

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Simon Fund

GREEN VISION would like to thank Simon and Cheri Alexander, as well as everyone else involved with the Simon Grant! We received new workbenches and the students love them! Below are pictures of the assembly process. Our guys did an incredible job working together in problem solving and working on their motor skills!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Simon Grant
- Around Campus
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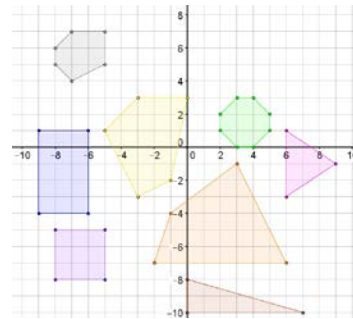
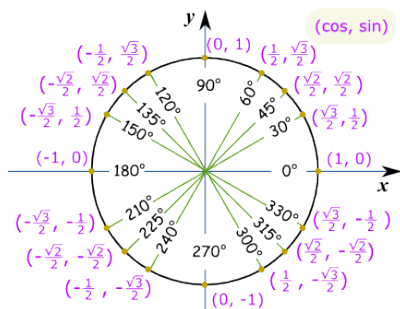
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A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

Kelly's math classes have been spending the month of January evaluating the coordinate plane. We have been plotting points and evaluating the figures made from the plotted points. These mathematics lessons strengthen our sequencing skills, our ability to compare and contrast, and our critical thinking skills. Classes working on their algebra skills have been plotting translations, reflections, and rotations. Our pre-calculus class is evaluating the unit circle on the coordinate plane. We have plotted points on the unit circle and evaluated both their degree and radian measures.

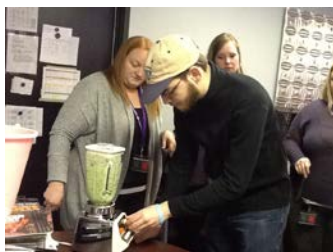


A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM KAREN'S CLASS



Adult Program Goes On – “The Big Sneak”

Students in the Adult Program have a goal to learn about personal wellness and care and are currently working on proper nutrition and its effects on mood, energy levels, regulation, and overall health (like it or not!). Culminating CBI activities included exploring current foodie trends as well as the concepts of sustainability and farm to table food preparation. Students were encouraged to buy locally and always be conscious of reducing carbon footprints as contributing members of a global society.



As many of our population experience sensitivities to certain food groups and textures, we explored the fine art of “the sneak in”. There are numerous cookbooks that promote the “hiding” of fruit and vegetables. A variety of smoothies were concocted that snuck in nutrient loaded foods such as kale, chard, and spinach mixed with a large variety of fruits and cottage cheese then blended with ice.

Smooth, creamy, and delicious! What a hit! It worked!

Please ask for tips and recipes for your family and we would be glad to share them to keep the road towards good health going!

A PEEK INTO THE MUSIC PROGRAM DAN'S CLASS

Hello from CTC music. For the past few weeks we have been focusing on composers from many different eras. With the air finally turning colder we listened to Vivaldi's Winter from his composition The Four Seasons. We learned about string quartets and listened to one of Beethoven's best. We also flashed forward and studied the music of Carol King and watched Aretha Franklin perform at King's Kennedy Center Award celebration. And of course a class was dedicated to the late David Bowie - an artist who was never afraid of change or challenge.

A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICE

The Simon Fund Supports Our Related Service Department

Our physical therapy department received a grant from The Simon Fund for materials needed for the morning exercise program. Our physical therapists worked collaboratively to develop a comprehensive exercise program for each classroom at CTC. The program has many sections to target the needs of our students. One missing piece for some of the programs was materials such as thera-band, yoga mats etc. Through assistance from the Simon Fund, the PT department was able to order all needed materials. Each classroom will be receiving a "goody box" filled with all needed materials so that they can complete the morning exercise program.



NEWS *from*
ALLIED WEALTH PARTNERS
SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION



We are proud to announce we will be hosting a monthly “Special Needs” Seminar Series, re-starting after the holidays; January 2016!

**Allied Wealth Partners
14 Walsh Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
6:30 PM**

The Allied Wealth Partners Special Needs Division was established to serve unique estate planning and financial considerations of families with special needs.

Our guest speakers will be presenting monthly on numerous topics of interest to help better inform and support the special needs community.

Our seminar series topics are as follows:

**Thursday January 28th: “Planning for Adult Life”
Presented by: Jerisa Maseko, Director, Arc of NJ**

**Thursday February 25th: “Individualized Life Planning/Transitioning to Post-School Life”
Presented by: William England, President & Founder, Disability Services & advocacy**

Please stay tuned for more exciting details on future events.

Earl A. Pedersen & Barry Friedson, CFP, CFA
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Special Needs Division

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SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION SEMINAR SERIES

Planning for Adult Life

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 & our guest speaker;

WHO: Jerisa Maseko, Director of “Planning for Adult Life”, Arc of New Jersey!

**WHEN: Thursday, January 28th: 6:30-7pm Networking
7pm Presentation**

**WHERE: Allied Wealth Partners
14 Walsh Drive, Suite 100
Parsippany, New Jersey**

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



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

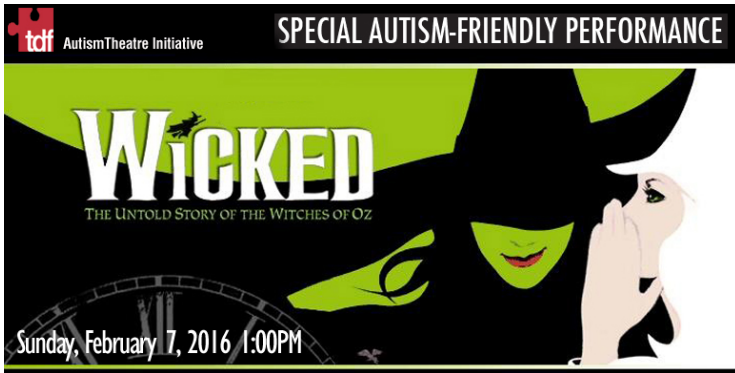
The beloved story is brought to thrilling theatrical life in this bold new musical.

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.**



Don't miss out!

There are still orchestra tickets left! We've had an amazing couple weeks of sales but we aren't sold out yet! We still have orchestra seats left for \$82. We don't want you to miss out this fun and vibrant twist on a classic tale! You can purchase tickets at www.tdf.org/wicked.

PLEASE NOTE: Since TDF obtained every seat in the theatre for this special performance, **THIS IS THE ONLY OFFICIAL SITE TO OBTAIN TICKETS** to this autism-friendly performance on **Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM.**

Running time: Two hours and thirty minutes, including one intermission.

Theatre Development Fund's Autism Theatre Initiative is proud to present an autism-friendly performance of **Wicked** at the Gershwin Theatre (222 W 51st St, New York, NY 10019) on **Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 1:00 pm.**

This is a special performance for individuals on the autism spectrum, as well as people with other developmental or cognitive disabilities who may benefit, not for the general public.

About The Show

Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz is a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and book by Winnie Holzman. It is based on the 1995 Gregory Maguire novel *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, an alternative telling of the witches from the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz* and L. Frank Baum's classic 1900 story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. The musical is told from the perspective of the witches of the Land of Oz; its plot begins before and continues after Dorothy's arrival in Oz from Kansas and includes several references to the 1939 film and Baum's novel. *Wicked* tells the story of two unlikely friends, Elphaba (the Wicked Witch of the West) and Glinda, who struggle through opposing personalities and viewpoints, rivalry over the same love-interest, reactions to the Wizard's corrupt government, and, ultimately, Elphaba's public fall from grace.

WARNINGS Patrons age 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Unaccompanied minors will not be allowed to enter the theatre.

Flying monkeys do fly over the audience twice and may be frightening. They **DO NOT** land in the audience.

Please be aware that some set pieces and props are within arm's reach of the seats in the first 3 rows. In addition some fog may be felt in the first 3 rows as well.

What makes it autism-friendly?

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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



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. In order to continue doing this, we need your support. The cost is about \$250 a month. If you would like to donate money (suggested minimum of \$50 per family once or twice a school year) 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.

Breakfast is a simple way to show our CTC folks that parents appreciate their efforts.

Thanks,

The Wonderful Wednesday Committee

* Third Wednesday if school holiday or the second Thursday or Friday morning if weather delay or closing.

Please note this is not a PTO effort.

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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HOW – Hands on Workshop

aka – "Prep Club"

2nd Wednesday of each month 6-7 pm

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