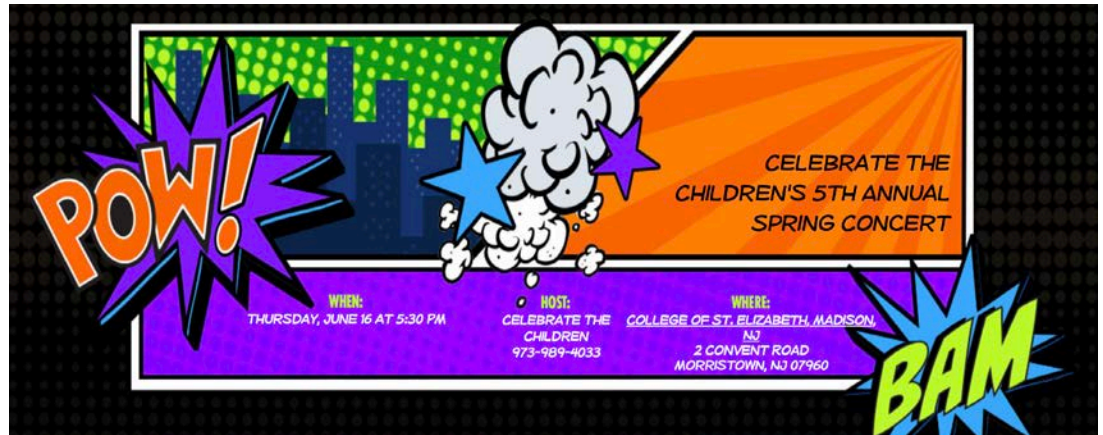


Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Spring Concert
- Valley View Middle School
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events



5th Annual Spring Concert

Students should be dropped off at 5:15 and parents can then enjoy the pre-show at 5:30, curtain at 6pm.

Contact Kristin Polster with any questions

kpolster@celebratethechildren.org 973-989-4033 Ext. 199

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CTC Middle School students joined Denville Valley View Middle School

students for our 3rd Annual Activity/Field Day at the CTC Campus. Valley View 8th graders plan and run this day for our students annually as part of their year long Community Service initiative. Together students played basketball, ran relays, created crafts, and danced the afternoon away! A fantastic time was had by all!



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS

Miss Paula's Class has been working on our visual spatial skills this month. We have spent a lot of time honing our visual memory and visual sequencing in particular. We have worked on the SMARTBOARD and individually looking at pictures for a set period of time and then removing the picture and recalling what we saw by holding the picture in our minds. We have also worked a lot on sequencing -looking at a sequence of pictures -removing the picture -and remembering what we saw and in what order. We have also worked with pattern blocks and other manipulatives in this way. The pictures show the students beading wind chimes we made for the spring concert performance.



A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM SFSS

As summer approaches and the final days of school wind down, it is time to kick off those shoes and embrace the summer time fun. We in SFSS will be participating in our own Summer Bucket List and we would like to share it with you. What is a Summer Bucket List?

A number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their summer.



Activities can range from enjoying a simple summertime pleasure (i.e., throw a frisbee) to a grand event (i.e., travel abroad). It is your own personal and individualized challenge. We will be creating our family Summer Bucket List to create fun experiences for our Summer of 2016. We encourage our students and their families to participate in this fun family activity and document your memories with a photo book that your child can share with his or her classmates in September. "The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we've made along the way." SFSS wishes you a happy and healthy summer and we look forward to hearing about all of your great times this summer when we return to school in the Fall.

Denville Sunrise Rotary Club donated 50 ducks to CTC for our students to decorate. Join them on June 18th and show your support of "The Great Denville Duck Race".



Denville Sunrise Rotary Club



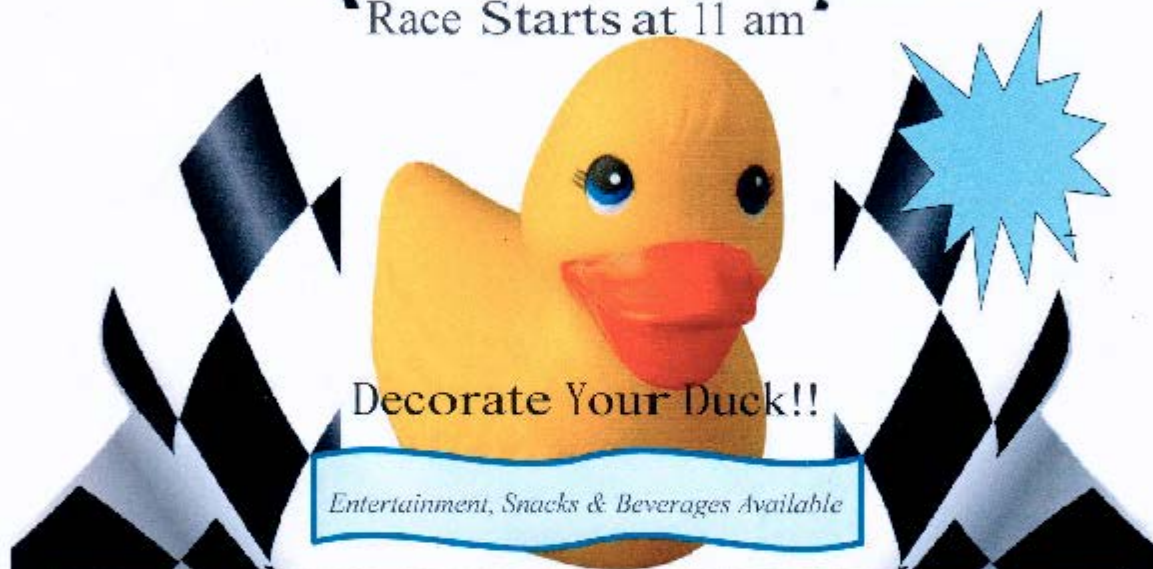
Fundraiser

"The Great Denville Duck Race"

June 18th 2016 Gardner Field check in 10:00am

decorated duck judging 10am - 10:45am

◀ Race Starts at 11 am ▶



Decorate Your Duck!!

Entertainment, Snacks & Beverages Available

Buy a Duck for \$10.00 at....

Denville Dairy Provident Bank Denville Town Hall

***** Or at the RACE *****

dhoughtaling@.com
908-403-6535

Merlin's KIDS Temple Grandin Achievement Award

“They said I couldn’t but I did!”

Nominate someone with autism who has achieved!

We are seeking nominations of students & adults with autism or related developmental differences who have embraced their strengths and achieved beyond expectations.

We think you may know someone! Please nominate and share!

Nominations accepted through June!

Voting is open - Nominate and share early!

Two age categories (under 21 and 21+).

Dr. Temple Grandin judges the finalists!

Win \$1000 prize package & meet Dr. Grandin!

Visit MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com!

Inspired by [Dr. Temple Grandin's book, *Different, Not Less*](#), Merlin's KIDS is partnering with **Dr. Grandin** to celebrate these individuals with the [Merlin's KIDS Temple Grandin Achievement Award](#).

Merlin's KIDS will award a \$1,000 prize package to each of the two winning candidates, and will arrange an opportunity to meet with [Dr. Temple Grandin](#).

Go to MerlinsKIDS.strutta.com to find out more information and to submit your story by June. The earlier you submit and share, the more votes you can get to move you into the final judging round, where Dr. Grandin may choose your story as the winner!

Thank you so much!

Janice Wolfe, Founder/Executive Director at Merlin's KIDS

View the contest: MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com

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/>

Planning for Adult Life

Parent Forum & Opportunity Expo

Hosted by "Planning for Adult Life" for
 Students & Families in Special Education
 Ages 14-21

Was Held on Saturday June 4

At Celebrate the Children

Workshop Sessions Included:

- *Parents Perspective *Employment Options
- *Guardianship *Understanding SSI/Medicaid
- * Accessing Services * College Opportunities

The event was very well attended and families gained valuable information for the road ahead. We will continue to offer these events and many others and encourage families to take advantage of these opportunities here and around the area to prepare for life after entitlements.

This site and MANY OTHERS can be accessed through the CTC Connections Resource Page on the CTC Website

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

Our "HOW" Series for family planning/education for Life After School provided in coordination with Planning for Adult Life has ended for this year. We will resume workshops in the 2016-2017 School Year and meetings will be scheduled during the school day. Look for more info in the near future.

For More Info on This and Other Opportunities

email Caroline: cmclaughlin@arcnj.org

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.

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!

CTC SFSS Small Group Parent Series

Will reconvene in the 2016-2017 School Year

Look for the flyer from SFSS for more details

You MUST RSVP to Stef ext 420 or Mady ext 421

Upcoming Events

Early Dismissal

June 20th & 21st

Last Day of School

June 21st



Denville Sunrise Rotary Club

The Great Denville Duck Race

June 18th Gardner Field

Check in 10 am

Decorated duck judging 10-10:45
am

Race Starts at 11 am

Fun activities throughout the
morning.

Entertainment, Snacks & Beverages
Available

Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:

greenvision@celebratethechildren.org

or call 973-989-4033 x 145

Spring Concert

June 16 @ 5:30

At the College of St Elizabeth

Graduations

June 20 @ 10 am

Pre K & 8th grade

June 21st @ 10 am

12th grade & the Adult Program

Both will be in the gymnasium

New Jersey Performing Arts Center: **From the Inside Out**

This groundbreaking program offers a class in improvisation for teens diagnosed with Aspergers' Syndrome and/or Autism. Explore relationships and social cues in classes that focus on ensemble and team building. Improvisational games used in this class will teach students skills such as accessing emotions and storytelling. This program provides a safe and fun environment where students can explore and challenge themselves.

Ages: 14 – 18

August 8 - 12, 2016 • 9:30am -
3:30pm Tuition: \$750/No auditions
required.



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