

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



Newsletter for the Families of Children with Special Needs

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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



**PROJECT
EVERYWHERE**

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

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

An Invitation To Parents Of Students With Autism

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



Agenda

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| 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





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](#)

(see right for some extra Special Needs 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. Fund-raisers

PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

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 11-18 years old

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY™





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

ldetavernier@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

facebook



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





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/late 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.
- Cost: \$186

----- REGISTRATION FORM -----

Please back with a 25% deposit to hold your spot.

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: I = Independent Min = Minimum Mod = Moderate C = Complete

Dressing ____ Eating ____ Hygiene ____ Wheelchair ____ Other: _____ Seizures: Y N

☐ I WILL BE RECEIVING FUNDING FROM AN AGENCY Case Manager: _____

Agency Name: _____ Phone: _____



CAMP GRACE BENTLEY

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE HURON



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.



Who attends

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 mid-August.

Before admittance, each camper is carefully screened to ensure that Camp Grace Bentley is best suited for his or her needs.

Grace Bentley Camp

8250 Lakeshore Rd., Burtchville Township, MI 48059

www.campgracebentley.org



AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Activities

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

Free



Free

FAMILY FUN DAY



DOWNTOWN LAPEER
Wednesday, June 24, 2015

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE

In front of the Historic Courthouse

THERE WILL BE:

**FRIENDS
TO MEET!**

GAMES TO PLAY



**PUBLIC SAFETY
DEMONSTRATIONS**

ANIMALS TO PET

**BRING YOUR
CHILD'S
IMMUNIZATION
RECORDS TO
SEE IF THEY ARE
UP-TO-DATE**

**BOOKS
TO TAKE**



FUN!!!

Get info
about local
services and
businesses

**AND MUCH
MORE!**

IT'S ALL FREE!

Bring a picnic lunch, buy fresh foods at the Farmer's Market,
or stop in at a local downtown eatery.

The Farmers' Market will be open during the event.

Family Fun Day
is sponsored by:



LCISD

For information
call:
810-664-5917
ext 1179



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: b4K@lcisd.k12.mi.us

FAX: 810-664-1011



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