



The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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Celebrating Reading and Dr. Seuss

Students wore zany hats and socks. Visitors gave dramatic readings of "Horton Hears a Who." The Cat in the Hat paid a visit and gave out treats. It was all part of The Bancroft Schools' celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday last week and "Read Across America" - a nationwide effort to promote reading.

What a fun day for our students, staff and volunteers - and many thanks to the law firm of Ballard Spahr for providing both funds and volunteers for this event.

[Click here for more images](#)

Upcoming Bancroft Events

Researching the Basic Biology of Autism

March 11, 2009

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Autism Speaks

Biomedical Research Building (auditorium)

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

(856) 858-5400

4th Annual World Trade Association of Philadelphia Auction and Dinner

March 18, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Autism Speaks

Cescaphe Ballroom in Philadelphia

For ticket information: (856) 858-5400

Bancroft Workshop: Sexuality and People with Disabilities: Home & Community Perspectives

March 18, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Haddonfield campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 453

(Thanks to the generosity of the TD Charitable Foundation)

Bancroft Classic Spirit Competition

March 22, 2009

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Haddonfield High School

(856) 428-0685, ext. 103

Spring Party Pediatric & Adolescent Community Programs

March 25, 2009

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Nevada Group Home

(856) 429-5637, ext. 288

Special Olympics Fund-raising Event:

It's Brain Injury Awareness Month

Survivors Benefit from Specialized Support

Did you know that 1.4 million Americans sustain a brain injury each year? And that about 80,000 are left with permanent disabilities?

Survivors can face unique challenges: Because they may not have physical impairments that accompany their cognitive issues, others may not understand their needs. These individuals work hard to regain their self-sufficiency - and they deserve compassion, support and accommodations when needed.

Bancroft offers a full spectrum of programs for people with brain injuries at sites throughout Camden County, and in Mullica Hill, Brick Township and Plainsboro, N.J. We help survivors regain their abilities and reach their full potential for independent lives.

"We can work with individuals as their needs change," says Dr. Cynthia Boyer, Bancroft's Senior Director, Brain Injury Services. "Our range of services helps them receive steady, effective care without interruption."

For more information on Bancroft's programs for people with acquired brain injuries please, [click here](#).

Resource Fair: Recreation Programs for Individuals With Special Needs

Wednesday March 18

7 - 9 p.m.

Katz Jewish Community Center

1301 Springdale Road

Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Meet representatives from special-needs recreation programs across South Jersey at this free event, and get details on:

- Sports programs
- Summer camps
- Travel programs
- Arts programs
- Township programs
- Disability resources

For more information, visit <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=nkuz5ycab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0393&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.katzjcc.org%2F&id=preview>.

[Click here for flyer](#).

5th Annual Athlete Fashion Show

March 26, 2009

Dinner: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fashion Show: 7 p.m.

Bellmawr, NJ

RSVP: (856) 287-1235

Bancroft Fundraiser at Tortilla Press

March 30, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Collingswood, N.J.

Please contact restaurant for reservations:

(856) 869-3345

Bancroft Workshop: Characteristics of Autism

April 8, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Haddonfield campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 453

(Thanks to the generosity of the TD Charitable Foundation)

Hoops 4 Heart

April 09, 2009

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Bancroft School Gym

Haddonfield Campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 285

Family Council Dinner

April 16, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bancroft School Gym

Haddonfield Campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 279

Bancroft NeuroHealth's Seventh Inclusive Ministry Workshop

April 19, 2009

2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Bancroft School Gym

Haddonfield Campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 148

Bancroft Workshop: Introduction to Applied

See Staff Compete in Spirited "Bancroft Classic"

Join in the fun on Sunday **March 22**, as staff members compete in creative relay races, musical chairs, a hula hoop contest and other matches of skill, athleticism, and sheer silliness at the second annual Bancroft Classic!

Teams from the following programs have registered to date: Community Service for Adults, Brick Programs, Education, and Pediatric and Adolescent Residential Services.

The event begins at 1 p.m. at Haddonfield Memorial High School, followed by an awards ceremony at 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit staff-appreciation efforts. Don't forget to buy a T-shirt in advance, so you can watch the show for free!

Click here for a [T-shirt order form](#) and a [general flyer](#).

Want to support the Classic? Come join the fun and VOLUNTEER!

Lots of hands needed to make this event successful. Can you help?

- 10:30-1:00 for Tournament set-up
- 12:00-2:00 for Shirt and food sales
- 12:30-1:45 for Event Set-up
- 1:45-3:00 for Event Set-up
- 2:00-4:00 for Shirt and food sales
- 3:30-4:30 for Clean up

Call Deb Conner at (856) 429-5637, ext. 273 or email dconner@bnh.org.

[Click here for volunteer flyer](#)

Behavior Analysis

April 22, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Haddonfield campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 453

(Thanks to the generosity of the TD Charitable Foundation)

Bancroft School

Spring Show

April 24, 2009

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bancroft School Gym

Haddonfield Campus

(856) 429-5637, ext. 152



Answering phones for a good cause...

Kudos to our staff members who came out after the big snow last week to help WHYY, the Philadelphia-area's PBS station. The following volunteers fielded calls during WHYY's televised fundraising campaign: Chris Aha, Lori Gibbs, Beth Greer, Jackie Lott, Erin O'Brien, Teri Reed, Matthew Sharp and Colleen Tighe.

Toni Pergolin, Bancroft's president, also volunteered and was interviewed on live TV during a break in the popular "Antiques Roadshow" program. While Bancroft did not benefit monetarily from our participation, these volunteers helped to raise awareness of Bancroft and our services through this exposure to a large public-TV audience.

Free Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series

The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities will present a lecture series this spring for professionals, parents, people with disabilities and community members. Workshops are free, but advance registration is required by **March 20**. The following workshops will be held at the DoubleTree Guest Suites, 515 North Fellowship Road, Mount Laurel, N.J. For more information or to register, visit rwjms2.umdj.edu.

A Delicate Balance: Supporting Choice While Minimizing Risk

Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum, Esq. (of the law firm of

Brown, Goldstein and Levy)

Friday May 1

Those involved in supporting individuals with disabilities, whether providers, advocates, families, regulators, or funding agencies, share a common goal: providing real opportunities and real choices. However, each stakeholder comes to the table with different concerns and perspectives, including how best to achieve this common goal while minimizing risk to the individual and to others. This session will provide a framework in which these different perspectives may be considered and interests balanced, to find common ground in which to promote the delivery of excellent supports.

Lessons, Issues, and Next Steps in Healthcare Decision Making: Care at the End of Life

Leigh Ann Kingsbury, M.P.A. (CEO, InLeads Consulting and Training)

Friday May 8

In this presentation, Kingsbury will provide an overview of current issues, topics and lessons learned through planning with people with intellectual disabilities/developmental disabilities regarding healthcare decision-making and care at the end of life. She will explore the differences between competency and capacity, living wills and advance directives, and the importance of honoring cultures and rituals.

Behavioral Workshop for Parents and Professionals

Explanations and Strategies You can Understand and Utilize

Presenter: Lora Perry, M.S., BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst)

Saturday April 4

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Florence Township Volunteer Fire Company #1401 Firehouse Lane
Florence, NJ

This workshop is designed for those who care for children with autism and emotional and behavioral disorders, ADD, ADHD, bipolar, obsessive compulsive, oppositional defiant disorder and more.

Perry will teach participants how to:

- Regain control of home and classroom.
- Enjoy family time and community outings.

- Gain new insight on tackling issues from simple cooperation in home and school settings, to homework without tears and tantrums, as well as the most difficult and unsafe behaviors, running away, self-injury, property destruction or aggression.

[Click here for flyer.](#)

To register online, visit <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=nkuz5ycab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0393&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.njpase.com%2F&id=preview>.

Special Olympics Fund-raising Event

5th Annual Athlete Fashion Show

Bellmawr, NJ

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Dinner: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fashion Show: 7 p.m.

Come join us for a fun night out while supporting our Special Olympics teams. Some Bancroft athletes will be modeling.

RSVP to (856) 287-1235

[Click here for flyer](#)

Autism Society of America (ASA) and AMC Entertainment® to Host Sensory Friendly Films March 14

Thanks to Bob Staats, one of our family members, we are pleased to share the following upcoming event...

AMC Entertainment (AMC) and ASA have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. "Sensory Friendly Films" premiered across the country in August 2008, and will continue this month in the Philadelphia area with a special showing of the new film Race to Witch Mountain.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette, such as not talking during the film or sitting still through most of the show.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for this unique audience, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets are only \$6 at the AMC Cherry Hill 24 and the AMC Neshaminy 24, and can be purchased on the day of the event.

WHEN:

Saturday, March 14
10 a.m.

WHERE:

AMC Cherry Hill 24, 2121 Route 38, Cherry Hill, NJ
08002
AMC Neshaminy 24, 3900 Rockhill, Neshaminy Mall
660, Bensalem, PA 19020

Sensory Friendly Films are a nationwide event. Markets include Atlanta; Austin, Texas; Baltimore; Boston; Charlotte, N.C.; Chicago; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Columbia, S.C.; Columbus, Ohio; Dallas; Denver; Detroit; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Indianapolis; Kansas City; Los Angeles; Miami; Minneapolis; New York; Norfolk, Va.; Oklahoma City; Omaha, Neb.; Orlando, Fla.; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Pittsburgh; St. Louis; San Diego; San Francisco; San Jose; Seattle; Tucson, Ariz. and Washington, D.C. For a complete list of theatres, please visit www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms.

WHY:

An estimated 30 million people in the world have an autism spectrum disorder, 1.5 million in America alone. Every day in America, 67 families learn their child has autism. These families face challenges of care, support, education, financial hardship and medical and health care issues that make autism a national public health issue, costing the U.S. economy \$60 billion a year. Though there is no cure, autism is treatable and individuals with autism have tremendous potential.

ABOUT ASA:

ASA, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for

individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy. For more information, visit www.autism-society.org.

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