

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Anniversary Celebration
- School Pictures
- Special Upcoming Events

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Join us as we remember our journey and celebrate the past, present and future of Celebrate the Children at our annual benefit! 2014 is a BIG year for CTC as we celebrate our ten year anniversary and our new school in Denville, NJ.



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Join us and enjoy fine foods, music, dancing, silent auction, tricky tray, 50/50, casino games, and our meet our special guest, Anie Knipping, author and illustrator of *Eccentricity: A Journey Through A Mind*.

Tickets are selling FAST. If you are interested in attending or sponsoring a staff member, please reserve your tickets, TODAY!



Tickets can be purchased by mailing in a response card with a check or online on our website using a credit/debit card.

Please visit our website for more information, sponsorship opportunities or to reserve your tickets! #celebratethejourney



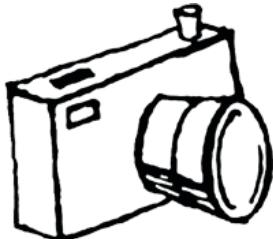
Celebrating 10 Years

CELEBRATE THE STUDENTS, CELEBRATE 10 YEARS

We can't dominate all the benefit planning fun; students are getting in on the action! As part of the student's CBI this week, they will be helping to design the table centerpieces. Here is a hint of what they will be adding to... wondering what it might be? Find out THIS FRIDAY, March 14th.

Purchase your tickets TODAY!

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**SCHOOL PICTURES**

Celebrate the Children is pleased to announce School Picture Day! On March 17th and March 19th, Tami Hrycak from Nature's Gifts Captured will be visiting our school and photographing our students. Please check your child's backpack for specific information, schedule and order form.

"I am pleased to announce that I have the honor of photographing the students this year. For those of you who do not know me, my son attends CTC. Therefore, I am sensitive to the needs of our special community. My goal is to make it a warm sensory friendly environment with minimal stress.

If possible have the students wear solids to avoid distractions. Also, if you have any suggestions to help facilitate a successful experience please feel free to contact me. I'm looking forward to meeting the children and having a fun day." Tami Hrycak

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences originally scheduled for April 10th and 11th will be postponed until the following week. April 10th will now be a FULL DAY of School for students. Please be on the look-out for scheduling information from your child's teacher.



"I Have a Dream"

A Self-Advocate Shares His Voice

I would like to write about the really exciting start to the new world.

I have a dream that the really exciting future holds great promise for us on the spectrum. It is my honor to tell you all about a future where people with autism are treated with great respect and are revered for their abilities to love deeply, communicate with their hearts, and their extreme brilliance.

Yes, it is a future of hope. It is a future of respect. And it is a future of love.

It is a future where all people under one great god can live together in peace and happiness with each other and nature.



It is a future where mankind has learned humility. Where they have learned patience. And where they have learned understanding.

Yes, through the great god this ideal future is possible. But we must take steps in getting us there. I believe in this future so let's get started now. Are you ready?

AJ Martinelli

AWAKENING POTENTIAL THROUGH BRAIN SCIENCE PROFECTUM CONFERENCE MARCH 21-23, 2014

Research is providing insight into how the brain thinks, creates and feels. This scientific progress also reveals that for each person, brain plasticity allows competencies to develop even when early indications imply limitations.

We invite you to join us March 21-23, 2014 in Pasadena, California, for Profectum Foundation's 2nd International Conference. Keynote presentations by leading scientists, clinicians, and educators feature state-of-the-art research and treatment models to advance progress for individuals with Autism (ASD), Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD), behavioral and learning challenges of all ages.

Explore the newest scientific discoveries in "executive function", sensory processing, motor planning and timing, communication and oppositional behavior. These scientific findings confirm the use of the DIR-FCD Model in your home, classroom and clinic to enhance working memory, attention, self control, sensory motor integration and visual spatial knowledge. Case discussions and videos will demonstrate treatment strategies in all settings which support development of lifelong competencies for relating, thinking, feeling and functioning.

CTC STUDENT SHARES HIS VOICE

Celebrate the Children student, AJ Martinelli, wrote a poem in Language Arts class and it was published on SilverXord's website!

"SilverXord is a small publishing company located in western Pennsylvania. We desire to offer on-site training and Web-based training to enhance cultural competency in support of individuals with autism and/or "developmental disabilities." We also seek to recognize, nurture and cultivate talented authors, musicians and artists of all backgrounds (who may be self-advocates), and provide a forum in which their creative expressions may be accessed on a wider range beyond their immediate community."

Learn more, <http://www.silverxord.com/>

**New Insights and Interventions
that Work for Autism, Sensory
Processing Disorders and
Oppositional Behavior**

Profectum Foundation's 2nd
International Conference
March 21-23, 2014
at the Pasadena Convention
Center,
300 East Green Street,
Pasadena, CA



DYNAMIC & POSTURAL REFLEX INTEGRATION
APRIL 7-10, 2014
CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN- DENVILLE

The Dynamic & Postural Reflex Integration course provides the foundation for professionals and parents to understand the importance of primary motor reflex pattern maturation, why a reflex might not be integrated, the impact a nonintegrated reflex can have, and the MNRI techniques designed to assess and integrate reflexes. Primary motor reflex patterns emerge along a predictable developmental continuum, with each successive reflex emerging to secure a child's survival and protection as his system mature and advances. When adequately engaged, each reflex anchors neurologically more deeply a physiological, emotional and psychological sense of security, freeing an infant to focus on exploring, learning, and fully advancing through all stages of primary motor reflex maturation. It is through this complete integration process that primary motor reflex patterns form the foundation for related motor reflex schemes (sitting up, crawling, walking, etc.) to mature and for each of us to reach our full potential over time, anchoring emotional and behavioral regulation, and advancing motor, communication, and cognitive learning. Congenital disorders or traumatic events that occur in utero, at birth, or anytime after birth can interrupt the activation, maturation and integration of a primary motor reflex pattern. Depending upon the number of reflexes impacted and the maturational deficits of each impacted reflex, a broad spectrum of life challenges can occur.

Don't miss the opportunity to attend this important workshop!
DYNAMIC & POSTURAL REFLEX INTEGRATION
April 7-10, 2014 • Denville, NJ



VISIT WWW.MASGUTOVAMETHOD.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE

The MNRI Dynamic & Postural Reflex Pattern Integration 4-day course explores:

- The general MNRI Method and the role played by the Dynamic and Postural Reflex Integration Program
- The progression primary motor reflex patterns beginning in utero and continuing through life
- The role primary infant reflex patterns play in establishing subsequent related motor reflex schemes and the development of advanced motor, communication and cognitive abilities and emotional and behavioral regulation
- MNRI techniques to assess pattern and integrate primary motor reflex patterns
- How to create MNRI primary motor reflex integration programs for individual clients
- How to incorporate use of MNRI Dynamic and Postural Integration course content into daily client and home practice

This class has been called "The Missing Link" by many Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapists

Where: Celebrate the Children School
 230 Diamond Spring Rd.
 Denville, NJ 07834

When: April 7-10, 2014

Fees: First time participant - \$675
 Repeat Attendance - \$405



WHY ARE WE USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND WHY SHOULD YOU FOLLOW US?

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States and now affects 1 in 50 children. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined.

We are at an important time in the field of special needs intervention as many people are beginning to recognize the need for approaches that look at the overall development of a child and target areas such as abstract thinking, problem solving, independence, self-esteem, emotions, language, and social interactions in a natural and supportive setting. At this time, the demand for this type of intervention is much greater than what clinicians and educators are able to supply. Therefore, it is crucial that we share the amazing programs we have to offer and the "how to" with others.

To fulfill our mission, we need your help and ask you to participate with us in the development of work, in the sharing and building of materials, and in the structure and growth of our organizations: Celebrate the Children and Profectum. Like us on Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter and spread awareness of progressive programs that support families and help individuals reach their highest potential and find success in society.

Please share our pages and posts with your family and friends! ☺



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14th
Annual Benefit
Celebrating 10 Years!

March 17th
Connecting Students to Success
Conference
Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ

March 21st
Building Bridges to Successful
Employment
Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, NJ

March 21st-23rd
Awakening Potential through Brain
Science
Profectum Conference

March 28th
Early Dismissal

April 7th-10th
MNRI Postural Course
CTC- Denville

April 10th
FULL DAY

April 17th & 18th
Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

April 21st-25th
Spring Recess

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