

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wonderful Wednesday

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Fabulous "Wonderful Wednesday" CTC families who put on another amazing breakfast spread for the staff! To add a little holiday cheer to this month's breakfast, they also raffled off a dozen beautiful poinsettias! We cannot thank you enough for taking such "wonderful" care of the CTC staff, your kindness is much appreciated!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- THANK YOU
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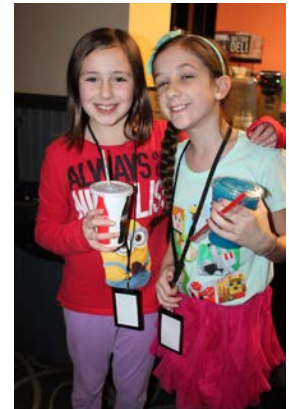
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Some of our young adult students spread some holiday cheer today as they delivered homemade chocolate covered pretzels to some of Denville's Finest!

Bowl-a-Thon

Thank you to everyone who came out and donated to our Bowl-a-Thon! We are now \$10,000 closer to our new bus!! Check out just a few of the pictures.



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM SAM'S CLASS

Holiday Shopping

We had such a fun morning at the Rockaway Mall. Before we left school we made lists of all the presents we should get for our families. When we got to the mall we took pictures with Santa and we started shopping. It was such a fun day! After we wrapped all of our presents.

Happy Holidays,
Sam's Class



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM LISA'S CLASS

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Lisa's class loves the holidays and all the joy it brings! From decorating our classroom, dancing to holiday songs and discussing gift ideas, it really set the mood in the class. Here the girls were making coupon gifts to give to their family. We discussed the value of gifts that do not cost money. Some coupon ideas were breakfast in bed for mom and dad and giving hugs and kisses. The gift of spending time together or doing something nice for others are perfect gifts to give. After the girls wrote out their coupon gifts, they wrapped them up and now they are ready to go! We will continue to shop, bake and create even more holiday fun next week.



A PEAK INTO THE ART PROGRAM MARY BETH'S CLASS

Students are exploring watercolor techniques this month in Art. We started with wet-on-wet watercolor creating a set of 5 cards to give as a gift to friends and family. Students continued, replicating the technique, to create a silhouetted forest landscape against a colorful, dusk or dawn sky. We will continue our experimentation with the medium for the rest of the month of December.



A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

The season for giving is alive at Celebrate the Children. Our related service OT Adult Program joined forces with Operation Christmas Child to fill 30 boxes with toys, colored pencils or crayons, coloring books or paper, hygiene items, and school supplies. This process started over a month ago when the group planned a Taco Tuesday fund-raiser to earn money to buy supplies to fill the boxes. They then came up with ideas of what to purchase to put in the boxes for the children. Finally, packing the boxes was quite a process and took awhile to check and double check to make sure each child's box was filled with enough items for their age. By participating in this program, the students were able to learn about giving to others.




A PEAK INTO THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

In our After School Program Arts & Crafts class we use our fine motor skills, imagination, creativity and tactile system. We use various mediums, such as feathers, cotton balls, glue, paper, paint, yarn etc.

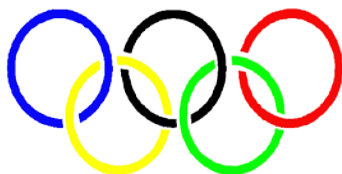
In our fall class we made owls, candy corn figures, a fall wreath, Halloween and Thanksgiving items.

We are looking forward to the next After School Program.



Please consider donating to  this year. This was started by a young child in an effort to spread kindness. Their mission this year is called **OPERATION FEED** with a *focus on Homeless Youth*. Last year, they delivered 500 filled stockings to many organizations, some of which CTC students helped organize and fill. There is a box in our front lobby for donations. Below, please find website that contains list of items needed and more information on their mission. Thank you!

<http://www.givetogive2014.com/how-to-donate.html>



Mark your Calendars!
Special Olympics Track & Field Competition



Special Olympics
New Jersey

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
Hackettstown High School
Look for information this winter

CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

...everything you need to navigate the journey!!

On this site you will find access to a vast array of Local, State, & National Resources and Organizations dedicated to supporting children, families, and professionals. You can sign up for newsletters & publications, locate workshops, seminars and conferences, access webinars, find publishers, connect to other families, get homework help, and the list goes on!

We encourage you to explore, connect, and utilize the vast resources available to you through these organizations. The knowledge you will gain, the confidence it will afford you in your journey, and the community connections you will secure are invaluable!

Look for "CTC Connections" on the home page of the CTC School website
Go to the "MORE" tab, click on "RESOURCES", then "CTC CONNECTIONS"
<http://www.celebratethechildren.org/ctc-connections.html>

Parent & Professional Presentation at CTC

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Services & Supports Workshop

When: Thursday Feb 2, 2017, 6:30pm

Where: CTC Music Room

For Who: Parents & Professionals

Presenter: Katelynne Collick, DDD Coordinator,
Employment & Transition Services

RSVP REQUIRED: to Jen M. at ext. 413 or
jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Overview of DDD Services and Supports
- Timeline for new graduates
- Eligibility
- Application Process
- Budgets
- Service Descriptions

This information is critical in the planning process for Transition and life after entitlements. We encourage EVERYONE to attend!

Morris County HOW

Our "HOW" Hands On Workshop Series

Is your student ready for life after high school?

Are you?

"HOW" is a five-part workshop series to help families navigate the transition from school to adult life.

Our NEXT MEETING of the 2016-2017 School Year is

Monday Jan 9, 10:00-11:30am

RSVP REQUIRED

email Cheri calexander@celebratethechildren.org

Mark Your Calendars with the Additional Meeting Dates in the Series: Feb 13, March 13

UPCOMING PARENT TRAININGS AT CTC

- Dec 7, 12:30-2:00 – Parent Healing Group
- January 26, 1-2:30 – V&V, Visualize & Verbalize
- February 8th, 2017 10AM– Sexuality & Hygiene
- March 3rd 2017 11:30AM – AAC (Alternative & Augmentative Communication) Training

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Jen Mandato at

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

CTC Parent Support Groups & SFSS Small Group Parent Series

We have a few Parent run Support Groups that meet on and off premise. Contact your SFSS Case Manager for more details!

We also strongly encourage families to reach out to their home communities for support and recreation opportunities!

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1/26 - 1-2:30pm V&V Visualize & Verbalize

2/2 – 6:30pm Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Services & Supports

2/8 - 10am Sexuality & Hygiene

3/3 - 11:30am AAC (Alternative & Augmentative Communication) training

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January 18 @ 12:30

Parent Healing Group: Transforming Stress and Anxiety

Glenn Ben-Ezra, Teacher of Healing and Meditation will provide you with a series of practices that are accessible for you and your child.

Be sure to wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing as this is an experiential class.

We have a limited number of spaces so RSVP

by 1/16 to: Jennifer Mandato @

973-989-4033 X 413 or jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

Light It Up Blue

March 31, 2017



Benefit/Gala

March 11 @ 7pm
Meadow Wood Manor,
Randolph, NJ

Profectum's 5th International Conference Honoring Individual Differences: The Gateway to Supporting Neurodiversity

Friday, March 31st thru Saturday, April 1st, 2017
The Huntington Library, Art Collections and
Botanical Gardens
San Marino, CA

Special Oylmpics

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