



Parents For Exceptional Children Activity Survey

The mission of the Bernards PEC is to provide the support that families, educators, and community organizations need to help individuals with disabilities reach their full potential. We also strive to create an environment of understanding and acceptance for persons with disabilities within the community.

The PEC is guided by the following principles:

- 1. Our goal is to give families the skills and support they need to help each child reach his or her full potential.**
- 2. Our hope is for families to feel less isolated and more confident about themselves and their role as advocates.**
- 3. Our objectives are to educate ourselves about special education rights and our role as advocates for our children. Networking to learn more about the services that are available within and outside our district. Offering emotional support for parents when they learn their child has special needs. Partnering with the school to ensure quality programs and positive outcomes for our children.**

Our goal is to plan programs in line with the PEC principles that will truly enrich the school program and every family's experience with their child in the community. In order to organize the PEC activities for the future, we need your input! Please take a moment to fill out the following questionnaire. *Please submit your responses by April 15th via e-mail to melissamartin@weichert.com. You may also mail your response to: Melissa Martin, 14 Mayflower Drive, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.*

Thank you for taking the time to help make the PEC activities more meaningful for all families!

PEC Questionnaire

- 1) In general, I would like the PEC primary activities for the 2011 year to be:
(Please rank in order of importance)
- a) Creating social and recreational opportunities for families to connect with and support each other
 - b) Providing information helpful to raising a child with special needs (DDD, recreation opportunities, etc.)
 - c) Supporting school curriculum activities
 - d) School fundraising: supporting established fundraising activities and events
 - e) Creating opportunities for families to share resources / information
 - f) Creating opportunities for our children to connect with the community

Other:

Comments:

- 2) We have the opportunity to host a guest speaker who would present information on a specific topic. Some topics we are considering are:

- crisis management
- reading/literacy
- DDD
- inclusion

Would this information be beneficial to you and if so what topics would you like to see covered in the future?

Comments:

- 3) Please provide any feedback on the following past events/initiatives:

Precious Pearl Gala
Picture with Santa/Christmas Party
Recreation programs – Ant Hockey, Soccer, Bowling, Swimming, Gymnastics
English Farm Fall Day
Mentor Program

Other:

Comments:

- 4) What suggestions do you have that support the goals of the PEC mentioned above?

Comments:

- 5) How can the PEC be more inclusive of all families?

Holding meetings at varying times to allow for more active participation
Holding events on weekends
Publishing a newsletter

Other:

Comments:

6) The best way for the PEC to communicate information is:

E-mail
Regular mail

Other:

Comments:

7) On a scale from 1 – 10 how interested would you be in the following activities?

Afternoon at a local movie theater

Martial Arts Program

Trip to Color me Mine

Spring Picnic

Music Program

Summer swimming Program

Hike at environmental center

Cheerleading

After school reading club

Cooking classes

What age are your child/children?

In general are you more interested in consistent, weekly activities i.e. bowling league, soccer, gymnastics etc or special activities once a month – movies, art studio, spring picnic etc.