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The Energy Educator

▶ VISITORS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH OUR PROGRAM

BY DISTRICT ENERGY MANAGER JAMES BROWN

Last spring we had two different energy consultants walk through some of our buildings to look for additional ways we could conserve energy. These consultants worked at no cost to us through programs sponsored by the EPA and NYSERDA. After finding very few additional ways we could use to reduce energy consumption, both consultants (independent of each other) said to me, "You guys aren't giving me much to work with."

That is quite a compliment to the employees of our district who are doing an excellent job conserving energy, and setting the bar for other districts to reach.

Both consultants said they were impressed with how well we have been able to reduce our energy consumption. One of the consultants mentioned that he had analyzed a neighboring district that had spent a lot of money on conservation equipment, and that they had not reduced their consumption nearly as much as we have. Once again, a huge compliment to our employees!

Did you know that out of 14,800 public school systems in the United States, fewer than 3 percent have any form of an energy management program? Considering how much money we have avoided spending on utilities (over one million dollars in



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The South Colonie Board of Education President Tim Ryan presents a certificate to Colonie Central High School Special Education Teacher Deidre Locke — one of 38 honored at a tenure reception in September. For more, please turn to page 3.

Welcome new S.C. district staff!

- Euphemia Adams High School Food Service Helper
- Audra Allen Forest Park Food Service Helper
- Barbara Baker Lisha Kill Food Service Helper
- Stephen Balogh High School Social Studies
- Bonnie Bellas Lisha Kill School Monitor
- Jenine Berkheiser Lisha Kill Foreign Language Teacher
- Linda Betkowski Lisha Kill School Monitor
- Matthew Botta High School Teaching Assistant
- Danene Campbell Veeder School Monitor
- Sekani Carroll Veeder School Psychologist
- Charlene Clark High School Monitor
- Mark Condor, Jr. Roesseville School Monitor
- Altona Cramer Sand Creek School Monitor
- Sharon Cuoccio Veeder School Monitor
- Anthony DeBlois Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
- Peter DeMarco Sand Creek Teaching Assistant
- Michael Deukmejian Forest Park Custodial Worker
- Alicia Devine Forest Park Elementary Teacher
- Stephen Doran Lisha Kill Teacher
- Jeremy Eggleston Saddlewood/High School Physical Education Teacher
- Lauren Falkenhainer Lisha Kill Alternative Education Teacher
- Karen Fleshman Veeder Elementary Teacher
- David Fields Sand Creek Math Teacher
- Joann Fields Lisha Kill/CALC Remedial Teacher
- Heather Frame Shaker Road Elementary Teacher

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Congratulations tenured staff

▶ 38 HONORED AT FALL RECEPTION

Nearly 40 of the district's finest teachers, teaching assistants and counselors were honored by the South Colonie Board of Education this fall for their recent tenure appointments.

A reception was held at Saddlewood Elementary School in September where President Tim Ryan joined other board members and administrators in presenting the honorees with certificates for this accomplishment. These district employees represented all eight schools. Featured on pages 2-3 are some photographs capturing the night. Congratulations to all!

- Brook Bourgeois Lisha Kill Industrial Arts
- Karen Amundsen Shaker Road Remedial Reading
- Carol Tomaszewski Colonie Central Teaching Assistant
- Carol Anne Barry-Macken Sand Creek Special Education
- Stephanie Stiles Colonie Central Mathematics
- Molly Chandler Roessleville Elementary Education
- Heather Boak Ryan Veeder Elementary Education
- Lauren Griffin Lisha Kill School Counseling & Guidance
- Lisa Marinucci Shaker Road Library Media Specialist
- Melissa Moskov Sand Creek English
- Caielin White Shaker Road Elementary Education
- Jennifer Furze Shaker Road Elementary Education
- Deidre Locke Colonie Central Special Education
- Alice O'Neill Lisha Kill Remedial Reading
- Susan Cowan Sand Creek English
- Joseph Gluck Veeder Elementary Education
- Laurie Adams Veeder Elementary Education
- Elaine DiDonato Colonie Central Foreign Language
- Michael DelPozzo Lisha Kill Art
- Kevin Fottrell Colonie Central Business
- Crystal Hilton Sand Creek Foreign Language
- Jennifer Petersen Colonie Central Physical Education
- Nina Rosen Colonie Central Social Studies
- Eric Rouleau Lisha Kill English
- Rian Richardson Veeder Physical Education
- Christopher Robilotti Colonie Central Social Studies
- Tara Martin Saddlewood Elementary Education
- Shaunna Reinisch Sand Creek Social Studies
- William Boardman Sand Creek Social Studies
- Aimee Bain Forest Park Special Education
- Sarah Bankowski Veeder Special Education
- Jeanne Lagasse Saddlewood Special Education
- Krista Jiampetti Lisha Kill Remedial Reading
- Lori Colello Veeder Teaching Assistant
- Tracy Roberts Sand Creek Social Studies
- Michael Klett Colonie Central Teaching Assistant
- Katherine Rickert Roessleville Elementary Education
- Connie Woytowich Colonie Central Science





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- Patricia Giannola Roessleville Elementary Teacher
- James Gooshaw District Maintenance Mechanic
- Linda Gresens Lisha Kill Teaching Assistant
- Joseph Guardino Lisha Kill Associate Principal
- Nicole Johnson Forest Park School Monitor
- Sarah Herzog Sand Creek Special Education Teacher
- Thomas Hutton Shaker Road Custodial Worker
- Lori Ira Lisha Kill Teaching Assistant
- Anita Johnson Lisha Kill Custodial Worker
- Coleen Landers High School Office
- David Logiudice Forest Park Custodial Worker
- Michael Kanaly High School Teaching Assistant
- Karin Kane High School Food Service Helper
- Deborah Korzyck School Bus Driver
- Kinda Kowalaski High School Nurse
- Kerry Labombard High School English Teacher
- Jessica LaFex Lisha Kill English Teacher
- Andrea Leighton Shaker Road Elementary Teacher
- Brooke Leighton High School Music Teacher
- Katie Lombardo Lisha Kill Foreign Language Teacher
- Sherri Long Math K-8 Academic Head
- Lori Lovell Forest Park Food Service Helper
- Michael Lubbers Roessleville/Veeder/Saddlewood Art Teacher
- Eric Lucas School Bus Driver
- Jaclyn Lupe High School English Teacher
- Amy MacHaffie Veeder Reading Teacher
- George Marano Veeder School Monitor
- Brett Maksymik Roessleville Elementary Teacher
- Susan Mead Forest Park School Monitor
- Gregory Miller School Bus Driver
- Bridget Mineau Sand Creek School Nurse
- Kelly Muia High School Nurse
- Thomas Nicholson High School Associate Principal
- Steven Osuchowski High School Custodial Worker
- Mary Ellen Pachucki Shaker Road Elementary Teacher
- Jeffrey Parisi Shaker Road Elementary Teacher
- Michael Perrott Veeder Elementary Teacher
- Calvin Pitts Lisha Kill Teaching Assistant
- Nicholas Prince Lisha Kill School Monitor
- Brad Privett Sand Creek Custodial Worker
- Lisa Reisner Shaker Road Remedial Reading Teacher
- Janice Ann Riley Forest Park Food Service Helper
- Kevin Rosch CALC English Teacher
- Anne Rovelli Shaker Road School Monitor
- Alesha Rubino Lisha Kill Math Teacher
- Stacey Sausto Sand Creek Health Teacher
- Jessica Sawicki High School Science Teacher
- Michelle Schrader High School Science Teacher
- Erin Shull Roessleville Elementary Teacher
- Carol Skicke Shaker Road Food Service Helper
- Matthew Stein High School Physical Education Teacher
- Jeanne Stockwell Saddlewood School Monitor
- Walter Tambasco Automotive Mechanic
- Amy Tisa Veeder Speech Teacher
- Tomona VanZant School Bus Driver
- Debra Varsames Veeder Health Teacher
- Melissa Vecchio High School English Teacher
- Corinne Vinehout Lisha Kill Math Teacher
- David Wetzal High School Principal
- Emily White High School English Teacher
- Stephanie White Saddlewood Special Education Teacher
- Joseph Willey District Messenger



Can you break the code on the sign at Ralph's Tavern on Central Avenue? No, it's not the latest pizza special but a local business welcoming back South Colonie buses to our roads at the start of school in September. Bus No. 9 is driven by Sue Malewicz and Bus No. 58 by Melanie Fuchs.

South Colonie News & Notes

► KIM GUY LISTED IN TEACHERS' WHO'S WHO

Kim D. Guy has been nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years. Guy has taught in the district for 18 years and has recently been accepted as a grant reader for the U.S. Department of Education. She is also a former Fulbright Exchange Teacher (Scotland, UK in 1994-95). Guy is a certified English teacher at Colonie Central High School and Lisha Kill Middle School.

► LISHA KILL'S SMITH TEACHES IN POLAND

Lisha Kill fifth grade teacher Connie Smith and her daughter Allegra, a seventh grader at Bethlehem Middle School, returned to Poland for one month this summer to participate in the Teaching English in Poland Program sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation. This was her third trip and her daughter's second, but this time, they headed to the western border (their previous trips took them to Warsaw). The camp was in a rural setting (Przytok) and was attended by Polish students between the ages of 10-12. Each weekday morning, for three weeks, they taught conversational English in the classroom. After lunch, they were responsible for structuring recreational activities including soccer, crafts, vocabulary-type board games like Scategories, Catch Phrase, and Apples to Apples, and knitting. The entire American staff also planned several cultural events in the evenings, and the Polish staff counterparts did the same. At the conclusion of the three week camp program, the two were given a free guided tour of some major areas in southern Poland: Krakow, Auschwitz, and Zakopane on the Czech border, to name a few.

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less than four years) I am surprised by this fact. When we began our energy management program there was only one other district in the capital region that had an energy manager as part of their staff. Now, four years later, numerous districts in our area have begun their own energy management program, or are in the process of beginning one. I am certain that the success of our program has had a lot to do with that.

The success of our program is because you — the users of our energy consuming devices — use them wisely. Shutting off the lights when a room (classroom, bathroom, faculty room, office, etc.) is empty, shutting down computers at the end of each day (or whenever not in use), and turning off the window air conditioners at the end of the day does make a difference. Thank you for your efforts and let's have another great and energy-wise school year!

TWO VERY IMPORTANT STEPS TO SAVINGS ...

1. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS WHEN YOU LEAVE AN EMPTY ROOM.
2. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF ALL COMPUTERS, PRINTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WHEN IT IS NOT NEEDED.

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