



The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic
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Upcoming Events

Summer Picnic - Community Services for Adults

September 12
Liberty Park
Columbus, NJ
Contact: Jeanne Bozicek, (856) 428-0685, ext. 128

Pediatric and Adolescent Program Advisory Committee Mtg.



Bancroft featured in Main Line Times

We're pleased to share a wonderful story on the Walker Center's Parenting Program, which appeared last week in the Main Line Times. (Click on the link below.)

As you may know, the Walker Center became part of Bancroft last fall. The program supports parents who have intellectual or developmental challenges.

Special thanks to Kathy Hayes and her daughter Regina (pictured above) for participating in the interview and sharing their special story, as well as proud Walker Center staff member Virgia Lemon.

In addition to its parenting program, the Walker Center offers community-based residential programs, as well as respite care, for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Click here](#) to view the article.

Honoring our 'everyday heroes:' direct-care workers

They support and care for your loved ones, day in and day out. These dedicated employees - and often, unsung heroes - can have the greatest daily, personal impact on your family member's quality of life.

September 13
Lullworth Conference
Room, Haddonfield
Campus
4 to 6 p.m.
Contact: Melanie
Bianucci, (856)
524-7287

**Delaware's First Direct
Support**

Professionals' Day

September 16*
Rodney Square
Wilmington, DE
*Rain date: Sept. 17
(same time and
location)

**Effective Goal Writing
for IEP Success**

*Developmental
Disabilities Workshop*
September 22
Farrington Conference
Room, Haddonfield, NJ
Contact: Jeanne Allison,
(856) 524-7371

**New Family Welcome
Orientation**

September 23
Cooley Hall Gym
Haddonfield Campus
Haddonfield, NJ
Contact: Kathy
Nazarok (856)
524-7366

Bancroft Day

October 16
Challenge Grove Park,
Cherry Hill, NJ (near
Haddonfield Campus)
Contact: Debbie
Conner, (856) 524-7023

**Challenging Behaviors
in the Classroom**

*Developmental
Disabilities Workshop*
October 20
Farrington Conference
Room, Haddonfield, NJ
Contact: Jeanne Allison,
(856) 524-7371

Each September, a week is designated to recognize the millions of direct-support professionals nationwide. This year, **National Direct Support Professionals Week is Sept. 12 - 18.**

During that period, we hope you will take the opportunity to thank someone who provides direct care to a family member - at Bancroft and elsewhere.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Write a Bancroft "Respect" card (an official note of recognition based on Bancroft's core value of Respect). [Click here](#) for the form.
- Write a letter of appreciation and send it to the Communications Office so it can be shared publicly. You can direct these letters or notes to Kathy Ross at kross@bnh.org and she will make sure they are shared with those you are recognizing and others.
- Send a fruit basket, bring in baked goods or order pizza for a group of staff.
- Just say "Thank you!"

Bancroft programs will also be recognizing these deserving employees in various ways throughout the week, and we're grateful for the national recognition they're receiving.

We are confident that any gesture of appreciation from family members, as well, will be meaningful. Thank you for your support.



Pictured above with Douglas (who is shown at far right) are his Whole Foods supervisors (seated) Ivy Flora and Jason Navia, and standing from left to right: Stephen Bruce, Anita Maria Garcia, Business Advisory Committee member Mike Tolen (behind Ivy), Victoria Sweeney, and Tim Marshall (holding balloons).

Whole Foods an 'employer with vision'

Butterfly Ball

October 22
The Westin
Mount Laurel
Contact: Kimberly
Caputo, (856) 348-1145

York Lecture Series on Assistive Technology and Vendor Fair

November 12
Lecture at Cherry Hill
Library, Vendor Fair at
Cooley Hall Gym,
Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Sue Crouse
(856) 348-4010

Strategies for Reducing Holiday Stress

*Developmental
Disabilities Workshop*
November 17
Farrington Conference
Room, Haddonfield, NJ
Contact: Jeanne Allison,
(856) 524-7371

Staffers from Bancroft's Supported Employment Program for adults visited the Whole Foods supermarket in Marlton last week to congratulate the store for welcoming people with disabilities into its workforce.

Douglas Soddy of Voorhees has been employed successfully at Whole Foods for six years as a customer service clerk. According to his supervisor, Jason Navilliat, "Doug is a terrific employee with an outstanding work ethic. He truly exemplifies what Whole Foods is all about. Customers are always on the lookout for Doug when they come to our store. He has acquired quite a fan base."

Great job, Douglas! And, special thanks to Whole Foods for being an employer with vision!

New to Bancroft? Let us help you!

Bancroft offers many resources and opportunities, but families aren't always aware of them. To help you better understand the organization and its offerings, we hold New Family Welcome events. The next one will be on **September 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Cooley Hall gymnasium on the Haddonfield Campus.

We've received a lot of positive feedback on these gatherings since our first welcome event last spring. In fact, one mom said we answered questions she didn't even know she had!

All family members - new or not - are welcome. To register for the September session, please call Kathy Nazarok at (856) 524-7366 or e-mail knazarok@bnh.org.

Students earn high scores on state evaluation

Bancroft students performed very well on this year's New Jersey Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) - a state-required standardized assessment for students who are unable to take typical standardized tests.

Of the 73 Bancroft students who participated in the APA this past school year:

- 90% scored Proficient or Advanced Proficient in Language Arts Literacy
- 95% scored Proficient or Advanced Proficient in Mathematics
- 86% of the students who also participated in the Science content area (grades 4, 8 and 11 only) scored Proficient or Advanced Proficient in that area

Rather than giving standardized tests on particular days, the APA evaluates portfolios of students' performance data collected during the

school year. The state's education department then evaluates this data to measure students' progress toward New Jersey's educational standards. Teachers collected this year's data on student performance during instructional activities covering specific skills, from September 2009 until February 2010.

Congratulations to our students and staff for these outstanding scores!

On 10-10-10...catch the power!

Imagine what would happen if you - and every Bancroft supporter - got ten friends to each give \$10 to the organization... Such small gifts multiplied by thousands would add up to giant benefits for the people we serve!

We call that the Power of Ten - and on 10-10-10, we hope you'll join us in this effort.

Please watch for more information in the next issue of Family Buzz so you can support the Power of Ten.

New site, walk for Bancroft Day

Bancroft Day, the organization's annual festival, will be held at a different site this year and will feature a new activity.

Scheduled for **Saturday Oct. 16** at Challenge Grove Park in Cherry Hill, N.J., the event will include a one-mile "fun walk" around the park. (Rain date: October 17.)

Walkers are asked to raise \$10 each for Bancroft. A special "Power of Ten" challenge seeks teams of ten walkers who each donate \$10. To register, call Jeanne Bozicek at (856) 428-0685 or email jbozicek@bnh.org.

Bancroft Day features music, dancing, games, arts and crafts, food and more. We're planning an extra-special event this year, so watch for more information in the weeks to come.

Free health conference

The 2010 Camden County Women's Health Conference will be held on September 25 at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, N.J. The free conference will feature 64 workshops and 90 exhibitors, plus a complimentary continental breakfast and boxed lunch.

Bancroft staff members Lorraine Lewis, Misty Simmons and Lenore Layton will host a workshop titled "Developmental Disability: What's Really Behind the Door," which will offer guidance for families who

