



# The Family Buzz

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Communication for  
Families.

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## Upcoming Events

**Bancroft Night at Citizen's Bank Park**

July 23, 2010  
Phillies vs. Rockies  
7:05 p.m.  
Citizen's Bank Park

**SCCAT: Utilizing Relationship Development to Promote Behavior Change**

July 29, 2010  
10 a.m.-1p.m.  
Phone: (908) 497-9636, ext. 201



## Students' website wins international award

*Photos, stories behind public art bring works to life*

A group of 15 Bancroft students has won a second-place award in the international CyberFair competition, for their website on "roadside art."

The site, which competed in the Local Music and Art category, documents an extensive array of public artwork - from building-size murals to life-size statues, architecture and even live art (think Elvis impersonator!). The students took more than a dozen field trips, conducted interviews and researched the works for a thorough and visually stunning review of diverse pieces throughout South Jersey and Philadelphia.

The 14- to 18-year-old students are members of Sherri Colan's Secondary Academics morning class, and were guided by Senior Learning Consultant Susan Powell. One student worked with Learning Consultant Sr. Krista Mote.

View the entry at <http://www.globalschoolnet.org/gsnf/winners/> and then click on Category 8 on the right side.

**First Annual Pep Rally  
for Community  
Services for Adults**

August 22, 2010  
Lindenwold Moose  
Lodge

Contact: Jeanne  
Bozicek, (856)  
428-0685, ext. 128

**Riversharks Game  
Community Services  
for Adults**

August 28, 2010  
Campbell's Field  
Camden, NJ

Contact: Jeanne  
Bozicek, (856)  
428-0685, ext. 128

**Summer Picnic  
Community Services  
for Adults**

September 12, 2010  
Liberty Park  
Columbus, NJ

Contact: Jeanne  
Bozicek, (856)  
428-0685, ext. 128

**Bancroft Day**

October 16, 2010  
Haddonfield area  
Contact: Debbie Conner,  
(856) 524-7023

**Butterfly Ball**

October 22, 2010  
The Westin  
Mount Laurel  
Contact: Kimberly  
Caputo, (856) 348-1145

The annual CyberFair competition, run by GlobalSchoolNet, engages students in powerful educational storytelling activities, which benefit students and their communities. Please enjoy all of the entries on the website -- for a virtual journey around the globe -- and learn how education can unite people and communities.

Congratulations to the students and staff of The Bancroft School for this wonderful achievement!

## Bancroft Night at the Phillies Game - Friday, July 23rd!



We are very excited that the Phillies have designated their game on July 23 as Bancroft Night at Citizens Bank Park! Thanks to our new Board member, Phillies player Greg Dobbs, we were given 100 tickets, which we are making available to persons served from across the organization and their staff through a prize

drawing. Over a hundred entries have been received, and the lucky winners will be announced before the end of the week. The opportunity also includes pre-game batting practice for about 25 individuals, which should be a lot of fun.

We know that many of our families and staff attend Phillies games routinely, so if you have an opportunity to attend on your own that evening, please do! Let us know if you will be there, and we will give you a Bancroft button to wear to show your support.



## Older adults 'visit' the islands

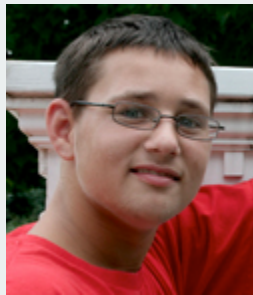
About 75 folks from the Flicker Residences for older adults felt like they were on a tropical vacation recently, thanks to staff members Linda Miller and Stephanie Young and our friends at Art-Reach. In a room decorated to look like the South Pacific -- with audience members dressed to match - percussionist Daria kept everyone entertained for over an hour while she played some of our favorite tunes on some of the most unusual instruments.

Much to the group's surprise, instruments such as cow hooves, a donkey jaw, washboard, and spoons made beautiful music. The educational and entertaining performance as well as the special Hawaiian barbecue that followed (catered by Dennis Duffy and team), were enjoyed by one and all!

[Click here for slide show](#)

The mission of Art-Reach is to enrich lives by connecting underserved audiences with cultural experiences so that they may enjoy and benefit from the transformative powers of the arts. The Flicker Residences has been a member of Art-Reach for many years, and plans are under way to expand that membership organization-wide, opening up a world of opportunities for those served across Bancroft. For more information on Art-Reach, check out their website at: [http://www.art-reach.org/ARR\\_Mi.html](http://www.art-reach.org/ARR_Mi.html)

## Student heads to National Games



Dalton Stilts' skills on the football field have earned him a trip to Lincoln, Nebraska, starting this weekend, where he'll compete in the Special Olympics National Games. The 15-year old Bancroft student will represent New Jersey as a member of the state's Special Olympics flag football team.

We are all so proud of Dalton and will be rooting for "Team NJ" from here! Opening ceremonies will be broadcast live on Sunday at 4 p.m. (New Jersey time) on the Internet at the links below. The links will also broadcast games live, so we can all follow Dalton and his team as they compete! Go, Dalton and Team NJ!

[www.sonj.org](http://www.sonj.org)

Special Olympics New Jersey's website

[www.2010specialolympics.org](http://www.2010specialolympics.org)

Special Olympics 2010 website. The opening ceremony starts at 3:00pm central (4:00pm eastern) on Sunday.

<http://specialolympicsnewjersey.wordpress.com/>

Special Olympics 2010 Blog which will be updated with the results, photos and highlights and the current days schedule of events.

<http://twitter.com/SONewJersey>

Special Olympics 2010 Twitter Feed will have updates live from events at the games

<http://www.facebook.com/SONewJersey>

Special Olympics Facebook page will have updates as well

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sonewjersey>

Special Olympics Flickr feed will have pictures downloaded from the Games.



*Bancroft student (left) Alex Siegel belts out a number with Robert Edelsohn (back), Todd Emmons (right), and the rest of the Joyful Noise chorus during a recent performance. Joyful Noise, a chorus of adults served Bancroft and other persons with disabilities, recently sang at a choral festival at the Katz Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill, NJ. The festival, called Singing from the Heart, brought together singers from several community choirs, including singers with and without disabilities. To learn more about Joyful Noise, visit [www.joyfulnoisearchorus.org](http://www.joyfulnoisearchorus.org).*

## Student singer enjoys spotlight

### My Fame and Fortune

By Alex Siegel, Bancroft School student

I was on television last night on Fox 29 News at 10:00. I sang with Joyful Noise at the Music Festival at the Cherry Hill JCC [Jewish Community Center].

It was a very great day because I sang there from the morning until the sing-along concert ended at night. It's not tiring for me and it's not exhausting. It's easy now for me to entertain people, and I've got friends there who are very good to me. They say, "You're amazing!"

Grandmom was happy with me because I behaved nicely and I cooperated nicely. It's my life dream to be an entertainer forever. I already have a job at Sweet Success [Bancroft's convenience store] and I get a paycheck for important activities like Joyful Noise. I have to pay my dues to belong to Joyful Noise. Entertaining is a lot of fun! It's my dream and my dream already came true!

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## Help us win!

In celebration of Kohl's Cares® 10th anniversary, they are donating \$500,000 to 20 schools for a total of \$10 million. Please help The Bancroft School win!

The \$10 million donation comes from the Kohl's Cares® cause merchandise program, which sells special merchandise, including plush toys and books, and donates 100 percent of the net profit to benefit children's health and education initiatives nationwide. For more information and official rules, visit [facebook.com/kohls](https://www.kohls.com). And, here's the link to their website: <https://www.kohls.com/AboutKohls/AboutKohls01.htm>

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## 20 years young

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) marks a major milestone this month - its 20th anniversary!

Passed on July 26, 1990, the ADA was this country's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities. According to the ADA's website ([www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)): "The ADA signifies the adoption of a public policy committed to the removal of a broad range of impediments to the integration of people with disabilities into society. Historically, societies have frequently misconstrued, overreacted to, or ignored differences in individual mental and physical abilities. Recorded instances of ridicule, torture, imprisonment and execution of people with disabilities are not uncommon."

As Bancroft moves toward creating "One World. For Everyone." we recognize and applaud the hard work and dedication of those responsible for the passage of this landmark legislation.

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## NJ budget news: a mixed bag

New Jersey has announced the signing of Governor Christie's budget plan for FY 2011. The plan proposes millions of dollars in cuts to close an unprecedented budget gap, and also would restore funding for a range of programs that support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

To read a copy of the state's press release on this subject, [click here](#).

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## ABCD News

We are pleased to share the [July issue](#) of the Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD) News with you here, which provides more information about the New Jersey state budget, and other important information, including:

- The state's progress on the College of Direct Support
- An Early Intervention Services update
- ABCD's upcoming training workshop on Aging and Developmental Disabilities

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