

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN

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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.

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 CHILDREN
ANNUAL BENEFIT**

Celebrating 10 Years



It was born out of a vision and passion for children with alternative learning styles with 3 students in a small center. Now, we celebrate 10 years of excellence and passion with almost 120 students from over 70 school districts. Join us as we remember our journey and celebrate the past, present and future of Celebrate the Children at our annual benefit!

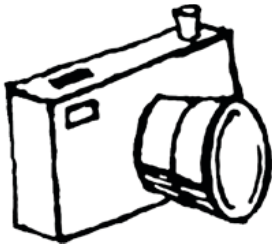
**CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN
PRESENTS THEIR
ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT CELEBRATION
FEATURING ANIE KNIPPING
HONORING MR. CUONG DO**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014
7:00PM**

**MEADOW WOOD MANOR
461 STATE ROUTE 10 RANDOLPH, NEW JERSEY 07869**

*Formal Attire
Raffle, Auction and Casino at Event
Music from the Al Louis Band and Brady Rymer*

**OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANIE KNIPPING,
*author and illustrator of Eccentricity: A Journey Through A Mind.***



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

CONNOR'S BOOK FAIR



Connor's House

This **Tuesday, March 4th**, elementary students will be attending Connor's Courageous Kids Book Fair as part of our Community Based Instruction. This trip will give students an opportunity to pick out their own books & purchase them. Please send in money if you would like your child to make a purchase. Most books range from less than \$5 to \$10.

This is the 7th annual Connor's Courageous Kids Book Fair, held each year in loving memory of Connor Scott Millard in celebration of his birthday, March 1st. They honor things he loves during these special days, books and giving, through a Scholastic Book Fair! Each year they raise money through book sales, and ask supporters to purchase books for children with complex health care needs, hospital clinics, hospital child life programs and Connor's House.

GIVE TO OUR TROOPS

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Support our troops and donate much needed items.



Debbie's Community Outreach class is seeking donations for the men and women that serve our country.

Snacks	Toiletries
Feminine products	Entertainment (Video games)
Sport balls	K-9 items
Cards and Letters	Games (board)
Workbooks such as cross word puzzles and word search	

Drop off locations: Main Office and Side Entrance

Unacceptable items include: glass, baked goods, chocolate, canned foods, lighters, matches, samples, hard cover books, and music cd's.

For more information please visit www.give2thetroops.org
Let's show our troops how much we appreciate the SACFRICES they make for our FREEDOM!

Debbie's Community Outreach Class has been busy making posters and collection boxes to collect items for our Troops overseas. Please refer to the flyer for items desperately needed. As always your generous contributions are always appreciated!



BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT: FINDING SOLUTIONS TO SPAN EMPLOYMENT GAPS

A conference for professionals highlighting best practices in supporting people with disabilities in career planning, customized employment, and transition from school to work.

- Keynote presenters: Lee Balser and Geri Jewell
- 18 Conference Workshops on topics including: Supporting Employment First, Education/Transition, Model Transition Programs, Creative Employment Strategies, State Services, Community Resources, Behavior Supports, and Mental Health Resources
- Continuing Education credit: Social Work, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Education

Save \$25 with Early Bird Registration by February 21, 2014
Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, NJ

View more conference information at:
http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/departments_institutes/boggscenter/conferences/Facing_the_Future.html

Co-sponsored by The Boggs Center and NJ APSE: Association of People Supporting Employment First.

**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.

**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**



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! ☺

STAFF NEWS

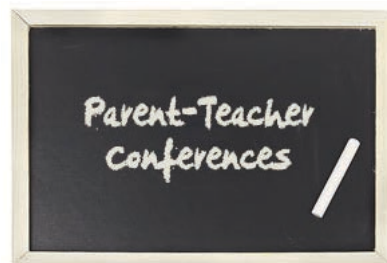
Welcome

Please welcome Ruthann Champagne as a new classroom teacher. Ruthann is no stranger to the field of education or the world of autism. Distinctively in 2013, Ruthann served as a preschool disability teacher for a class that was comprised of 11 students with autism spectrum disorders within the Rockaway Township Board of Education. Impressively, Ruthann is about to also complete her Master's degree in Education in May of 2014.

Please welcome Ela Heyn as our main office receptionist. Ela is familiar with Celebrate the Children and was an instrumental part of our moving process. As our on-site administrative assistant, she helped our new school come together by completing and overseeing various tasks. Ela is replacing Patrice Shaffer. Please join us as we wish her well in her future endeavors.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 th Annual Benefit Celebrating 10 Years!	March 21 st Building Bridges to Successful Employment Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, NJ	April 10 th FULL DAY
March 17 th Connecting Students to Success Conference Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ	March 21 st -23 rd Awakening Potential through Brain Science Profectum Conference	April 17 th & 18 th Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
	March 28 th Early Dismissal	April 21 st -25 th Spring Recess

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A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

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