

Celebrate the Children



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MARY BETH'S ART PROGRAM

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Art Program
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

Art classes have continued viewing and creating works inspired by the Post Impressionists. Students learned the story of Henri Rousseau; The toll collector that became a well known artist. Rousseau's passion for art never wavered and, despite his struggles and lack of support, his paintings are hanging in museums around the world. Some classes created a mixed media collage inspired by Sleeping Gypsy...A famous work of Rousseau's hanging in the Museum of Modern Art in NYC.

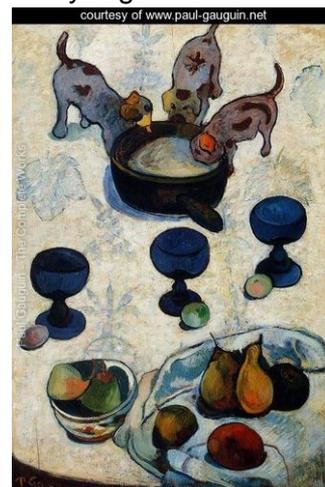
We also spent a bit of time with French Post Impressionist, Paul Gauguin. Gauguin is most known for his Tahitian paintings but we focused on a charming little known work; Still life with Three Puppies. Students recreated the still life by setting a formal table with lace tablecloth, blue glass goblets, fruit and... yes.... three naughty puppies drinking from a soup bowl. Students created their own version by including some elements from the painting in a mixed media work. Paul Gauguin is also famous for his association with the next, much anticipated, artist we are studying.....Vincent Van Gogh. Get ready for some Starry Nights!

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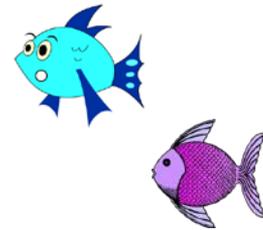
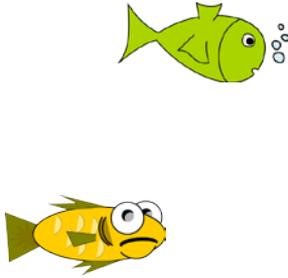
Monday, February 1, 1 PM
Omega Man Assembly
Parents are invited to attend!
omegamanschools.com

WEAR YOUR SUPERHERO OUTFITS!!

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM JACKIE'S CLASS

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Students in Ms. Jackie D's and Ms. Sam's classes have been learning the importance of correct pet care and discipline as we form a routine for feeding and maintaining the new addition to their classrooms- FISH! The students in each class put together an aquarium and had a great time picking out our new friends during an educational trip to Pet Supplies Plus on January 13th! Fish tanks can be really calming and provide a sense of serenity. These fish are not just pets but an important learning tool, sensory guide, companions, enhance social skills, and help with physical and emotional development. They have given the students a sense of independence and responsibility. We welcome our new friends!!!!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMY'S CLASS

Amy's class took a trip to St. Francis assisted living home to work with the residents using the iPads and the Osmo gaming system. The Osmo system is a way to turn the iPad into an interactive learning activity. Each student was paired with 1-2 elderly residents. Students were so patient and kind in explaining how the technology works to the residents. They even asked us to come back next week because they enjoyed themselves so much!



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

Mona M. Delahooke, PhD

Connie Lillas, PhD, MFT, RN

Monica G. Osgood

Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L

Sherri Cawn, MA, CCC-SLP

Patricia Marquart, MFT

Ruby Salazar, LCSW, BCD

Traci D. Swink, MD

Rosemary White, OTR/L



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

www.profectum.org/4th-annual-international-conference-registration/



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

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4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



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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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**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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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

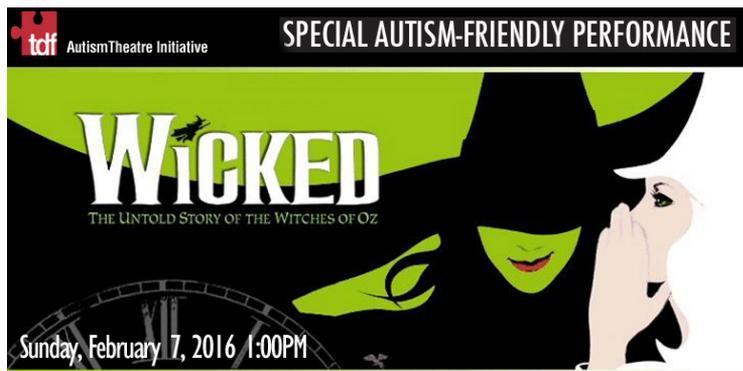
The beloved story is brought to thrilling theatrical life in this bold new musical.

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.

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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. 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.)

February 15th-19th
Winter Recess
School Closed

March 25th & 28th
Easter Break
School Closed

April 18th-22nd
Spring Break
School Closed

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

Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:

greenvision@celebratethechildren.org

or call 973-989-4033 x 145

HOW – Hands on Workshop aka – "Prep Club"

2nd Wednesday of each month 6-7 pm

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or call 732-354-9374

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