Career and Technical Education

SIX DISTRICTS HOLD SUMMER LEAP PROGRAMS

MBOCES coordinated Summer LEAP academic enrichment programs for elementary school students in six component districts: Camden, Canastota, Madison, Morrisville-Eaton, Rome and Vernon-Verona-Sherrill.

MOBOCES has assisted districts with coordinating summer learning opportunities through the LEAP program for many years. These programs aim to provide a hands-on, interactive learning environment to engage students.

Staff and Curriculum Development

WAHL BEGINS NEW YEAR OF LITERACY WORKSHOPS

National literacy expert Olivia Wahl began her second year of intensive, extended professional development with teachers and administrators in the MOBOCES region.

To kick off the yearlong series, Olivia held 10 half-day sessions over a week in August for teachers and administrators of grades K-5. Her workshops focused on an introduction and understanding of the components of balanced literacy that support independent reading as well as conferring structures and considering different teaching resources and lenses.

Workshop participants were from: Camden, Canastota, Madison, Morrisville-Eaton, Rome, Stockbridge Valley, VVS and Holland Patent.

Olivia’s work supports the regional “Fostering a Culture of Reading” initiative. Like last year, Olivia will hold lab sessions throughout 2018-19 to provide educators with an opportunity to see her strategies in action, followed by debriefing and discussion sessions. The first lab sessions will take place in October.

Regional Information Center

MORIC SUPPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Throughout the summer, the MORIC Technical Team has collaborated with component districts on multiple wireless and infrastructure projects across the region. These wireless networks will support students, teachers and administrators as they get started in the 2018-19 school year.

In the MOBOCES region, team members installed more than 30 new switches and 165 new access points in multiple districts, and they ran new fiber lines in Camden and VVS as well as the MOBOCES campus.

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**Center for Instructional Support**

**SLS HOSTS STEAM, GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS**

The School Library System hosted four hands-on workshops in August for educators and librarians in the region.

Presenter Kristin Fontichiaro, a faculty member at the University of Michigan, led two August 21 workshops – one on Toy Take-Apart and one on Data Visualization.

The Toy Take-Apart session allowed participants to break down discarded toys and explore the electronic components. Participants learned strategies for incorporating this type of activity into makerspace and STEAM lessons.

The Data Visualization session offered strategies for helping students become more data literate, including reading and creating visualized data in a variety of settings.

Tim McDonnell of the New York Geographic Alliance led two August 22 workshops on the new giant floor maps recently added to the MOBOCES Media Library collection. Both sessions, part of the CIS Learn and Borrow series, focused on the 17-foot-by-21-foot New York State map, with Tim demonstrating ways to teach geographical reasoning, incorporate geography into history lessons, and meet NYS Social Studies Standards. In addition to the state map, CIS also has a giant floor map of North America, and both are available for district staff to borrow.

**Adult and Continuing Education**

**BCCE TO LAUNCH PART-TIME NURSING PROGRAM**

The New York State Office of Professions recently approved a BCCE proposal to offer a part-time practical nurse training program.

BCCE leaders and the Policy Board spent about two years developing the proposal following a request by the Slocum Dickson Medical Group (SDMG) in New Hartford. The new 19-month program will help members of the SDMG workforce earn their LPN credential.

The first cohort will begin in September, and the 18 students include both SDMG employees and members of the public interested in a more flexible training program.

**Alternative and Special Education**

**SUMMER PROGRAM ENDS WITH CELEBRATIONS**

The six-week Extended School Year program wrapped up August 17 and held a number of special events and presentations in August to celebrate the summer and keep students engaged through the end of the program. Guests included the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department and the Utica Zoo, and staff arranged for a water play day with water slides and inflatables.

The final day included the annual student talent show, which featured singing, dancing, music and magic performances as well as student art displays.

**Management Services**

**GRANT FUNDS HAMILTON FFA PROJECT**

Planning and Grant Writing Specialist Lisa Seitz helped Hamilton’s FFA Advisor Johanna Fox-Bossard successfully apply for a $3,000 grant from the National FFA Organization. The Live to Serve grants offer competitive funding for FFA chapters across the country to support service learning projects.

The grant will support a partnership between the Hamilton FFA, the Hamilton Food Cupboard and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County to address community hunger and nutrition. In particular, the FFA plans to purchase a tiered rack system that will allow for increased production of fresh vegetables to be used in the school lunch program and the Family and Consumer Science classroom and donated to the local food pantry.

FFA members also plan to interact with the community to address the issue by publishing an article in the local newspaper, volunteering at the food pantry, distributing informational brochures, and sending home produce and information for students and families.

**Early Childhood Education**

**DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW WORKSHOP DATES**

The Early Childhood division recently released its annual brochure of trainings and workshops for component district staff and community members. The dates are available on the Early Childhood section of the MOBOCES website.

The workshops, led by Director Colleen Wuest, include Youth Mental Health First Aid and Pyramid Model trainings as well as early childhood topics. Throughout the year, Colleen also leads trainings in districts and at community agencies upon request.

**THE FALL CATALOG IS BACK**

After a hiatus of several years, the BOCES Consortium of Continuing Education has revived its fall course catalog! Find it in print and online, at www.moboces.org/adulted.