

February 17, 2017

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Gala
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events

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LET'S PLAY GALA

FUN IN THE ROARING 20'S
PUTTING ON THE RITZ

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH
7PM-12AM

HONORING

CHIEF CHRISTOPHER WAGNER, DENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

LORI RICKLES, AUTISM ADVOCATE

VIJAY RAVINDRAN & VIBHA SAZAWAL, FLOREO TECHNOLOGIES

- ◆ FUN IN THE ROARING 20'S
- ◆ 20'S ATTIRE OPTIONAL
- ◆ CASINO
- ◆ AUCTIONS
- ◆ WINE PULL
- ◆ MUSIC
- ◆ DANCING
- ◆ DINNER
- ◆ COCKTAILS

◆ **\$150+**

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN SCHOOL

a non-profit, state-approved private school, which serves a diverse range of students ages 3-21 with autism and other challenges in relating and communicating.

SPONSORSHIP AND AD JOURNAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



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WWW.CELEBRATETHECHILDREN.ORG/LETS-PLAY-GALA

21 & OVER

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM NIKKI'S CLASS

Snow Tubing Physics

The students in Nikki's class have just started learning about forces and motion in Science. We are learning about velocity, friction, gravity, Newton's Laws, and more. To really bring our forces and motion unit to life, we will be going snow tubing at Mountain Creek in two weeks with Sam's class! The students organized a Valentine's Day candy sale to fundraise the money for the trip. In Math, the students calculated how much they needed to sell the candy for in order to raise enough money for the trip, based on how much candy they estimated each student would sell. They were very accurate in their estimations and calculations, and successfully raised all the money needed! Next they worked hard making, decorating, and packaging all their orders. They made chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate covered strawberries, and truffles. This week, the students had fun practicing snow tubing on the small hill at CTC. We are super excited to hit the big slopes in two weeks!

We also are happy to have a new student in our class... Welcome, Stevie!!!



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMY'S CLASS

This week Amy's class completed work on reimagining an existing board game. Together we worked to re-theme every aspect of the game, while still keeping the original rules. Working as a whole, students brainstormed themes for a Good vs. Evil social deduction game. Some of the ideas were Wizards vs. Dementors, Dragons vs. Knights, Gangsters vs. Cops, and so many more. Students were challenged to use higher level thinking to defend their choices with logical thought and persuasive arguments. Once a winning theme was chosen students broke into teams to create artwork. Each team had to think symbolically while creating original artwork or finding images in media to create their cards. There were, of course, many disagreements on which cards should ultimately be used, but students were able to navigate the problem and compromise as a group. Our final step is to complete the board game and start playing!!



A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

Our speech and language department found a creative way to combat the winter blues! Elementary and middle school students were invited to take an imaginary trip around the world to participate in a series of language building activities infused with regulatory movement breaks. Each student was issued a "Language Laps Passport." Upon completion of activities like "Sequencing Safari," "Pragmatic Peninsula" and "Formulating Forest," students received a stamp on their passport and corresponding prizes. It was a fun day for all!



CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

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

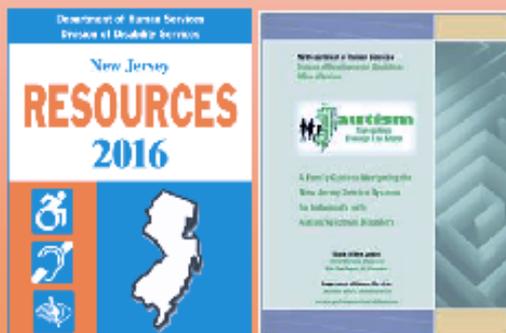
On this site you will find access to a vast array of Local, State, & National Resources and Organizations dedicated to supporting children, families, and professionals. You can sign up for newsletters & publications, locate workshops, seminars and conferences, access webinars, find publishers, connect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

CTC Connections Featured Resource Page: "Tool Kits & Guides"



<https://sites.google.com/a/celebratethechildren.org/national-and-state-organizations/home/tool-kits>

Within the "Tool Kits & Guides" Tab on CTC Connections you will find info that includes:

- The NJ Resources 2016 Guide
- Tool Kits that are topic specific
- Support Programs & Service Quick Guide
- Transition Tool Kit
- "Through the Maze" Family Guide

We encourage you to visit the site often and click around the many other tabs that include:

Homework Help, Transition, Support, Advocacy, Transportation, Newsletters, After 21, Recreation, etc...

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 Feb 13, 10:00-11:30am

RSVP REQUIRED

email Cheri_calexander@celebratethechildren.org

TOPIC: "Yes your child can work! Working toward employment for people with IDD"

UPCOMING PARENT TRAININGS AT CTC

- February 15th, 2017 12:30: Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen with Glen
- 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!

PLEASE READ AND UPDATE YOUR HONEYWELL ACCOUNTS

Our Honeywell Instant Alert System is used for communicating school closings, delayed openings and other critical information. To ensure you receive alerts, we encourage ALL parents and staff to re-visit their Honeywell Instant Alert profiles and make any necessary changes in phone numbers, email addresses and alert preferences. Please note, it is the responsibility of each individual parent and staff member to update their own profile, contact information and alert preferences.

Please follow the instructions below to log in to your account. For your convenience, we have also added the Honeywell website link directly on our school website, www.celebratethechildren.org.

How to Update Your Instant Alert Settings

- Log on to: **Honeywell Instant Alert Website URL:**<https://instantalert.honeywell.com>
- Enter the user name and password that you created when you registered. If you have forgotten either your user name or password, you will be prompted to enter some additional information and your user name and/or password will be sent immediately to your email account. If you have not yet created an account, you can do so by clicking New User/Sign Up.
- Click on 'Alert Setup.'
- Check (or un-check) the boxes to select which alert type you would like to have sent to which device. Click on 'Save' when complete.
- For e-mail, text messaging and pagers you may send yourself a test message. Click on 'Send Test Message' to send yourself a message.
- Please review all personal information to make sure home/cell phone numbers and email addresses are up to date.
- **Make sure alerts are set up to send from midnight-midnight to be sure you receive all alerts.**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Katie McColligan at kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org or [973-989-4033 ext. 150](tel:973-989-4033). Thank you!

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Parent Training Group

Topic: *Parent Healing Group:
Meditation and Tonglen*

March 15, 2017 at 12:30 pm



Presenting:

Glenn Ben-Ezra, Teacher of Healing and Meditation. We all become bogged down with the daily stressors in our lives. These not only have an impact on us, but on our children as well. Glenn 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.

Space is limited in the yoga studio, so we have a limited number of spaces. Please RSVP early to hold your seat!

Location:

CTC's Yoga Room

RSVP required by March 13 to:

Student & Family Support Services

Jennifer Mandato

(973) 989-4033 x 413 or jmandato@celebratethechildren.org



Planning for Adult Life is a statewide project funded by the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to assist young adults (between the ages of 16-21) with various developmental disabilities and their families in charting a life course for adulthood. They offer a variety of resources including Informational sessions, webinars, and resource guides/materials that address the following core areas:

- Post-secondary Education and/or Employment
- Housing
- Entitlement Programs and Eligibility
- Self-Direction
- Health/Behavioral Health
- Building/Maintaining Community Ties and Friendships

For additional information about the activities related to this project, please join us and guest speaker; **Jerisa Maseko, Director of "Planning for Adult Life", Arc of New Jersey.**



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NEWS

Allied Wealth Partners Special Needs Division

"Planning for Adult Life"

WHERE: Allied Wealth Partners
14 Walsh Drive, Suite 100
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEN: March 23rd, 2017

TIME: 6:30pm: Family Networking
7:00pm: Seminar

Please RSVP at (973) 265-1317 or epedersen@alliedwealthpartners.com as this event is sure to reach capacity!



Earl A. Pedersen and Barry Friedson, CFP, CFA

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Special Needs Division

www.alliedwealthpartners.com/specialneedsdivision

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The Forum School Presents:

***NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION
FROM EDUCATION TO ADULTHOOD:
A Workshop For Special Needs Students,
Their Families and Educators***

Thursday, March 2, 2017 • 7:00 pm

The playing field changes dramatically for students and families after graduation day. In addition, programs and the ways in which services are funded and delivered have recently changed. Students and their families must plan for life after the entitlement to special education ends at age 21. Learn how to navigate this transition so that students are supported after graduation day and families have peace of mind.

Our panel of legal, therapeutic, and support professionals brings a unique collective perspective to serving the needs of special needs students and their families.

Our presentation focuses on:

- **Legal Considerations Including SSI, Guardianship and Special Needs Trusts**
Shirley B. Whitenack, Esq., Partner, Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP
- **Maintaining Speech, Physical and Occupational Therapies After Graduation**
Jason Campbell, OTR (Occupational Therapist, Registered), Caldwell Pediatric Therapy Center
- **Steps to Accessing Services/Supports from the Division of Developmental Disabilities**
Joseph DeSimone, Trustee, Options Imagined a NJ Nonprofit Corporation

LOCATION: 107 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Please RSVP to Katherine Kandravv, call (201) 444-5882.
or via email: katherine.kandravy@theforumschool.com

The Forum School is a NJDOE approved private school for students with disabilities. We serve students aged 5-21 with autism and other learning, language, behavioral, and social challenges. To learn more, please visit us online at TheForumSchool.com.

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Future Fair

Friday April 7, 2017

10:00 am to 12:00 pm



**Join us for our Annual Future Fair to learn about the world of opportunity waiting for you!
All are welcome!**

There will be a wide variety of Organizations, Programs, and Schools ready to share their resources including the following:
JoyDew, The Felician 21 and Over Program, Wae Center, YMCA Real Life Choices, Allied Wealth Partners, Centenary University, ARC NJ, DVRS

RSVP: Jennifer Mandato, MA School Counselor
jmandato@celebratethechildren.org 973-989-4033 ext. 413



Young Child Expo & Conference
Autism Intervention Summit Day
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
 New York City



Early Bird and Group Discounts Available

Cross the Bridge Between Behavioral and Developmental Models



Explore the assumptions, goals and methods to advance children on the Autism Spectrum with these latest ABA and Developmental models:

ESDM - Early Start Denver Model

Jamie Winter, PhD, BCBA-D, Assistant Professor of Psychology in Clinical Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College, NY

JASPER - Joint Attention, Symbolic Play, Engagement, Regulation

Suzanne Bracaglia, MSE, JASPER Consultant/Supervisor of Groups, New York Center for Infants and Toddlers, NY; Maria Kodjoe, MEd, Vice President – Behavioral Services, New York Center for Infants and Toddlers, NY

VB - Verbal Behavior ABA

Marilena Drakopoulou, MSED, Director of ABA Services, Los Niños Services, NY

Developmental Language / Dual Language Models

Sima Gerber, PhD, Professor of Speech-Language Pathology in the Department of Linguistics and Communication Disorders, Queens College, NY

Functional Emotional Developmental Levels in DIR

Christie Virtue, PhD, Senior Faculty, Profectum, NY

Sensory Processing and Motor Development

Michele Parkins, MS, OTR, Assistant Faculty, Profectum, NY

For more information: **Nancy Evangelista, MSW, Conference Coordinator**

Phone: 212-787-9700 ext. 333

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January 24, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The New Jersey Special Olympics Area 3 is excited to host its annual Track & Field competition at Hackettstown High School for its 12th year. The date is set for **Saturday, May 6, 2017**. There is no rain date for the event. Based on the regulations from Special Olympics, all Celebrate the Children (CTC) students who are age 8 years or above are eligible to participate in the competition. Accommodations are made to support the athletes and each competitor is successful and receives a medal. All participating athletes must arrive for registration between 8:00 and 8:30 am and opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 am.

Special Olympics has updated their paperwork since our last time participating in the Track & Field competition. Each athlete must now have a valid PARTICIPANT RELEASE FORM and ATHLETE MEDICAL FORM on file. The participant release form is new documentation. Both of these forms must be completed every three years. Special Olympics has stressed that they must have the ORIGINAL participant release form and athlete medical forms. They will not accept scanned or faxed copies. Please see the attached "Athlete Registration and Special Olympics NJ Medical Policy" for further information.

We have also included a CTC LETTER OF INTENT. Please fill out this form if you intend for your child to participate in the competition. It includes an area to document the competitor's t-shirt size. Each student will receive a shirt to wear during the competition and it is a souvenir for them to remember the experience.

Please be aware that this is not a CTC run event. We have learned that it is a long day for the students and there is a lot of waiting involved for all who participate. Unfortunately, we are not informed of times of events. Track events take place in the morning and field events (softball, TurboJay, and shot put) are in the early afternoon. Each athlete may compete in up to a maximum of two track events, one field event, and one relay race. In the event that the day is too long for your athlete, you have the option to participate in only the morning track session. If the wait time is not an issue, sign up your athlete for both the morning track and afternoon field events.

Please return the **ORIGINAL PARTICIPANT RELEASE FORM, ATHLETE MEDICAL FORM, and CTC LETTER OF INTENT** to CTC (c/o Danielle Dieckmann and Lisa Bruno) by **Friday, March 3, 2017**.

Unfortunately, there is no exception to the due date. Any forms submitted after March 3rd will **NOT** be accepted and the athlete will be unable to participate in this year's competition. If your athlete competed in the past with CTC's Track & Field team, they have a current medical form on file unless we specifically notify you otherwise. These athletes will still need to submit a participant release form and CTC letter of intent.

If you have any questions regarding Special Olympics, please contact Lisa Bruno or Danielle Dieckmann at (973) 989-4033 x123. We look forward to another incredible partnership opportunity with Special Olympics. Go CTC Sea Turtles!

Sincerely,

Your CTC Special Olympics Coaches

**Special
Olympics**
New Jersey



Lisa Bruno, OTD, OTR

Danielle Dieckmann, PT, DPT



Autism Speaks Transition Town Hall

Join Autism Speaks for a Transition Town Hall!

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
6:00pm Resource Fair | 6:30pm Panel Discussion
Followed by Q & A

Fairleigh Dickinson University | Florham Campus
Event will be held at Lenfell Hall, inside Hennessy Hall
285 Madison Avenue
Madison, New Jersey 07940

This event will include a Resource Fair, complete with agencies that provide services for young adults and adults with autism, and features a panel discussion on transition planning with local experts who will offer options to think about and explore as families begin to plan for the transition from adolescence into adulthood.

Panel includes:

Dr. Kathleen Viezel, Fairleigh Dickinson University's COMPASS Program
Lisa Ford, The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute
Diane Riley, Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey
Katelynne Collick, New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities

The goal of this meeting is to bring together young adults and adults with autism, families, adult service providers and state resources in a positive and collaborative atmosphere.

Who Should Come? Transition-aged students with autism ages 12 through 21, adults with autism, family members, school staff, adult service system professionals, and policy makers. The event is free; registration is required at: act.autismspeaks.org/NJTownHall2017.

Morris County HOW

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

Our next meeting is **Monday, Feb 13, 10-11:30 am**

RSVP REQUIRED

Email Cheri at calexander@celebratethechildren.org

Mark your calendars with additional meeting dates in the series: March 13

Parent Training

Mar 15 - 12:30pm –Parent Healing Group:
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Presented by: Glenn Ben-Ezra

RSVP By 3/13 Required

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Special Olympics

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

Hackettstown High School

Registration 8-8:30am

Opening Ceremonies 9am

For questions contact:

Lisa Bruno or Danielle Dieckmann @
973-989-4033 x 123



Benefit/Gala

March 11 @ 7pm

Meadow Wood Manor

461 NJ-10, Randolph, NJ 07869



Light It Up Blue

March 31, 2017

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

Register @ profectum.org

Early Bird registration discount through 2/1/17



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