

*Enrichment Programs  
Supporting the footprints  
for Independence*



Celebrate the Children, a New Jersey State Approved Private School for the Disabled, located in Morris County, New Jersey offers an after school enrichment program opened to students who attend CTC school as well as peers and students who attend other schools. The program is designed as an enrichment program for special needs students. There will be opportunities open to peers to support socialization and for inclusion in a supportive environment.

For more information on the  
After School Program, please contact  
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**Celebrate the Children School  
A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles  
Developmental Individual-Difference  
Relationship-based Intervention®**

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# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The 1<sup>st</sup> semester runs the weeks of  
Monday, September 25 – Thursday, December 14

**What is the term of each class offered?**

In an effort to make available a variety of opportunities for students, we have decided to split the school year into "Semesters." A variety of classes will be offered in three semesters. The first Semester will commence September through December, the next January through March and the third April through June. Each Semester there will be a variety of classes with age ranges offered. There is something for everyone!

**What are the days and hours?**

The days and hours will vary depending on the class. Please see enclosed menu of classes, which outlines the specifics. Overall, classes will be offered Monday – Thursday within the time frame of **3:15pm – 4:30pm. PICK UP AT 4:45pm. There is a late fee incurred for picking your child up late of \$25.00 per occurrence.** Charges will be included in your invoice.

**Where will the program be held?**

Celebrate the Children School  
230 Diamond Spring Rd.  
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**Can my child take more than 1 class each semester?**

Yes! There are several classes offered on different days. As long as the age range is appropriate your child is welcome to take more than one class.

**Do I have to transport my child?**

Unless otherwise arranged with your District, the parents are responsible for arranging pick up at 4:45pm. You will be asked to sign a form if someone other than a family member will be transporting your child for safety and security.

**Who is teaching the classes?**

Below the description of each class are short Bios of Instructors. In addition, there will be a staff to student ratio of 1:4.

**What if my child needs a 1:1?**

There is an additional cost to hire a personal aide for your child. **If your child has a 1:1 in their IEP, they will be required to have a 1:1 aide for the After School Program and you will be charged as such. Please do not ask us to alter this policy if your child has a 1:1 in their IEP.**

**What is the cost?**

The cost structure is based on each class and will be charged per semester. On the registration form please find more detailed information on payment break down per day. You will be billed monthly by the business department. Your child will not be able to register for the next session if you have any outstanding bills.

**Is there a Nurse on site for the After School Program?**

No, there is no Nurse on site for the After School Program.

**Is there a maximum amount of students per class?**

Yes. If not otherwise noted, classes will max out at 15 students. If the maximum is reached and other students are interested, we will make every effort to open another class depending on availability of an Instructor. Otherwise, we may recommend an alternate class.

**Registration is on a first come, first served basis.**

**We will be offering two scholarships this semester based on financial need.  
If you are interested, please contact Kristin Verdi Polster at [kpolster@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:kpolster@celebratethechildren.org)**

## FIRST SEMESTER OFFERING 13 CLASSES - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

### **Class 101: CTC Fit Club**

**This class is \$30.00 per class due to the supervision of the School Nurse. Cost of 1:1 is additional.**

**Day: Wednesday**

**Ages: 8-21**

**Description:** Get fit and have fun! The CTC Fit Club aims to help children and young adults develop an active and healthy lifestyle. This group will integrate knowledge and activities to promote well being and increase the chance that physical activity will become a permanent part of his/her daily life. They will enjoy activities that incorporate strength training, endurance, and flexibility. Get your sneakers and workout gear on...we're ready to go!

**Taught By:** Nurse Mary Squillante

### **Class 102: Fantasy Gaming**

**Days: Thursday**

**Ages: 12-21**

**Description:** This program will provide a wide variety of interactive gaming experiences with a fantasy theme. Students will have to work as a team to solve problems, collaborate on storytelling and understand other's motives when playing a tabletop RPG. The class will also include sword play (of the foam sort!), jousting, fantasy deck building games (Thunderstone and Yu-gi-oh), and original character creations!

**Taught By: Shelann Coughlan** Shelann has worked at Celebrate the Children since 2011. Shelann is currently working as a paraprofessional in the classroom at the high school level. She has also worked at the main office and is very familiar with most of the students at CTC.

### **Class 103: Celebrate the Season**

**Day: Tuesday**

**Ages: 3-21**

**Description:** In this class students will engage in a variety of activities that help to "Celebrate the Season." During our time together, we will bake seasonal items, create seasonal crafts, and embark on nature hikes and more!! This is a class where creativity and exploration are at the forefront.

**Taught By: Shelann Coughlan** Shelann has worked at Celebrate the Children since 2011. Shelann is currently working as a paraprofessional in the classroom at the high school level. She has also worked at the main office and is very familiar with most of the students at CTC.

## **Class 104: Game Shows/Group Shows**

**Days: Thursday**

**Ages: 5-21**

**Description:** Students will work on engagement, peer interactions, original ideas and teamwork through games. Games like, Family Feud, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Wheel of Fortune, Name that Tune and many others that will bring the students together. The students work together as a team against the dreaded "Zonkinator"!

**Taught By:** Lisa Silva. Lisa has been teaching at Celebrate the Children for the past seven years. She has her Bachelor's degree in Education and is currently completing her Master's degree in Special Education. She is known at CTC as the "**Game Show Queen**" and can turn any lesson into a game show setting! She believes that fun, creative and experienced based lesson are what keeps her students engaged and eager to learn.

## **Class 105: Arts and Crafts**

**Days: Thursday**

**Ages: 3-21**

**Description:** Arts and Crafts will contain a variety of activities for students. The goal is to stimulate student creativity with decorative projects. This class will offer crafts in multiple mediums including collage, clay, fabric, and foam crafts. Students will learn new skills and improve current skill level design. There will be a strong emphasis on creative thinking and expression, independence and problem solving.

**Taught by: Jayne Vanderbilt** Jayne has worked at CTC for almost 10 years and has worked for the ASP since the beginning! Jayne's classes are always a ton of fun!

## **Class 106: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!**

**Days: Monday & Wednesday**

**Ages: 3-21**

**Description:** In "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" we will do hair & nails, arts & crafts, dance parties & more! This will be a student driven class; we will follow the girl's lead and plan activities accordingly!

**Taught by: Michelle Johanson** Michelle was a preschool teacher for 9 years and has been employed with CTC for about a year. She has worked as a paraprofessional in the After School Program and is excited to teach her own class this semester!

## **Class 107: Sign Language 101**

**Days: Monday & Wednesday**

**Ages: 5-21**

**Description:** Students will learn the basics of American Sign Language through peer interaction, engagement, and conversational practice. We will look at different topics, including the ASL alphabet, emotions, everyday phrases and animals!

**Taught By:** Anissa Kurian and Anita Kurian.

Anissa has been working as an aide at Celebrate the Children since June. She has her Bachelor's degree in Speech Language Pathology from Kean University. She has two Deaf siblings and is fluent in ASL. She loves art and hopes to travel around the world!

Anita is Anissa's Deaf sister and has her Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology from Rochester Institute of Technology. She has worked with the Deaf population in different countries, including Kenya, India, Thailand, and Cambodia. Both Anissa and Anita believe that communication is a key element in life, and learning it in a creative, interactive way is the best way to hold on it and share it with others!

## **Class 108: Learn to Draw Step-by-Step**

**Days: Tuesday**

**Ages: 5-21**

**Description:** Using a step-by-step process, this class brings courage and confidence to the beginning art student. Through the use of simple connected shapes and lines, students will learn to draw expressive cartoons of animals and other subjects of interest. This introductory drawing class will combine the structure of a guided group drawing experience with the freedom to personalize each drawing with color and details as desired. This class will help to improve fine motor skills, concentration, and abstract thinking. Students will also enjoy a live demonstration by a visiting professional cartoonist.

**Taught By: Jill Kimball** Jill Kimball has an MFA from Hunter College and was awarded a scholarship to Yale University's Norfolk art program. She has taught art at Bloomfield College and has also worked teaching art to children and the elderly. Her oil paintings have been displayed in galleries across the US and are in private collections worldwide. Jill is in her third year as a CTC paraprofessional. She has worked with students on the autism spectrum for many years.

## **Class 109: Helping Hands at CTC**

**Days: Tuesday**

**Ages: 3-21**

**Description:** Helping Hands at CTC will be a class where we work to give back to our community in various ways. We will work together to make cards for the elderly, create appreciation bags for our local police officers, and much more. Your child will surely feel a sense of accomplishment and pride while learning how fun and gratifying it can be to give back to your community!

**Taught By: Hallie Catania** Hallie is a paraprofessional at Celebrate The Children. This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> year with CTC she I have been working in the Special Education field for almost 4 years now. Hallie has a degree in Special Education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. She is very passionate about what she does and cannot wait to work with your child!

## **Class 110: Having Fun With Our Five Senses**

**Days: Monday**

**Ages: 3-21**

**Description:** The objective to this hands-on class is to take part in a variety of experiments and projects using our five senses. Some of the experiments we will be doing are making rockets, sensory balloons, chemical reactions, making ice cream and observing changes using our touch, sight, sound, smell and taste senses.

**Taught By: Jamie Klimek** Jamie received her Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification in 2010 from Centenary College and graduated with her Masters degree from College of Saint Elizabeth in May 2012. She has been working in this field since she was 19 years old with 9 years employment at Willowglen Academy her recent experience at The Children's Therapy Center working with medically fragile children. This Jamie's second year at Celebrate the Children. Jamie can't say it enough about how much she loves her job and how lucky she is to have met and worked with such amazing and influential individuals!

## **Class 111: Yoga & Meditation**

**Days: Tuesday**

**Ages: 3-21**

**Description:** This class will be offered for students who enjoy relaxing in a quiet and calm environment. This yoga and meditation class will give students an opportunity to unwind and calm down at the end of their busy school day. I will be playing quiet meditation music and we will do various breathing exercises, yoga poses, and have quiet moments to reflect on our day and just relax.

**Taught By: Catherine Castelli-** Catherine has been a valuable employee of the After School Program for the past 5 years. She has been a "Yogi", a Yoga & meditation enthusiast for over 20 years.

## **Class 112: Champions of Advocacy**

**Days/Ages: Mondays 12-16 Wednesdays 17-21**

**Description:** Champions of Advocacy is a series of theme-based classes designed to introduce and/or strengthen skills related to advocating for oneself. The theme for this cycle is called "Champions of Communication." In order to speak up for what they need, students not only need to have an understanding of how they are communicating, but also, they must understand the effect their words and actions have on others. Each week the students will become engaged in activities and games centered around this theme. The overall goal is for students to develop awareness of what it means to be a self-advocate and to recognize their abilities to become Champions of Advocacy!

**Taught By: Diane Sandonato**

Diane has over 24 years of teaching experience in both public and private schools combined and has taught students from the ages of 5-21 years. She is now beginning her 8<sup>th</sup> year as the Transition Coordinator at CTC. Throughout these years, she has built the Structured Learning Experience internship program from 4 students during her first year to now over 30 students working approximately 50 jobs in the community. Diane is deeply passionate about working with her students to assist them in maximizing their potential in the workplace as well as being a part of preparing them for life beyond their graduation from CTC.

**More on the Back!**

## **Class 113: Sewing**

**Days: Wednesday**

**Ages: 5-21**

**Description:** In this class we will learn to sew using a sewing machine. Once we have accomplished the basics we will proceed to making costumes for the Spring Concert.

**Taught By: Shelann Coughlan** Shelann has worked at Celebrate the Children since 2011. Shelann is currently working as a paraprofessional in the classroom at the high school level. She has also worked at the main office and is very familiar with the students at CTC.

## **Classes By Day:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Taught by</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Taught by</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Taught by</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Taught by</b>
<b>Having Fun With Your Five Senses</b>	Jamie Klimek	<b>Celebrate the Season</b> <b>Helping Hands at CTC</b> <b>Learn to Draw step by step</b>	Shelann Coughlan Hallie Catania Jill Kimball	<b>Fit Club</b>	Nurse Mary Squillante	<b>Fantasy Gaming</b> <b>Game Shows</b> <b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b> <b>Sign Language 101</b>	Shelann Coughlan Lisa Silva Jayne Vanderbilt Anissa Kurian
<b>Girls Just Want to have Fun!</b>	Michelle Johanson			<b>Girls Just Wanna Have Fun</b>	Michelle Johanson		
<b>Sign Language 101</b>	Anissa Kurian			<b>Sewing</b>	Shelann Coughlan		
<b>Yoga &amp; Meditation</b>	Catherine Castelli			<b>Sign Language 101</b>	Anissa Kurian		
<b>Champions of Advocacy</b>	Diane Sandonato			<b>Champions of Advocacy</b>	Diane Sandonato		

If you have an idea for a class, please let us know!  
We are always looking to expand and enhance our program!