Lapeer County Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for Special Education



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"Every Flower Must Grow Through Dirt"

- Laurie Jean Sennott

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lapeer County Intermediate School District

Parent Advisory Committee is to promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

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Contact Lapeer County ISD

Feel Free to contact your local representative for assistance or questions.

Embrace, Educate, Empower!

3E LOVE's



Read more about 3E Love on page 2

The Lapeer County ISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

The Lapeer County Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of educators and parents representing our local school districts whose primary focus is to stay informed regarding Special Education plans and changes, current trends in Special Education at the County, State, and Federal level, and if needed, to assist and promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

The PAC takes an active role in the development of the Lapeer County Special Education Mandatory Plan, a document which describes the delivery of special education services in Lapeer County. The PAC provides workshops and speakers from the county and state-wide programs which can richly serve not only the parents of children with special needs, but in many instances the individual with the disability.

The PAC meets at:

Lapeer County ISD Education and Technology Center 690 N. Lake Pleasant Road, Attica, MI. 7 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Please visit the ISD website at: www.lcisd.k12.mi.us

PAC

Meeting Dates

2015

March 2

Business Mtg.

May 4

Topic:

Occupational

Therapy

(Ideas for helping kids focus, think, and move)

June 1

Business Mtg.

Please join us at our meetings, we welcome and encourage your participation and suggestions.

Childcare is not available



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

2015-2016 Tentative Meeting Dates & Presentations:

***Dates are subject to change, these are tentative. Look for date confirmation in the Fall Newsletter

October 19, 2015 - Meet & Greet with the **PAC & Local Special Education Directors**

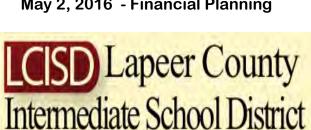
November 9, 2015 - Parents & the IEP Process

November 30, 2015 - Business Meeting

February 8, 2016 - Assistive Technology

March 7, 2016 - Business Meeting

May 2, 2016 - Financial Planning





Sorry, at this time childcare is not available for PAC meetings.

Meeting Time & Location 7:00-9:00 PM **LCISD Education & Technology Center** 690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd. **Attica, MI 48412**

3E LOVE

3E Love, LLC. is a social entrepreneurial experiment to change the perception of disability. The company was started by siblings Annie & Stevie Hopkins in 2007 with the intent of promoting their unique symbol and social model of disability. The company's trademarked International Symbol of Acceptance (wheelchair heart logo) is the drive behind it's social mission to provide the tools for others to embrace diversity, educate society, and empower each other to love life.



"3E Love is more than living disabled but is simply about living. Everyone has the freedom to live their life. We challenge you to do what you love, because you'll meet some amazing people along the way, and that, our friends, is how you'll enjoy this ride that 3E Love calls, life.

Embrace diversity. Educate your community. Empower each other. Love life." - 3E Love Founder, Annie Hopkins (1984-2009)

3E Love's registered trademark, the "International Symbol of Acceptance" also known as the "wheelchair-heart logo," is the drive behind much of the company's goals and products. It is a symbol of society accepting people with disabilities



as equals and a symbol that people with disabilities accept their challenges and even embrace them. By replacing the wheel with a heart, the stigma of the wheelchair is also removed, and it can be a symbol for people with any disability or impairment. It represents the person, not society's perception of him or her.

Parent Resources

Lapeer County ISD

PARENT RETREAT JUNE 10, 2015

Lapeer County

Education and Technology Center

690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.



Date: June 10, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Location: Lapeer County ETC

690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.

Attica, MI 48412-9303

Cost: No charge, but call to register

and as a courtesy, call if unable

to attend.

Registration Deadline:

Friday, June 5, 2015

An Invitation To Parents Of Students With Autism

Funded through a grant from
Grand Valley University
START Project
(Statewide Autism Resources And Training)



10:00 Welcome/Introductions

10:30 Updates from START

(STatewide Autism Resources and Training)

11:00 Presentations

12:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00 Personal Curriculum:

Michelle Proulx, Director of Special Education, LCISD

2:00 Questions & Wrap-up

Lapeer ISD invites you to attend the annual START Parent Retreat. Please come and enjoy a day of relaxation, food, networking with other parents and professionals, as well as gain useful information relating to autism. Snack, refreshments, and lunch provided.

Presentation topics include:

- Tools for increasing social opportunities
- Safety Information
- Transition
- Personal Curriculum
- Technology Resources



Contact: Kelly Myers (810)667-6637 or e-mail: kmyers@lcisd.k12.mi.us



What sorts of needs do your campers have?

Our campers have a range of different special needs. No particular label or diagnosis is categorically ruled in or out. Skyline is physically spread out and hilly, so some physical limitations can be too much for the camper here. We expect that campers are able to attend to toileting and showering mostly independently. We aim to meet with first-time campers before camp to make sure we have the right staffing and programming to meet the camper's needs.

Special Needs Camps

Ages 13-19 Camp Far Away jun 14-19

Ages 20-34 Camp For Me jun 21-26

Ages 35+ Camp Joy Jun 7-11

Ages 12-26 Step Up Camp Jul 19-24

See also: Camp For Us

What to bring & helpful tips
General Summer Camp FAQs

Learn more by visiting:

http://www.campskyline.org/special-needs-camps/4587628689



Website:: http://www.clarkstonscamp.com/

Direct all calls to Community Ed. 248.623.4314

All it takes is one visit to Clarkston SCAMP and you will be hooked! Laughing, singing, swimming, running, hugs and dancing fill the air. SCAMP is a five-week program developed and designed for children and young adults with special needs. The camp is more than just an exciting place for the SCAMPers; this program provides a growing and learning opportunity for both the young adults hired to be aides for the SCAMPers, as well as the volunteers. It provides the parents of the SCAMPers the calming effect of knowing that their child is in a safe haven and having a good time that they might not be able to experience any other way.

While a tuition amount is in place, financial aid is available in limited amounts for eligible families. Fundraisers



Check out all of Oakland University's programs and camps on-line at:



http://wwwp.oakland.edu/oucares/programs

Pee Wee Camp—Children ages 3-6
Summer Day Camp— Children 7-12 years old
Life Skills Camp— Adolescents 11-14/ 15-18/18 and up
Film Camp— Adolescents 11-8 years old





Lapeer County Intermediate School District supports many early childhood programs that promote early development in children:

The link for the calendar of activities is:

www.my.calendars.net/greatstartlapeer

(There are activities on the calendar link year round).

If you'd like a monthly calendar e-mailed to you each month, contact : Linda DeTavernier at Idetavernier@lcisd.k12.mi.us

Great Start parents have a Facebook page. Which also lists the calendar and other activities that might be of interest to parents.

FB/greatstartlapeer

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POWER Summer Camp

Based at YMCA Camp Copneconic, in Fenton, Michigan, POWER Camp (Peer Outreach With Extraordinary Results) is a four-day

summer day camp. This program focuses on children ages 7 to 18 years old with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are pleased to now offer TWO summer sessions for our families!!



- 4 Day Camp with Optional Sleepover
- Intentional Programming
- Natural & Caring Environment
- Shared Experiences
- Nurturing Staff & High Staff/Camper Ratios



ASRC and the YMCA
A Partnership Made for Kids and Families

For those campers who are experiencing hardships, scholarships are available. For more information please call (810) 742-5404 www.GeneseeAutism.org

POWER Day Camp fee \$200, tshirt optional \$15

July 13 - 16, or August 3-6th 8:30 am arrival - 3:30 pm departure For those campers who are interested and ready for an overnight experience, a well supervised optional Thursday sleepover will take place on August 6th.

More information can be found at: www.geneseeautism.org

For Children Ages 7-18





Youth Day Camp

'a summer day program for individuals ages 6-26 with special needs'

Not ready to stay overnight at camp?
Already have evening plans during the summer?
Looking for activities during the parent's work day?

JOIN US FOR DAY CAMP JULY 13-17, 2015!

Day Camp is a great way to get a taste of camp, and to continue learning and socializing even after school is out for the summer. Come spend time with us this summer trying new adventures, making new friends, and experiencing the great outdoors. Activities will include traditional Fowler Center activities including horseback riding, outdoor education, swimming, crafts, challenge, and more!



- Day Camp Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.
- An earlier drop-off/later pick-up can be arranged for an additional cost.
- Participants must bring a sack lunch. A light snack will be offered in the afternoon.
- The Camp Nurse will be administering medications during the day.
- There is 1:3 staff to camper ratio during day camp.
- Currently Day Camp is offered during one week in July. If there is an overwhelming response
 we may open up more weeks.

RECISTRATION FORM

Cost: \$186

Agency Name:

Camper's Name		(One camper per form.)
Address	City	State Zip
Phone Number: ()	Birth Date:/_	/(m/d/y) Sex: M F (circle one)
Assistance Required: 1 = Indeper	ndent Min = Minimum Moo	d = Moderate C = Complete
Dressing Eating Hygic	ne Wheelchair Ot	ther: Seizures: Y N

Phone:



CAMP GRACE BENTLEY ON THE SHORES OF LAKE HURON





Camp Grace Bentley?

Camp Grace Bentley hosts campers with a range of physical and mental

challenges. Campers ages

seven through sixteen are

invited to sign up for a nine

day session beginning late

June and running through

Before admittance, each

camper is carefully screened

to ensure that Camp Grace

Bentley is best suited for his

Who attends

mid-August.

or her needs.

Be Yourself!

CAMP GRACE BENTLEY IS MUCH MORE THAN A SUMMER CAMP. It's a place where kids create a lifetime of memories. Develop a greater sense of independence through new adventures and working with others. And a magical place in the world where kids with special needs are encouraged to be themselves.

For more than 80 years, Camp Grace Bentley has given kids with special needs a special summer.

Grace Bentley Camp

8250 Lakeshore Rd., Burtchville Township, MI 48059 Activities www.campgracebentley.org





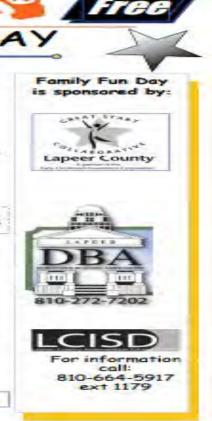
AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!



Our summer activities are everything a child could imagine, including:

- · Swimming & beach activities
- Campfires and sing-alongs
- Movie Nights
- · Team Sports
- Dances
- Karaoke Night
- · Arts and Crafts
- Theme Nights







ONE, easy to remember phone number:

B4K-FYYI or (810) 245-3994

Before (4) Kindergarten – For Your Youngsters Information

- Information, services for children from birth to school age
- Want to help a child prepare for Kindergarten?
- Know a family looking for free/low cost preschool?
- Free, child development information and screenings are available
- Need to make a referral to Early On or Project Find?



Together we can connect families to information, programs, and services before children start Kindergarten

B4K-FYYI or (810) 245-3994

Before (4) Kindergarten – For Your Youngsters Information

Email: <u>b4K@lcisd.k12.mi.us</u> FAX: 810-664-1011



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