

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Omega Man
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?....No it is Omegaman..... This week CTC had the pleasure of Welcoming Omegaman to our school. SFSS would like to highlight some key messages from Omegaman in his show about bullying.

First, we learned about being a Hero:

- H- Helping
- E-Everyone
- R-Respect
- O-Others



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Teaching the students and staff, we all can be a hero everyday!

He also focused on teaching "Be a Dream Maker, Not a Dream Breaker!" Omegaman asserted, "It starts with YOU and ME." His proactive message highlighted taking self-responsibility. He further taught the children about identifying bullying behavior and making positive choices. Furthermore, the show expanded the bullying lesson by introducing "bystanders" and "upstanders" and activating the peer community to help.

"I am a hero. I am dream maker. I am making good choices. I am bully-free!" was a chant for the kids to motivate them. This positive statement taught affirming statements to teach positive thinking. Positive thinking is an integral part of dealing with life's challenges.

As CTC strives to create a positive bully-free zone, here are more resources for your home and community, <http://www.omegamanschools.com/>. Join CTC in being a HERO!





Dear Families & Staff,

Do you know you can support Celebrate the Children and the amazing work that we do while you do your online shopping?!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, AT NO COST TO YOU. When you shop at www.smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Celebrate the Children School.

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CTC Parents! Wonderful Wednesdays!

Wonderful Wednesdays are the second Wednesday morning* of each month. Faculty and staff are being treated to an array of continental breakfast delights and coffee. The cost is about \$250 a month. If you would like to donate money or food items, please contact Carole McBride (Jordan and Isaiah's mom) at [908-798-0094](tel:908-798-0094) or at carolemcbride@comcast.net or cmcbride321@gmail.com.

Thanks,
The Wonderful Wednesday Committee
(Please note this is not a PTO effort.)

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS

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Our class practiced for a bowling CBI trip by setting up lanes in the gym for students to practice on as well as set up their pins so they became familiar with how the pin set up looks. We had snacks they could buy with play money. The trip the next week went so smoothly and the class had a blast! Practice makes perfect!

Our class has been working hard on academics too, learning about synonyms and antonyms and answering questions after listening to stories. We have been learning about all the exciting holidays coming up in February: Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, President's Day and Valentine's Day and it's Leap Year!!!!!! Next week we are going to a Chinese Buffet for the New Year. We practiced going from classroom to classroom doing different crafts related to all the holidays. We just learned about the phases of the moon and did a yummy project to complete that unit.

We are looking forward to a week off and then coming back to more interesting things to do such as visiting the police station in town and then moving into March and spring!

A PEEK INTO THE SFSS PROGRAM

This semester the SFSS department has an intern joining them from Caldwell University. Jamie Carvajal will be shadowing our School Counselor, Jennifer Mandato through May. February 1-5 is National School Counseling Week. In honor of National School Counseling Week, Jamie wrote the following article on what she feels the role of a school counselor is:

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the words school counselor? Do you think of college and career help, scheduling, or guidance? Well you're not alone, many people and educators believe this is the role of a school counselor but the role of the school counselor goes above and beyond this. They are important to students, who often seek one-on-one help from their school counselor to discuss personal issues, academic issues, family issues, or seek crisis counseling. School counselors advocate for their students to ensure successful academic achievement, personal/social development and career/college development. School counselors collaborate with parents, teachers, and administrators to make certain that students will experience a positive learning and social environment.

School counselors establish healthy relationships with parents to ensure that their child has a successful outcome in all aspects of their school and personal life. School counselors communicate during the entire school year with parents. Parents know what they want for their child and with the help of the school counselors; they can come up with healthy solutions for their child. School counselors maintain a collaborative relationship with administrators and teachers and work effectively together to make a difference in helping all students achieve success. At Celebrate the Children, the school counselors live up to this role and go above and beyond to collaborate and advocate for students, parents, teachers, aides, and administrators. This week is National School Counseling Week and it's important to remember that the school counselor plays an extremely vital role for their schools. So during this recognition week don't forget to thank your school counselor!

-Jamie Carvajal

Please pass on Profectum's CA Conference information to all your West Coast friends or to anyone you feel would benefit from this conference.

For additional information go to:

www.profectum.org



March 18-20, 2016

PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER
PASADENA, CA

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Awakening Human Potential in Mind and Body

Regional Center Vendor # PD2979

Continuing Education for SLP, OT, COTA, LMFT, LCSW, LEP, LPCC, Psychologist



Featured Conference Themes

- Innovative Approaches to Emotional Regulation: Using Sense Technology to Improve Quality of Life
- Identifying Needs and Bringing Hope to Underserved Infants, Toddlers, and Parents in the Child Welfare System
- Healing the Body to Calm the Mind: The Impact of Medical Issues on Emotional Well-Being and Developmental Progress
- Innovative Approaches to Building Socio-emotional Development
- The Impacts of Fathers and Father Figures on Children's Socio-emotional Development

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

www.profectum.org

This conference is for everyone!

- Plenary presentations on all conference themes
- Multi-disciplinary panel discussions that include case histories with video clips demonstrating relationship based treatment strategies to address key challenges
- Parent panels to address concerns for all those raising children with special needs
- Special Workshops that provide "hands-on" learning and practical tools to use in the home, clinic and classroom
- A Resource Partner Fair to learn what's available and forge new relationships within the community
- Book signings at the Special Needs Project Bookstore
- Opportunities to meet and network with colleagues, friends and parents dedicated to the progress of every individual

GUEST SPEAKERS

Shelia Anderson, PhD

LouAnne Boyd, MA

Deborah Budding, PhD

Brenda Jones Harden, MSW, PhD

Erik Linthorst

Rosalind W. Picard, SCD

"Skip" Rizzo, PhD

Lonnie Zeltzer, MD

PROFECTUM FACULTY

Ricki Robinson, MD, MPH

Serena Wieder, PhD

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Monica G. Osgood

Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L

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4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Awakening Human Potential in Mind and Body

5 TOP

Reasons
Professionals
Should Attend
this Conference

March 18-20, 2016

The Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, CA

Register Now

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EXPLORE

Cutting edge technology that improves well-being and development in Autism, SPD and Mental Health Treatment

DISCOVER

How medical conditions, including chronic pain and anxiety, can be recognized and treated to calm the body and mind

LEARN

about a groundbreaking transdisciplinary team approach to improving long term outcomes of underserved children with toxic stress

NETWORK

with internationally known researchers, clinicians and local professionals

EXPLORE

The "father factor" and how it can enhance all family's lives, regardless of constellation

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Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Contact your Regional Center Service Coordinator for instruction on how to apply to attend.



4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Awakening Human Potential in Mind and Body

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Reasons
Parents Should
Attend this
Conference

INFORM

your child's team about the latest research on supporting your child's emotions and decreasing anxiety

RECOGNIZE

how medical conditions can look like challenging behaviors in autism spectrum disorders

LEARN

how technology, including video games, can help or hinder your child's developmental progress

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DISCOVER

what researchers have to tell us about "father factors" and how all *mothers and fathers* can supercharge their play and interactions

NETWORK

with researchers, fellow parents and autistic individuals to create strong communities of parent support



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A Conference to Get You the
Answers You Need!


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**Register
NOW!**

Can “sense” technology such as a bracelet or sock help my child with emotional control?

Rosalind W. Picard, ScD from the MIT Media Lab will share with us how the latest technology measuring and supporting an individual’s emotional levels is now available for parents and professionals alike. Come hear about technology that can help children and teens’ emotional development, and see video examples of how it works, along with a case presentation by **Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L**.

What is the relationship between autism, pain, and challenging behaviors?

Ricki Robinson, MD, MPH, pediatrician and autism specialist, will lead a panel of experts including **Lonnie Zeltzer, MD**, who will share about mind-body strategies for managing pain and anxiety in autism and special needs.

How much time should I let my child spend playing video games?

Skip Rizzo, PhD, from USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology along with researcher **LouAnne Boyd, MA** and neuropsychologist **Deborah Budding, PhD** will discuss the pros and cons of video games and other technologies, including a game that improves social skills, and a technology platform that helps autistic young adults prepare for job interviews.

Is there something to be learned about how fathers interact and play?

Sheila Anderson, PhD, developmental psychologist, will bring us her research about the “father factor” and developmental boosts that *fathers and mothers* can provide to children. Come learn the strategies and hear from an exciting panel, moderated by **Mona Delahooke, PhD**, including fathers and a son who will candidly share their stories and inspire all families to grow along the lifespan.

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**Is your student in
Special Education?
Is your student ready
for life after high
school? Are you?**

HANDS ON WORKSHOP SERIES is a five-part workshop to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families navigate the transition from school to adult life. Join us to learn about:

Guardianship and Supported Decision Making: Just the Basics

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

TIME: 6:00-7:00pm

LOCATION: Celebrate the Children School
230 Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ

**Please RSVP to Caroline Mclaughlin, Transition Navigator
(732) 354-9374 or cmclaughlin@arcnj.org**



**Celebrate the
Children School**

www.PlanningForAdultLife.org



Please save the date for

Aladdin

Autism-Friendly Performance:
Sunday, March 6, 2016 @ 1:00 PM



New Amsterdam Theatre
214 W 42nd St New York, NY 10036

TICKETS ON SALE Only at: www.tdf.org/aladdin

All tickets for this performance are being specially priced to ensure that as many individuals, as possible, affected by autism, sensory and communication disorders, or learning disabilities, are able to experience this extraordinary production.

Tickets for the autism-friendly performance are only available for purchase at www.tdf.org/aladdin

Ticket Prices:

Orchestra: \$89.00
Front/ Mid Mezzanine: \$89.00
Rear/ Side Mezzanine: \$65.00
Balcony: \$60.00

Limit 6 tickets per order.
For larger groups email autism@tdf.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Since TDF obtained every seat in the theater, TDF IS THE ONLY OFFICIAL SITE TO OBTAIN TICKETS to the autism-friendly performance on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 1:00 PM. RUNNING TIME: 2:35

The beloved story is brought to thrilling theatrical life in this bold new musical.

With just one rub of a magic lamp, Aladdin's journey sweeps you into an exotic world full of daring adventure, classic comedy and timeless romance. It's an unforgettable experience that includes all the cherished songs from the Academy Award®-winning score and more written especially for Broadway.

This brand-new stage production is directed and choreographed by Tony Award® winner Casey Nicholaw, and composed by Tony Award® winner Alan Menken. It features lyrics penned by the legendary Howard Ashman and Tony Award® winner Tim Rice. Book and additional lyrics by Chad Beguelin (*The Wedding Singer*)

To create an autism-friendly performance, the show is being performed in a welcoming, supportive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, with sensory and communication disorders, or learning disabilities. Slight adjustments to lighting and sound will be made for the performance. In the downstairs theatre lobby there will be a break area staffed by specialists in the field, if anyone needs to leave their seats during the show.

Theatre Development Fund (TDF), the nation's largest not-for-profit service organization for the performing arts, is proud to continue serving the autism community with our Autism Theatre Initiative, making theatre accessible to children and adults who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or other sensitivity issues, and their families. **TDF is delighted to offer an autism-friendly performance of *Aladdin* on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 1:00 PM.**

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 that are 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 the "CTC Connections" logo on the home page of the CTC School website
<https://sites.google.com/a/celebratethechildren.org/national-and-state-organizations/>

Parent/Professional Conference

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities Presents

Facing the Future 24

Discovering a World of Employment Opportunities

March 18, 2016 8 am- 4:00 pm

Facing the Future 24 features keynote presentations by Allison Wohl and Temple Grandin as well as 18 conference workshops.

Visit CTC Connections for more info on this and many other opportunities! Under the "NJ Government Agencies & Resources" Tab

CTC Parent Support Groups

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!

It may be when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey.

– Wendell Berry

Morris County HOW

At Celebrate the Children School

Is your child 14-21 years old? It is time for you to start planning for when they leave school. Join HOW-"Hands On Workshop Series" (aka: Prep Club) to learn what you need to know to plan for life beyond high school.

Jan 13th, Feb 10th, March 9th - 6:00-7:00 pm

RSVP REQUIRED – email Caroline
cmclaughlin@arcnj.org

****Second Wednesday of every month.**

CTC MAPs Club

Making Action Plans for Life and Career

Transition Navigators meet with older students twice monthly completing activities based on transition curriculum. Small group activities, peer to peer discussions, formal presentation, and individual activities allow students opportunities to learn how to identify their strengths/challenges and set life goals for the future.

Mark Your Calendars!

"Transition Expo" – TBA, Spring 2016

Upcoming Events

FUNPLEX Amusement Center,
East Hanover, NJ

is hosting a Special Needs Night, Thursday,
March 3rd! The cost is \$20 and includes **Unlimited
Attractions, 10 Arcade Credits, PLUS 2 Slices of
Pizza & Medium Drink.**

Go to their website <http://funplexeasthanover.com/>
for more information.

Call 973-428-8772 to make reservations!

Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:

greenvision@celebratethechildren.org

or call 973-989-4033 x 145

ALLIED Wealth Partners

“Individualized Life Planning/Transitioning to
Post-School Life”

Presented by William England, President &
Founder, Disability Services & Advocacy

February 25th at 6:30 pm

RSVP at (973) 265-1317 or

epedersen@alliedwealthpartners.com

HOW – Hands on Workshop

aka – “Prep Club”

2nd Wednesday of each month 6-7 pm

RSVP REQUIRED

to Caroline McLaughlin

cmclaughlin@arcnj.org

or call 732-354-9374

February 15th-19th

Winter Recess

School Closed

March 25th & 28th

Easter Break

School Closed

April 18th-22nd

Spring Break

School Closed

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