

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### LEGO Room

Our new LEGO room is under way! Keith from Parsippany Troop 72 has started his Eagle Scout Project at CTC this past weekend! He had 20+ Scouts and Leaders who completed the painting and some of the Lego washing and sorting! Check back for more updates!

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Lego Room
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events



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## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM JACKIE'S CLASS

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### A peek into Pre-K

This past month, Pre-K has been focused on learning about transportation! Transportation is everywhere in the world around us and an important part of everyday life. With so many modes of travel and transportation nowadays, you can virtually go anywhere. Transportation connects us with others, helps us explore near and far places, and is a way for us to get supplies, food and other essentials so we can survive. In class, we learned about different vehicles, their purpose, and how they move. Our class learned to recognize, sort, and classify by various attributes. We discussed travel safety and played games such as red light green light. The experience of prop making and building a boat for our dramatic play center has helped the students problem solve and act out scenarios. We made an edible bus and submarine from snack foods, set up a road, used cars, and followed safety signs, participated in a classroom hands-on mini car wash, collected data, graphed, and compared the findings of vehicles that travel on the road in front to our school, and read many related books. At our sand table, you will find construction vehicles to create and build as well as boats, shells, and animals in our water table. For CBI (Community Based Instruction), the Denville Police came to Celebrate the Children to visit with the pre-k class to discuss safety and explain their role as police officers in the community. Each student had an opportunity to sit in the police truck, press the sirens, and received Jr. police badges and magnets for participating in this event! This month has been full of great learning experiences and lessons!



## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM ANDREW'S CLASS

Nothing gets the students in Andrew's class as excited as having a party! Everyone is getting ready for this year's Super Bowl between the Atlanta Falcons and the New England Patriots. The Friday before this year's Super Bowl our class will be participating in a celebratory football game and having our own Super Bowl party. To prepare for this, we have been talking about all the aspects of planning a party from food to music to guests lists and clean-up.

To get ready, we took a trip to the Acme supermarket here in Denville to scout out prices for some of the party dishes we had brainstormed. My students were asked to find a list of items and compare prices between at least two brands to figure out which would be the smartest purchase. We'll be preparing some of these dishes this coming Friday in celebration of the Falcons squaring off against the Patriots in Super Bowl 51!



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## A PEAK INTO THE ART PROGRAM MARY BETH'S CLASS

### News From The Art Room

This week most classes are creating work inspired by hearts. We started the unit by exploring how color can communicate emotion. Students created an emotion color key and used those colors to communicate what is in their hearts. Students were very thoughtful and selective creating this piece. It was a great success.

We are following with contemporary American Pop artist Jim Dine. Pop artists use common everyday objects as the inspiration for their work. The unique presentation challenges the viewer to see these overly familiar objects in a new way. Dine is known for his hearts. Students created textural mixed media hearts in Dine's style.



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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](mailto:jmandato@celebratethechildren.org) 973-989-4033 ext. 413

*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 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> & February 17<sup>th</sup>*

*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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:Cheri_calexander@celebratethechildren.org)

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

#### UPCOMING PARENT TRAININGS AT CTC

- February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10AM: Sexuality & Hygiene
- February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12:30: Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen with Glen
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 11:30AM: AAC (Alternative & Augmentative Communication) Training

**RSVP REQUIRED**

Contact Jen Mandato at

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#### 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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“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](mailto:calexander@celebratethechildren.org)

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

### CTC Small Group Parent Series 2017 Winter Session

**“Developing Resilience & Reducing Stress”**

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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**

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### Upcoming Parent Trainings

**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](mailto:jmandato@celebratethechildren.org)

**Light It Up Blue**



March 31, 2017

**Special Olympics**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017**

Hackettstown High School

### 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](http://profectum.org)

Early Bird registration discount through 2/1/17



**Benefit/Gala**

March 11 @ 7pm

Meadow Wood Manor

461 NJ-10, Randolph, NJ

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