 to schedule a tour.

Thank you,  
Stacy Bills  
The Tot Spot 1 Site Director

TO: Safety Committee Members:  
Chris Shaffer - Committee Co-Chairperson (MS Asst. Principal)  
Fred Prince - Transportation  
Maureen Doyle – MS PE  
Tom Lucieer – OE Maintenance  
Mark Callahan - DO Administration  
Lori Sensenbach – OP SCRIP  
Pamela Buddendeck– FE Instructional  
Rob Chapman – SRO  
Jacque Brunner - School Board Rep.  
Pat Griswold – OE Nurse  
Riley Wheaton – HS Science

FROM: Bob Miller – Committee Co-Chairperson (Dir. of Facilities)  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
DATE: October 28, 2008

### Old Business

Bob LaRuche has submitted a request to have a camera system installed, along with the doorbell, to monitor the handicapped entrance at the south end of Ontario Primary School.

The structural inspection was performed on October 21<sup>st</sup>. There were just a few minor items noted that will be repaired by the maintenance department.

### New Business

There was a fire alarm pulled at OE by a Head Start student. The staff and students made an orderly evacuation to OP because of the rainy weather and after the fire department responded, the staff and students returned to OE.

I attended the October BOCES health and safety meeting. Some of the items that we discussed were:

- Asbestos in pour-in vermiculite insulation
- Bird Flu confirmed in Tyson chickens in Arkansas
- West Nile Virus confirmation in a hawk in Livingston County

We had a fire alarm in the PAC on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00am. I discovered that a mechanical contractor who was working for the district had left the electronic valve open, causing the HVAC unit to overheat. The problem was corrected the following day.

There was some vandalism, using spray paint, around the high school track area. After an investigation, the persons responsible for the damage were identified. The maintenance staff was able to clean off most of the paint without leaving any permanent damage.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 9th at 8:00am.

# Four County School Boards

1 Drumlin Court  
Newark, NY 14513  
315/332-7294  
315/332-7474 FAX  
4countysba@edutech.org



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Monday, November 24, 2008**

Club 86, Avenue E, Geneva, NY

*5:30 – Registration/Conversation  
6:30 – Dinner*

*5:45 - Board of Directors' Meeting  
7:30 – Program*

### **“ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE BOARD MEMBER?”**

*Facilitated by*

**Barry Entwistle**

*Director of Leadership Development, New York State School Boards Association*

*with use of*

**The Audience Response System**

*Courtesy of Reese Davis and Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield*

Test your knowledge and experience against that of your Four County colleagues and the experts! We will explore the role and responsibilities of the board vs. those of the superintendent! Help us to identify the difference between oversight and accountability and micro management? Is it always clear or are there gray areas? **Barry Entwistle**, who is also a former board of education member, will pose the questions while audience members test their answers through the popular format of the audience response process. Thanks to **Reese Davis**, former Four County president and retired Director of Education for BCBS, for borrowing the system and his time to program and run it.

Join us for this interactive program - And for the Board of Directors' Meeting at 5:45.

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(This notice has been sent to all Four County board members, superintendents, board clerks and secretaries.)

**Four County School Boards Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Monday, November 24, 2008**

Please make your reservations no later than Thursday, November 20, 2008 by:

Ph: 315-332-7294

Fax: 315-332-7474

E-mail: [4countysba@edutech.org](mailto:4countysba@edutech.org)

**Meal Choices are: New York Strip-\$29.00**

**Baked Whitefish-\$24.00**

**Pasta Primavera-\$19.50**

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*24 hour cancellation notice required*

# Board To Board

News From the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education to Your Board of Education

RJEC Students listen to fire safety information from "Squirt" a robotic, voice activated fire hydrant used for educational purposes. Story on page 2.

## CEL Teacher Receives Walmart Teacher of the Year Honors

Krista Stowe, a social studies teacher at the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) in Stanley, was recently chosen as the Walmart Teacher of the Year for the Canandaigua store. Bob Smith, Walmart's Community Involvement Coordinator and Travis Smith, CEL graduate and Walmart Sales Associate, presented Krista with her award in front of her current students and coworkers at a ceremony held on October 20, 2008. According to Bob, Krista was chosen from more than 80 nominations submitted to the store during August 2008. Krista won a \$1,000 grant for her school, a \$100 gift card for class supplies and an award certificate. By receiving this local honor, she is eligible to apply for Walmart Teacher of the Year state honors. All state winners are automatically entered into a national competition where one national winner will receive a \$25,000 school grant.

An excerpt from her nomination form reads, "Ms. Stowe takes the time to help students not only with school work, but with other problems they may be having. She is very friendly and always has a positive attitude." The CEL is a high school designed to meet the educational and social-emotional needs of students in grades nine through 12 who are considered to be "at-risk" for dropping out of high school using an alternative education philosophy and model. The CEL's average graduation rate over the past six years has been 91 percent which surpasses both state and regional averages.

Krista said, "The Center for Experiential Learning is very different from a traditional public school experience." Noting that the class size is much smaller and students

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**Bob Smith, Travis Smith from Walmart; Krista Stowe, CEL Social Studies Teacher; Bonnie Lindsay, W-FL BOCES Associate Superintendent for Instruction and John Sheehan, CEL Principal at the Walmart Teacher of the Year presentation ceremony.**



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www.wflboces.org phone 315-332-7400



## Mark Your Calendar!

**November 12th • 7 p.m.**

**Superintendent BOE Visit  
Bloomfield Central School District  
Middle/High School Cafeteria  
Oakmount Avenue, East Bloomfield  
585-657-6121**

**November 17th • 7 p.m.**

**W-FL BOCES November  
Board Meeting  
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center  
131 Drumlin Court, Newark  
315-332-7284**

**November 20th • 7:30 p.m.**

**Superintendent BOE Visit  
Canandaigua City School District  
Facilities & Operations Center  
5500 Airport Rd., Canandaigua  
585-396-3710**

**November 26, 2008 • 8 a.m.**

**W-FL BOCES All Staff Day  
Canandaigua Academy  
Academy Street, Canandaigua  
315-332-7283**

**December 15th • 7 p.m.**

**W-FL BOCES December  
Board Meeting  
W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center  
315-332-7284**



**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!**

# Red Jacket Education Center Students Learn About Fire Prevention

Two staff members from Red Jacket Education Center (RJEC), Danielle D'Arduini, computer support and Steve Walker, teacher's aide, who also serve as volunteer firefighters, coordinated a comprehensive Fire Prevention Day for RJEC students on October 10, 2008.

Eight firefighters from the Manchester Fire Department and the Citizens Hose Company in Shortsville generously donated their time and fire prevention expertise with students. They also brought their ladder and rescue truck, pumper, ambulance, fire gear and educational fire prevention information to RJEC for the benefit of the students.

Students were given the opportunity to climb on the rescue truck and watch the ladder extend and move around high above them. They also wore full firefighter gear and were able to touch and hold fire tools like a pike pole, axe and nozzle. Danielle and Steve conducted a fire safety presentation for students to let them know the dangers of house fires and measures they can take to prevent them. They also addressed what to do and what not to do if students found themselves in a house fire situation. Students were ensured that firefighters are their friends and that the gear they wear although scary looking, is for protection.

Danielle said that her favorite part of the day was seeing the excitement and joy on the student's faces as they

experienced climbing on the trucks and trying on her fire gear. They also enjoyed "Squirt" the robotic, voice and motion controlled fire hydrant that spoke about fire safety and squirted water when the students least expected it. "I enjoyed talking to the children about fire safety and answering any questions they had," she added.

School principal, Lynda Scribner said that the day was a huge success. "The volunteers from our community truly extended themselves so our kids could have a beneficial, hands-on learning experience." She added, "To understand what to do in a fire situation is so important for my kids. Meeting the firefighters and talking to them, touching their equipment and putting on their gear was a great way for the students to learn about fire safety and prevention." She

also thanked Danielle and Steve for their efforts, as well as both local fire departments and firefighters who made the day possible.



Danielle D'Arduini, RJEC computer support and event coordinator, poses with one of her students who is wearing her fire gear.



(Left) Students at RJEC learned that although the fire gear looks intimidating, firefighters are their friends.

(Right) Students at RJEC climb inside the Manchester Fire Department's ladder and rescue truck at Fire Prevention Day in October.

# Williamson Campus Open House

Hundreds of people attended the annual W-FL BOCES Williamson Campus Open House held on October 23, 2008 for Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC), Wayne Education Center (WEC) and the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL). Parents, students and members of the community were able to meet with teachers, view student projects, taste culinary samples, receive a manicure or pedicure, witness rope climbing and other student demonstrations, decorate a pumpkin, and tour the facilities.

Prior to the Open House, free workshops presented by current tech and career students and staff were held including hair braiding, chainsaw sharpening and maintenance, introduction to Microsoft Excel, low impact toning/stretching, and seasonal cuisine/appetizers. Representatives from 11 colleges and the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Adult & Continuing Education Program were available to answer student's questions about their post secondary school and career choices.

For more information about WTCC, contact Craig Logan, Principal at [clogan@wflboces.org](mailto:clogan@wflboces.org) or visit WTCC online at [www.wflboces.org/wtcc](http://www.wflboces.org/wtcc)  
 For more information about WEC, contact Paula Donohue at [pdonohue@wflboces.org](mailto:pdonohue@wflboces.org)  
 For more information about the Center for Experiential Learning, contact John Sheehan at [jsheehan@wflboces.org](mailto:jsheehan@wflboces.org)



**WTCC Cosmetology student, Brandy Thorn from Newark braids Danielle Howard's hair during the open house.**



**Culinary Arts students Bret Cole, Williamson; Tyler O'Malley Vonn, Sodas; Brandon Jones, Pal-Mac and Megan Bell, Red Creek prepared pumpkin rolls, peanut butter truffles, mini burgers, pork tenderloin and other delicious appetizers.**



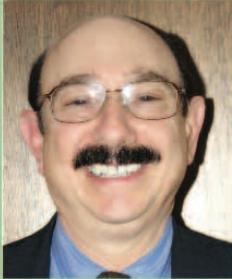
**Deb Osso, School Social Worker; Matt Steiner, 10th grade Teacher; Randi Hall, WEC student and behind her a family friend; Dr. Joseph Marinelli, W-FL BOCES District Superintendent and Karley Rous, 10th grade Teacher at the WEC open house.**



## Mud Time!

PreK students at FLTCC's Early Childcare Center (ECC) didn't let the cold October weather stop them from having outdoor fun. ECC tech and career student Dan Bassett from Naples (right), helps Owen create just the right mixture of dirt and water to create an indoor tub of mud.

# W-FL BOCES District Superintendent Featured on National Podcast



Marinelli

W-FL BOCES District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli was recently featured on an episode of "The District Leaders Podcast" national website. The District Leader's Podcast provides a forum where district leaders can share their experiences and expertise in a flexible format that works with busy schedules.

The podcast episodes showcase interviews with district leaders from around the country. During the podcast, Dr. Marinelli discusses the important role BOCES plays in the educational arena and the services/programs BOCES provides to component school districts and to the community. During the interview, he also discusses the many ways BOCES positively impacts regional student performance.

The podcast is currently live on the District Leader's website at <http://www.districtleaderpodcast.org> and is listed as episode (ep.) 23.

## Join Us!



**WAYNE - FINGER LAKES**  
Board of Cooperative Educational Services

## W-FL BOCES Stanley Campus Open Houses

Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center Open House

Center for Experiential Learning Open House

**Thursday, November 6, 2008**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**

3501 County Road #20  
Stanley, New York  
FLTCC 585.526-6471  
CEL 585.526.4665

## Walmart Teacher of the Year Honors continued



**Krista Stowe (far left) in Washington D.C. with Center for Experiential Learning students on an educational field experience.**

engage in learning experiences outside of the classroom on a regular basis. In addition to leaving the building on community service and curriculum-based field trips, students also learn differently in the classroom. "We focus on teaching to our students multiple intelligences as much as possible and trying to connect the content information to their daily lives and experiences," she said. For example, rather than lecturing to students about the Industrial Revolution in U.S. History, CEL students learned about its positive and negative effects by simulating a factory setting and producing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. "All students have different learning styles and strengths, and at CEL we focus on creating activities that will cater to our student's diverse talents," Krista added.

Krista is a resident of Ontario, New York and has worked at the CEL for three years. She said that her eighth grade social studies teacher and soccer coach, Carol Fries, inspired her to become a teacher. "She taught in a very engaging and experiential manner well before it was a common technique in the classroom," Krista said. "She had such energy and passion for the content and I quickly grew to love social studies."

For more information about the W-FL BOCES Center for Experiential Learning, contact John Sheehan, principal at 585.526.4665. For more information about the Walmart Teacher of the Year Program, contact Bob Smith at 585.394.5300.