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RBERN WEEKLY NOTES
A weekly roundup of news and information from the
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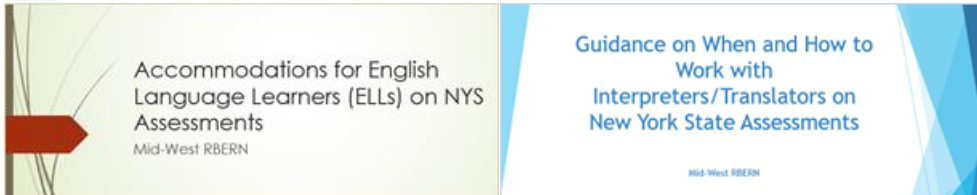www.monroe2boces.org/rbern   (585) 352-2790

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RBERN Current PD Offerings
Please see the attached flyers for details about our upcoming professional development sessions.
Visit MyLearningPlan to register.

- **Wayne-Finger Lakes ESOL Collegial Circle – 5/10** *(New members welcome!)*
- **Genesee Valley ENL Collegial Circle – 5/14**
- **NYSESLAT In-District Writing Training – 5/21**
- **NYS Seal of Biliteracy Midwest Regional Collaborative – 5/21**

Accommodations for English Language Learners (ELLs) on NYS Assessments
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Guidance on When and How to Work with Interpreters/Translators on New York State Assessments
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NEW WEBINARS on Testing Accommodations
These webinars are for educators who will be providing this testing accommodation to ELLs or Former ELLs and/or will be working with an interpreter/translator on New York State Assessments.
➢ To view Midwest RBERN Webinars and supporting resources, visit:
http://www.monroe2boces.org/Webinars.aspx

CELEBRATION SERIES
Celebrating Asian Pacific American Culture & Heritage

COMMUNITY EVENT: Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration at the MAG on May 6th
Several times each year, the Memorial Art Gallery opens its doors and offers Rochester area families and community members the opportunity to learn more about specific cultures. These events for all ages feature hands-on art activities, music and dance demonstrations, storytelling, and a variety of cultural displays.

Suggested donation $5 per family. For more information, visit:
https://mag.rochester.edu/events/familycommunity-days/

RESOURCE: How Educators Can Learn More About Muslim Students During Ramadan
This year, the month of Ramadan will start on the evening of May 15th, 2018. This helpful article, Larry Ferlazzo's Guest Post – "As the New Moon Grows, We Can Too: How Educators Can Learn More About Muslim Students During The Month of Ramadan" shares tips for educators on working with students during this month:
http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2018/04/23/guest-post-as-the-new-moon-grows-we-can-too-how-educators-can-learn-more-about-muslim-students-during-the-month-of-ramadan/

FROM WXXI: Regents Review Broadcast Schedule & Resources
Regents Review 2.0 is a series of test-prep programs for high school students studying for the annual New York State Regents exams. See the attached schedule or visit: http://www.wcny.org/education/regentsreview/

IN THE NEWS: *Learning the language: Understanding English invaluable for immigrant parents, pride in children is bilingual*
Parents of Batavia students meet weekly with teachers to learn practical language skills:
http://www.thedailynewsonline.com/bdn01/learning-the-language-understanding-english-invaluable-for-immigrant-parents-pride-in-children-is-bilingual-20180417

IN THE NEWS: Teacher of Refugee, Immigrant Students Named *2018 National Teacher of the Year* by the Council of Chief State School Officers
http://edprepmatters.net/2018/04/teacher-of-refugee-immigrant-students-named-2018-national-teacher-of-the-year/

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Our Goal at Mid-West RBERN:
The Mid-West Regional Bilingual Resource Network is part of the NYS Education Department's network of support for schools.
The goal of RBERN is to assist districts and schools in creating an educational environment for English Language Learners which engages everyone in meaningful teaching and learning.

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