

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMMING

THE CARE STATION

The CARE Station is an after-school program for Bloomfield students ages 7 to 16 years old. It is held at Carteret Elementary School from 3:30pm until 6:00pm. The program follows the Bloomfield Public School calendar and is held when school is in session.

This program is designed to address the academic, social and recreational needs of all of our participants. Activities include academic tutoring by a certified teacher, recreational opportunities such as yoga, karate, cooking, dance and art class. A daily afterschool snack is provided.

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is fortunate to receive funding from a Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant to help fund this worthwhile program.

FRIDAY NIGHT CANTEEN

Friday Night Canteen is a program that meets on Friday nights for special needs students who are 7 to 17 years old. It is held at Carteret Elementary School on Friday Nights starting in October.

This program is designed to allow the participants to experience new activities for the first time while simultaneously promoting social skill development.

While some events take place at Carteret Elementary School, several fun and exciting trips are planned such as Apple Picking, UNICO Holiday Party, Medieval Times, Casino Pier and Adventure Aquarium.

HORIZONS PROGRAM

The Horizons Program is the “big brother” to Friday Night Canteen as it is designed to provide opportunities for Bloomfield special needs students 18 and older. It starts in October and meets on Friday nights and coincides with the Bloomfield Public School calendar.

This unique program is considered an “out-and-about program” as weekly activities are planned to expose the participants to community businesses and activities. The program promotes social interaction and life skills. A monthly calendar is distributed showing the activities for the month.

Monthly activities include dinner, movie night, pizza and painting, night at the races and trips to Papermill Play House.

***For more information on any of our special needs offerings
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