

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Save The Date

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Gala
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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.

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21 & OVER

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

Kelly's Concepts of Chemistry and Physics classes have been studying chemical reactions. We have completed lab activities to help us generate exothermic reactions (by making "Elephant Toothpaste"), and endothermic reactions (vinegar combined with baking soda). We have learned to identify the reactants and the products within in the chemical reaction. We have discussed that bees making honey is actually a chemical reaction that is taking place! We have also studied the thermal conductivity of metals and were able to activate a light bulb using only foil and a battery!



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM DIANE'S CLASS

On Thursday, a group of students went on a Job Shadow trip to Walgreens in Denville. Job shadowing is a career exploration activity that offers an opportunity for students to spend time with a professional in a particular career area. Job shadowing offers a chance to see what it is actually like working in a specific job. Not only do students get to observe the day-to-day activities of someone in the current workforce, they also get a chance to have their questions answered.

The students met with employees from several store departments. These departments included photo, cosmetics, pharmacy and the stockroom. Responsibilities, necessary skills, and required training were the areas covered by each department representative. The store manager also gave responses to give the students insight into the progression of responsibilities which lead to management positions. Walgreens is also a company which believes in hiring individuals with disabilities. Their distribution center alone has 800 employees, 600 of whom have a disability.

Aside from running a business, employees from both the retail and corporate levels are involved with holding community fundraising events. Red Nose Day raises funds which are donated to the Children's Poverty organization. They host community event workshops and an annual walk to raise money for diabetes research.

When asked what they liked most about their job, each employee replied that they enjoy working with people!





A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM MUSIC DAN'S CLASS

Recently in music class we've been learning about the steel drum – how it was created on the island of Trinidad and also how they are made by hand in a process that takes over 120 hours. Of course everyone took turns playing our steel drum.

Also we learned about the unusual singing style from the small Siberian country Tuva. It is an ancient tradition that began before language was developed. One of the most fascinating aspects of the Tuvan singers is their ability to sing two notes at the same time!

Musically yours,
Dan

BEAUTY SHOP DAY

The girls in Nikki's class invited all the girls at CTC to their beauty salon! They did nails, make up, and hair. Everybody loved it! Check out our Pictures!



*CTC Small Group
Parent Series
ANNOUNCING OUR
2017 WINTER SESSION!
“Developing Resilience
& Reducing Stress”*



*Meets on Fridays from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM
January 27, February 3rd, February 10th & February 17th*

The group will be held in the CTC lobby conference room

*To sign up you must RSVP: Please contact Mady Kaplan or Stefanie
D'Amore at the SFSS Dept. (973) 989 4033 - EXT.421 or 420*



ALADDIN

Autism-Friendly Performance:
Sunday, March 5, 2017 @ 1pm
New Amsterdam Theater
 214 West 42nd Street
 New York, NY 10036

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 the musical ALADDIN on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 1pm.**

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

Only at: www.tdf.org/aladdin

Orchestra: \$85

Front/Mid Mezzanine: \$78

Rear/Side Mezzanine: \$72

Balcony: \$50

WHAT'S THE SAME?

You will still go to www.tdf.org/aladdin and click the BUY TICKETS button on the right hand side when tickets go on sale. This button will only appear when tickets go on sale.

www.tdf.org/aladdin is also still where all resources such as the Social Narrative and Character Guide live.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

The BUY TICKETS button will redirect you to a private event on Eventbrite where you will be prompted to put in the password: **TDFAccess**

You will be able to select your seats.

There is now a 2 ticket minimum and a 7 ticket maximum for individual orders. So **PLEASE** know how many tickets you need when you order. We will be *unable* to add a single additional ticket to orders.

A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM SFSS

The Student and Family Support Services Department is excited to have many upcoming Parent Training Groups.

January 26th at 1:00 pm - Mary Alice Landis and Erin Goellner will be presenting on ***V & V: Visualize and Verbalize***. Studies show that students with poor reading comprehension have difficulty visualizing what it is that they read. The Visualizing & Verbalizing Program (V&V) for reading comprehension is designed to develop the student's ability to form mental images. Mary Alice and Erin will provide an overview about the program and how they work with our students with this program.

February 2nd at 6:30 pm - Katelynne Collick from the ***Division of Developmental Disabilities will be presenting about their supports program, budgets, eligibility and services overview***. Child care will be provided to CTC families if needed. RSVP is required for this presentation so we can make arrangements for your child.

February 8th at 10:00 am - Bobbie Gallagher, MA, BCBA will be presenting on ***Sexuality & Hygiene for Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities - What Caregivers Need to know***. Adolescence can be a difficult time for children and families, and can be especially difficult for children with developmental disabilities and their families. This presentation will provide an overview of the specific challenges present during puberty and adolescence, specifically issues of sexuality and hygiene. Strategies for increasing independence in grooming, hygiene, health, and dressing will be reviewed. In addition, issues and strategies surrounding sexuality, modesty, privacy, boundaries and personal safety will be discussed.

March 3rd at 11:30 am - Michelle Attardi, SLP will be presenting an ***AAC Training on Programming a Device***. AAC training will help increase comfort with programming and backing up the device that supports their child's expressive language. This training will also help increase an understanding on functional use at home by problem solving ways to implement it for families.

If you have any questions, would like more information on any of these trainings or to RSVP please contact:

Jennifer Mandato, MA at jmandato@celebratethechildren.org or
973-989-4033 ext. 413.



NJ Association of the Deaf, Inc.
proudly present

Let's Talk about Deaf Education



Current Structure & Challenges

- Different now than 1970-1980 ... Why?
- Why Deaf still fail in school?
- Language—how to learn?



Interpreters will be provided for this workshop. *Sponsored by NJ Division of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing.*

This is for ALL Deaf Community
Learn of possible solutions
Parents of Deaf Children
Professionals in field of Deaf Education
Are Welcome

Saturday, January 28, 2017

In case of snow ... postpone to Saturday, February 4, 2017

1:30 to 4:00 pm
Katzenbach School for the Deaf
Jochem Center
320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton NJ 08628

General Meeting
10:30am - 1:00pm
Open to the Public

1:00 - 1:30pm
NJAD provides
Hot/Cold Lunch and Beverage
Desserts on Sale
Proceed to the
2017 NJAD-NJRID Conference
NJAD is non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

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 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

- January 18, 12:30 – 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Upcoming Parent Trainings

1/26 – 1pm 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

RSVP Required

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jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

CTC Small Group Parent Series 2017 Winter Session

“Developing Resilience & Reducing Stress”

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1/27, 2/3, 2/10 & 2/17

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Mady Kaplan @ 973-989-4033 X 421 or

Stefanie D’Amore @ 973-989-4033 X 420

Light It Up Blue

March 31, 2017



Special Oylmpics

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

Hackettstown High School



Benefit/Gala

March 11 @ 7pm

Meadow Wood Manor

461 NJ-10, Randolph,

NJ 07869

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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