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The Family Buzz

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Upcoming Events

**Tuesday,
March 1**
2-5 pm open house



Students interview Bancroft's president

A group of probing reporters recently interviewed Bancroft President and CEO Toni Pergolin. The questioners - eight Bancroft students - peppered Ms. Pergolin with queries about Bancroft's logo and brand identity, for a school project.

It's all for CyberFair, an international competition of student-created websites on various research topics. Students research their topic within their own community through interviews, field trips and the like.

Last year's CyberFair entry - Bancroft students' website on roadside art - won a top award.

The students came up with more than 20 questions for Ms. Pergolin, about everything from the colors in our logo to the choice of our tag line, "One world. For everyone."

"Why did Bancroft change its logo?" asked one student.

4 pm ribbon cutting
**Little Butterflies
daycare grand opening**
Location: 812 Kings
Highway
Haddon Heights, NJ
RSVP: Jeanne Allison
Phone: (856) 524-7371

**Wednesday,
March 9**
6:30-8:30 pm
**Bullying from a Legal
Educational
Perspective**
*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop
Series*
Location: Farrington
building,
Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Pat Reid
Phone: (856) 524-7453
Email:preid@bnh.org

**Wednesday,
March 16**
6:30-8:30 pm
**Family Welcome
Orientation**
Location: Farrington
building, Haddonfield
Campus
Contact: Kathy Nazarok
Phone: (856) 524-7366
Email:knazarok@bnh.org

**Sunday,
March 20**
1-4 pm
Bancroft Classic
Location: Haddonfield
Memorial High School
Contact: Michelle
Habingreither
Phone: (856) 428-0685,
ext. 103

**Wednesday,
March 23**
6:30-8:30 pm
**College Preparation for
Students with
Intellectual Disabilities**
*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop*

To read more, [click here](#).

Join us for 'Bancroft Unplugged' - a night of personal stories

Bancroft Brain Injury Services will host a unique evening of personal tales, triumphs, insights and special moments, at "**Bancroft Unplugged: One world, many stories.**"

The event - scheduled for three sites in March, in celebration of Brain Injury Awareness Month - will feature brief autobiographical speeches by people with brain injuries.

Bancroft Unplugged events will be held from 7 to 9 pm as follows:

- March 15 in Brick, N.J.
- March 22 in Plainsboro, N.J.
- March 28 in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Each person's speech represents the culmination of many months of rehabilitation.

To read more, [click here](#).



Reminder: Open house March 1 for Little Butterflies daycare

Please join us as we celebrate the launch of Bancroft's first daycare program, Little Butterflies:

Tuesday March 1

Series

Location: Farrington building,
Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Pat Reid
Phone: (856) 524-7453
Email: preid@bnh.org

**Thursday,
March 24**
6:30-8:30 pm
**The Bancroft School
Bingo Night**

Location: Cooley Hall
Gym, Haddonfield
Campus
Contact: Deb Conner
Phone: (856) 524-7023

**Wednesday,
April 6**

6:30-8:30 pm
**Characteristics of
Autism Spectrum
Disorders**
*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop
Series*

Location: Farrington
building,
Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Pat Reid
Phone: (856) 524-7453
Email: preid@bnh.org

Friday, April 15
9:30 am to 12 pm
**The Bancroft School
Spring Show**

Location: Haddonfield
Memorial High School
auditorium
Contact: Dottie Walls
Phone: (856) 524-7360

Friday, April 15
7:30-8:30 pm
**The Bancroft School
Spring Dance**
(Ages 13 - 21)

Location: Cooley Hall
Gym, Haddonfield
Campus
Contact: Dottie Walls
Phone: (856) 524-7360

Open house from 2 - 5 pm
Remarks and ribbon-cutting at 4 pm

Little Butterflies
812 Kings Highway
Haddon Heights, NJ

This rare, inclusive program is designed for children both with and without developmental challenges, from birth to age 7.

Children are welcome to the open house, where they can enjoy supervised activities. RSVP to Jeanne Allison at (856) 524-7371 or email jallison@bnh.org.

For more details on Little Butterflies, please [click here](#).

For an invitation to the open house, please [click here](#).

Joyful Noise plans groundbreaking concert at national conference

*March 5 fundraiser planned - \$11,000 more
needed by Mar. 10!*

The Joyful Noise choir continues to raise funds so it can be the **first choir of its kind** to perform at the American Choral Directors Association's National Conference next month in Chicago.

"This invitation is an incredible honor and a tribute to our singers' gifts and dedication," says Allison Fromm, Joyful Noise director. "Now we just need to raise enough money to travel to Chicago!"

About 250 people attended a benefit dinner and concert last month (see story below), which raised over \$2,000 toward Joyful Noise's Chicago trip. But \$11,000 is still needed to cover the 35-member choir's travel costs - which it must raise by March 10.

So Joyful Noise is holding another benefit:

Soup, Sandwiches & Song
Saturday, March 5

Wednesday, April 20
6:30-8:30 pm
**Medical Developments
in the Biology of Autism**
*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop
Series*
Location: Farrington
building,
Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Pat Reid
Phone: (856) 524-7453
Email:preid@bnh.org

Lunch: 12-1:30 pm
Concert: 2-3 pm
Holy Saviour Campus
McDaid Hall
50 Emerald Avenue
(accessible entrance on Virginia Ave.)
Westmont, NJ 08108

For a flyer on the fundraiser, please [click here](#).

To read more, [click here](#).



Joyful Noise Jan. benefit delights audience and performers

While the beast of winter howled outside, a crowd of 250 people warmed their bellies with spaghetti and warmed their hearts with joyous melodies by Joyful Noise and the Youth Choir of the First United Methodist Church in Moorestown, N.J.

The event - a spaghetti dinner and benefit concert at the church last month - raised \$2,000 toward the Joyful Noise choir's groundbreaking visit to Chicago (see story above). Plus, the church's Sunday School students collected \$277 in spare change for Joyful Noise, and gathered travel-size toiletries for singers to take on their trip.

"Joyful Noise may have been the best concert I went to,"

said one church member. "I felt such joy and love being in the presence of such awesome people praising and singing!"

Noted Mariann Granrath, mother of a Joyful Noise member: "A direct-care staff [member] whom I was sitting next to was moved to tears. The chorus just emanates enthusiasm that is contagious and fun to watch."

Thank you, First United Methodist Church and Bancroft student chaplain Victoria McGrath, for all of your support!

Staff member named to Pa. Brain Injury Association board



The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA) has appointed Bancroft's Dan Keating, Ph.D., to its board of trustees. Dr. Keating is Bancroft's vice president of family services and government relations.

In his volunteer position with BIAPA, Dr. Keating will help support and advocate for people affected by brain injuries, and

raise public awareness.

As a member of this Pennsylvania group, he will interact with legislators who oversee all of the state's human services, including those for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities - such as those provided by Bancroft's Pennsylvania program, The Walker Center.

Another benefit: Dr. Keating will further Bancroft's knowledge of how other states and providers operate, so we can adopt their successful practices.

"Understanding what other states are doing for people with brain injuries helps inform our work and advocacy," he notes.

A healthcare administrator with more than 30 years of experience working with people with disabilities, Dr.

Keating helped launch some of the first residential and day programs for people with brain injuries. He is a founding member of the Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists, and a certified brain-injury specialist trainer.

Dr. Keating also serves on the Professional Advisory Board of the Brain Injury Association of Delaware, and has been a board member of the National Head Injury Foundation (now the Brain Injury Association of America) and the Brain Injury Association of Maine.



Capital improvements will help modernize facilities

The Transforming Our World campaign will raise funds for three major, organization-wide priorities that emerged from Bancroft's long-term strategic planning process:

- Capital (facility) improvements
- Technology
- The Margaret Bancroft Annual Fund

Our Mullica Hill Campus is the first site to be modernized through the campaign.

More than 35 years old, this facility is outdated and difficult to maintain. It limits accessibility and collaborative learning - foundations of Bancroft's approach.

Yet Mullica Hill plays a key role in Bancroft's continuum of care.

To read more, [click here](#).

Conference on inclusion in faith communities

Registration deadline: March 1

The First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield and Friends of L'Arche New Jersey will present "Life Together, Life Deepened" - a conference on "the gifts offered communities of faith by people with disabilities."

Saturday, March 5

9 am to 1 pm

First Presbyterian Church
20 Kings Highway East
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

The featured speaker will be The Rev. Bill Gaventa, coordinator of community and congregational support at the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities.

Registration deadline is March 1. For a registration form, [click here](#).

For more information, email Joyce.stout@jeffersonhospital.org

Free Bancroft workshops on bullying, college prep

Bancroft will host two free workshops next month, as part of its ongoing series related to developmental disabilities.

Each session will be held in the Farrington building on the Haddonfield Campus, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. To register, call Pat Reid at (856) 524-7453 or e-mail preid@bnh.org.

For the full list of workshops, [click here](#).

Bullying from a Legal Educational Perspective

March 9

Presented by Melissa Wheatcroft, Bancroft's corporate counsel and vice president of quality management

This workshop will discuss how bullying affects many students with disabilities, both as victims and as perpetrators. Bullying will be defined, and schools' responsibilities to intercede will be discussed. The workshop will provide concrete advocacy strategies to address bullying in both a proactive and reactive manner.

The workshop will also review options for when efforts to address bullying are unsuccessful.

New College Preparation for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

March 23

Presented by Jeff Reuter, M.S., executive director of Bancroft educational programs, and Robert Lenherr, Bancroft School principal and senior director of education programs

This workshop will focus on the unique needs of people with developmental delays who wish to attend college. It will review the academic, communication and social skills required for success, remedial or preparatory courses available to increase entrance scores, the application process, financial assistance, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) regulations that assist the student.

Autism New Jersey to present workshops at Bancroft

Autism New Jersey, a nonprofit advocacy agency, will offer two workshops next month in the Farrington building on Bancroft's Haddonfield Campus, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm:

Promoting Social Skills in Children with ASDs

Tues. March 15

Presented by Amy Golden, M.S., BCBA

Individuals with autism spectrum disorders often have difficulty engaging in social interactions. This workshop will provide an overview of strategies for increasing social skills in children with autism. Parents, family members, and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Surviving Puberty: Tips for Parents of Adolescents with Autism

Tues. March 29

Presented by Linda Meyer, Ed.D., MPA, BCBA-D, CPT

Perhaps nothing is as unpredictable as teenage behavior. Parents with teenage children with autism spectrum disorders often face additional challenges as

their adolescent children enter puberty. This presentation will assist parents in identifying characteristics of teenagers with ASDs and identify strategies to teach age-appropriate functional, personal and social skills that may promote home, school and community inclusion.

Register at <http://www.autismnj.org/WorkshopsEvents.aspx>

Each workshop is \$20 for Autism New Jersey members and \$25 for non-members. Autism New Jersey has a strict cancellation policy - please contact the organization directly for details.

To become a member of Autism New Jersey, visit www.autismnj.org. For more information on membership, call Robin Moschitti at (609) 588-8200, ext. 31, or email membership@autismnj.org.

For more information on the workshops, contact Gale Rainier at grainier@autismnj.org or (609) 588-8200, ext 13.

Autism workshop in Edison, N.J.

The New Jersey Association of Community Providers (NJACP) will host the following workshop:

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders

March 22

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Presented by Linda Meyer, Ed.D., MPA, BCBA-D, CPT, executive director of Autism New Jersey and a private consultant

This workshop will provide access to credible, reliable information regarding autism spectrum disorders, which is the first step to develop and/or access effective programming that truly meets the needs of New Jersey's autism community. This workshop will explain diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorders and how they may be expressed in different individuals, an overview of up-to-date information on potential causes and treatments, and specific strategies to help professionals better understand and support people on the spectrum and their families.

Social workers can receive two clinical continuing education hours for participating in this course, through the National Association of Social Workers - NJ Chapter.

To register using CVENT please click:
<http://guest.cvent.com/d/5dqgm3/1Q>.

For more workshop information and other announcements, visit www.njacp.org. Questions? Call NJACP at (609) 406-1400.



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