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Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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We were delighted to welcome Phillies player Greg Dobbs to The Bancroft School in Haddonfield again last week for some baseball skills-n-drills. Our students had great fun throwing, catching and hitting the ball with Greg, and he even stuck around to sign over a hundred personalized autographs.

Make sure to turn on MYPHL TV before this Sunday's televised game - Bancroft will be featured on a segment on "Behind the Pinstripes," a popular 30-minute magazine-style show that airs before each Sunday Phillies game.

We are also very pleased to announce that Greg has agreed to serve as our Dinner Chair for this year's Butterfly Ball. This is particularly exciting because he comes with the full support of the Phillies. The Ball will be held on Saturday, November 21st at The Westin Mount Laurel, Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Watch out for further information on this important event in the weeks to come.

Special thanks to Greg and the World Series Champion Phillies for their support of some of their biggest fans here at Bancroft!

Inclusive Daycare Program opening soon

We are pleased to announce Bancroft's new daycare program for infants and children up to age 7 with autism spectrum disorders, other developmental disabilities, and/or behavioral challenges. The program will also accept siblings and other youngsters without disabilities. Located on Kings Highway in Haddon Heights, N.J., the program offers both full- and part-time schedules.

The Bancroft Inclusive Daycare Program will provide structured activities throughout the day with a higher ratio of staffing than typical daycare centers. It will emphasize functional communication skill-building, while providing opportunities for children to establish social skills and friendships in a comfortable and supportive environment. Activities include art, music and periodic community outings. In addition, various professionals are available on-site for consultations, including behavioral therapists, special-education professionals and a

Upcoming Bancroft Events

Autism New Jersey
Listening Tour
August 7, 2009
(856) 429-5637, ext. 366

Sexuality education
for persons with
autism spectrum
disorders
August 15, 2009
11AM-3PM
Center for Autism in
Philadelphia, PA
(215) 413-7106

Summer Arts
Festival
Tues., August 18,
2009 9:00AM -
1:30PM
The Bancroft School
Haddonfield
Campus
(856) 429-5637, ext. 222

Early Education
Program Graduation
Wednesday, August
19, 2009 1:30PM -
2:30PM
Early Education
Program
(Lebensfeld)
(856) 354-2966

Extended School
Year Program Ends
August 19, 2009

Community Services
for Adults Summer
Picnic
September 5, 2009
12PM-5PM
Liberty Lake
(856) 428-0685 ext. 128

Teacher of the Deaf.

Families can now enroll all their children in one center confidently, knowing that Bancroft's specially trained staff members will provide structured activities designed to help each child learn and grow. For more information or to arrange a tour, please call (856) 429-5637, ext. 453.



Pictured above enjoying fun in the sun are Adrienne Beattie (top) and Elizabeth Tropea (bottom).

Shore made 'accessible' during special beach trip

By Cynthia Boyer, Ph.D., Senior Director, Bancroft Brain Injury Services

Summer days bring thoughts of the shore...and a day at the beach. About 70 adults

served by Bancroft took such a trip recently, thanks to the Cape Atlantic Support Group of the New Jersey Brain Injury Association. The group held its annual "Beach Day" on July 16.

Each year, folks from throughout the state descend on Ocean City, N.J., for a day of sun, fun, and friendship. The support group supplies lunch and provides the means for all to enjoy the beach and ocean. Specially designed "floating" wheelchairs are available, so anyone can catch a wave. The beach is prepared with smooth pathways to make it easy to navigate.

This year, participating Bancroft programs included those in Brick and Plainsboro, N.J., the Mullica Hill campus, the Flicker Center, and other South Jersey sites.

The day was bright and sunny, but the water had a distinct chill. Activities such as football and Frisbee were available for the athletically inclined. Others just soaked up the scenery.

"I liked being on the beach and seeing the ocean," said Allen Greenamoyer, who is served in Bancroft's Mullica Hill program.

Many took advantage of the opportunity to socialize, such as Myles Mittleman, who is served in Bancroft's Plainsboro program, who enjoyed seeing old friends from throughout the state. For those who don't enjoy the beach, strolling the boardwalk was very enjoyable. As Carminia Young noted, "There were lots of entertaining things to do."

Community Services for Adults Summer Picnic

Persons served by Community Services for Adults, staff and families are invited to come out for a day of fun in the sun! CSA's Summer Picnic takes place Saturday, September 5th at Liberty Lake, from 12pm to 5 pm.

[Click here](#) to see the flyer for more information and directions.

Bancroft graduate makes the news

Congratulations to recent Bancroft School graduate and "big man on campus" Keith Pote, who was featured in an article in the Courier-Post newspaper last week. The article details the difficulties Keith has overcome to achieve so much in school and in life. "A life of beating the odds" also reveals Keith's plans for the future-attending Burlington County Occupational Training Center-and it's looking bright!

[Click here](#) for a PDF version of the article.

Autism New Jersey listening tour comes to Bancroft

In the previous Family Buzz, we told you about Autism New Jersey's "listening tour" interviews with constituents to help develop its advocacy plan, "Blueprint for Lifetime Support Services for Families and Persons with Autism."

Now, Dan Keating, Bancroft family advocate, has arranged for ANJ to come to South Jersey to interview Bancroft families, persons served and staff on Friday, August 7. The group will also offer telephone interviews for those who are unable to attend that day.

For further information or to register, please contact Kathy Nazarok at (856) 429-5637, ext. 366, or e-mail knazarok@bnh.org.

Ameriprise Financial Group returns for Day of Service

Ameriprise Financial Group came back to Bancroft for its annual day of service on July 17. This time, the group painted the nursing office suite in Bancroft Hall on the Haddonfield Campus. We appreciate Ameriprise Financial Group's ongoing support!



Community group helps Edge Park home

South Jersey for Change is a community service group that looks for ways to make a difference in South Jersey communities. And that's exactly what it did at Bancroft's Edge Park group home. With brushes and rollers in hand, the group worked with Bancroft staff members to give the home a fresh coat of paint and a bright new look. Special thanks to our new friends at South Jersey for Change (pictured above)!

NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities newsletter

[Click here](#) to see the July/August issue of the NJCDD newsletter, *The Council*, which features articles on both the federal and state budgets and other advocacy related articles.

Sexuality education for persons with autism spectrum disorders

Guest Speaker Lisa Mitchell M.S.W., L.C.S.W. - R will be presenting "Bringing the Birds & Bees Down to Earth: Sexuality Education for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders" on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 11AM to 3PM at the Center for Autism in Philadelphia, PA. To sign up, call (215) 413-7106 or e-mail crocmei11@gmail.com. For more information, [click here](#) to see the attached flyer.

H1N1 Flu Vaccine Q&A

We are continuing to monitor the flu situation through the summer and will be making more specific plans as the flu season approaches. Following is H1N1 flu vaccine information from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Q. What are plans for developing a novel H1N1 vaccine?

A. Vaccines are the most powerful public health tool for control of influenza, and the U.S. government is working closely with manufacturers to take steps in the process to

manufacture a novel H1N1 vaccine. Working together with scientists in the public and private sector, CDC has isolated the new H1N1 virus and modified the virus so that it can be used to make hundreds of millions of doses of vaccine. Vaccine manufacturers are now using these materials to begin vaccine production. Making vaccine is a multi-step process which takes several months to complete. Candidate vaccines will be tested in clinical trials over the few months.

Q. When is it expected that the novel H1N1 vaccine will be available?

A. The novel H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available in the fall. More specific dates cannot be provided at this time as vaccine availability depends on several factors including manufacturing time and time needed to conduct clinical trials.

Q. Will the seasonal flu vaccine also protect against the novel H1N1 flu?

A. The seasonal flu vaccine is not expected to protect against the novel H1N1 flu.

Q. Can the seasonal vaccine and the novel H1N1 vaccine be given at the same time?

A. Clinical trial results will be necessary to confirm that novel H1N1 and seasonal vaccine will be safe and effective if given at the same time. We expect the seasonal vaccine to be available earlier than the H1N1 vaccine. The usual seasonal influenza viruses are still expected to cause illness this fall and winter. Individuals are encouraged to get their seasonal flu vaccine as soon as it is available.

Q. Who will be recommended as priority groups to receive the novel H1N1 vaccine?

A. Based on what we're currently seeing with respect to the virus and epidemiologic data, states, communities, and health care providers should begin planning strategies for how they will vaccinate younger people (children and younger adults), pregnant women, healthcare personnel, and people who have underlying health conditions. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and other federal advisory bodies will continue to monitor the virus and review epidemiologic data over the summer. We'll be looking to the ACIP and other stakeholders, as well as the public, as we move forward in our planning. It is possible that vaccine priority groups will differ from earlier guidance as more data becomes available however it's very important for planning to continue based on information currently available.

Q. Where will the vaccine be available?

A. Every state is developing a vaccine delivery plan. Vaccine will be available in a combination of settings such as vaccination clinics organized by local health departments, healthcare provider offices, schools, and other private settings, such as pharmacies and workplaces.

Q. Are there other ways to prevent the spread of illness?

A. Take everyday actions to stay healthy.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the

tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures. These measures will continue to be important after a novel H1N1 vaccine is available because they can prevent the spread of other viruses that cause respiratory infections.

Q. What about the use of antivirals to treat novel H1N1 infection?

A. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) that fight against the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body. If you get sick, antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious flu complications. This fall, antivirals may be prioritized for persons with severe illness or those at higher risk for flu complications.

[Read full article>>](#)

For more information on H1N1 situation, please visit <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=p8nts6cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0412&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.flu.gov%2F&id=preview>

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