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Even though it is winter and cold outside, it will soon be warmer and summer time. This is now the time to start planning for our children's summer vacations. Attached is some websites that will provide information on summer camps both on long island and around the NYS area.

<http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/New-York/Special-Needs-Summer-Camps.shtml>

<http://www.campjacobson.com/new-families/programs-for-all-needs/>

<http://www.iser.com/gersh-specialneeds-camp-NY.html>

<https://nwood.com/>

There are also many different activities that children can participate in that would help them throughout the summer months. Here are a few websites:

<http://www.landandseasportsclub.org>

<http://longislandblues.org>

<http://oooohthepossibilities.org>

<http://rtsnp.org>

<http://www.leagueofyes.com>

Children with special needs need to be stimulated always and with different types of learning. Camps and summer activities can provide these types of experiences in addition to their traditional educational learning. This is just a small amount of information to help spark the enjoyment that can happen during the nice weather months.

National PTA news

On January 9, 2017 the National PTA, as a part of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), sent a letter to U.S. Senators to share views on the importance of the US Department of Education to students with disabilities to promote their protection, inclusion and achievement in schools. This letter was sent before the hearing on nomination of Betsy DeVos for United States Secretary of Education. Attached is a link to read the letter that was sent. Hopefully this information in the letter will have had an impact on the hearing that took place. At this time a decision on the appointment of the United Secretary of Education has not been finalized.

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