

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 9/11 Tribute
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

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Every year, as we remember the September 11th tragedy, our students pay tribute to those we have lost and to the heroes who fought and continue to fight for our country. Both schools performed a moment of silence and planted memorial plants in the front of the buildings in Wharton and Dover. Joe's class, at the Dover campus, visited the Morris County 9/11 Memorial. Students designed posters, placed photos and said a few words.



USED CLOTHING DRIVE

CTC will hold a Used Clothing Drive on October 2, 3, & 4. Items can be dropped in front of our Wharton Campus anytime during these three days or sent to school with your child. If your school or company is interested in collecting items for our clothing drive, please contact the school and we can arrange for pick-up. CTC will earn money towards our programs for every pound of clothing donated! Please see the flyer in your child's Weekly Folder for a complete list of accepted items. Thanks in advance for your support!



OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO PROGRESS: VITAL PATHWAYS TO ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMYSTIFYING FLOORTIME™ PROFECTUM CONFERENCE

This conference will help you understand the barriers to progress and “how to” move forward through case discussions, examining underlying processes, hands-on workshops, and the opportunity to learn how to interact and play with your child using the techniques of Floortime™ to promote progress.

Floortime™ need not be a mystery! Learn the strategies to engage your child in play to help him relate, communicate, think and enjoy discovery and learning. Attend beginner and at school workshops during the conference. Prior experience is not necessary. Floortime™ can be added to all other intervention approaches.

You will learn what to do when:

- The child won't play with you and runs away instead
- When the child is flapping his hands instead of paying attention to you
- When the child loses control and has a meltdown or becomes your tyrant
- How to help the child expand his symbolic play and common sense reasoning
- How to respond when the child's theme in play or behavior is aggressive and you want him to be “nice”
- When you want to discover what is going on in his mind, why and what to do
- When you need to reflect on your feelings as you strive to co-regulate, play and climb the developmental ladder

This conference is different! Don't miss this opportunity, attend this conference:

- To understand the challenges, often hidden in plain sight, to thinking, feeling, communicating and functioning
- To learn strategies and practical approaches you can implement at home, in therapy and in school
- To help develop self-regulation and improve capacities to learn with less stress and greater relatedness
- To integrate four thematic areas related to comprehension – language, visual spatial, sensory and emotional processes, and education
- To meet and network with colleagues, friends and parents dedicated to the progress of everyone they reach
- To hear a student panel discuss their experience of Autism

To register and view registration details visit, www.profectum.org

Sunday, October 13 & Monday, October 14, 2013

New York's Hotel Pennsylvania

401 Seventh Avenue

New York, NY

Tel. 212-736-5000



SAVE THE DATE!

**BOWL-A-THON
HALLOWEEN STYLE**



**Sunday, October 27th
12:00pm
Circle Lanes
Ledgewood, NJ**



WE HAVE A WONDERFULLY
GHOULISH IDEA BREWING...

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

PTO HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

*“Good schools,
like good societies
and good families,
celebrate and cherish
diversity.”
-Deborah Meier*

HALLOWEEN COSTUME FUNDRAISER
 Get The Best Selection Costumes at **LOW WHOLESALE PRICES**
 We Receive **15% of All Sales**
 USE PROMO CODE **FUN1040**
 Be sure to Checkout as a New Member
 This will waive the \$5 Membership Fee
CLICK HERE
www.WholesaleCostumeClub.com

Make sure to check out the Halloween fundraiser flyer in your child's Weekly Folder! You can purchase your child's costume online at a wholesale price and 15% will be donated back to the CTC PTO!

What a boo-tiful deal!



CTC GIVES BACK

Celebrate the Children is happy to help our families in need. Please contact the SFSS Department for details!

**CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN
CELEBRATES 10 YEARS**



It was born out of a vision and passion for children with alternative learning styles with 4 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!

Annual Benefit
March 14, 2013
Randolph, New Jersey

Formal Invitation to Follow

A PEEK INTO THE ART PROGRAM

We are looking forward to another great school year in Art! Inspired by Artists and Art teachers at the Spiral Workshop in Chicago, this year in art we will let words inspire us as we create visual art. Students will explore the various meanings of words and communicate these meanings through paintings, collages and other artistic media. Late last year we “road tested” this strategy with the word “Flight”. The students created wonderful art as they represented their take on the concept of flight. We are going to begin this year with the word, “self”.



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

Kelly's class has been busy getting to know each other over the past week. With a mix of students aging up from the Wharton school and some veteran Dover students, there have been many smiles and successes. Our class is full of familiar faces and new friends. Students have been doing a great job of navigating their individual schedules. We have played some "getting to know you games" with students and staff. We look forward to a wonderful year of growth in many ways!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS

Paula's class is learning all about apples! We learned songs about the colors of apples and foods we make from apples. We had fun sorting real red, yellow and green apples into bowls and tasted all the colors. We found wormholes in some too... but no worms!

We have been warming up our fingers for cutting and writing with lacing activities and learning how to sound out and spell words from our apple songs! We can't wait to go apple picking and see "apples falling from the trees"! An apple theme wouldn't be complete without learning the story of our buddy Johnny Appleseed, who wore a pot on his head... so we will try that too!



AN ARTICLE WORTH READING

WHY MOVEMENT IS CAPTURED BY MUSIC, BUT LESS BY SPEECH: ROLE OF TEMPORAL REGULARITY

Simone Dalla Bella, Anita Białuńska, Jakub Sowiński

“Music compels us to move. When spontaneously tapping our feet or swaying our body along with our preferred song, while dancing, or performing synchronized sports (e.g., swimming), we entrain to the regular pulse and rhythm of music. This propensity to coordinate movement with music, mostly during group activities, transcends places and cultures [1,2]. Not surprisingly, indeed, music is perfectly suited to act as a coordinating device at a group level. Because of its communal character, synchronization with music is thought to foster social bonding [3–6], thus favoring socially-rooted behaviors that are very distinctive of our species. Indeed, some species such as crickets and fireflies provide spectacular examples of synchronization with external rhythmical stimulation in nature [7–9]. Moreover, bird species which are vocal learners can to a certain extent couple their movements to musical beat [10,11]. Nevertheless, humans exhibit unique flexibility in their ability to achieve synchrony with an external timekeeper [12–14].”

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PTO BITS & PIECES



Just a friendly reminder, anyone who would like to join Celebrate the Children's PTO should turn in their form and submit their dues to the main office.



Please keep an eye out for a small gift the PTO will be sending home soon as well as news about a “family fun event” the PTO will be organizing this Fall.

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This year, Celebrate the Children is introducing a BLOG! Contributions to the blog will be made by Celebrate the Children's highly talented, interdisciplinary team, as well as some of our wonderful families. Posts will include personal stories, experiences or advice as it relates to our students and children with similar gifts. If you would like to contribute to our blog, please email jhammond@celebratethechildren.org, we'd love to share your story! Please visit our website to read our entries!



CELEBRATE THE STAFF

Happy, Happy Birthday!



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| 9/6 – Lonnie Basile | 9/22 – Rachel Vanderbilt |
| 9/11 – Mary Kourtz | 9/23 – Laura Fekete |
| 9/12 – Dan Myers | 9/24 – Crystal Farr & Anthony Salvatore |
| 9/14 – Pat Fichter & Paula Paglione | 9/26 – Jennifer Bruno |
| 9/15 – Katelyn Donohue | 9/29 – Michael Carrigan |
| 9/20 – Chelsea Gallagher | |

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

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| September 19 th
Open House | September-October
PTO Halloween Costume Fundraiser | October 14 th
No School
Columbus Day |
| September 23 rd
After School Program Begins | October 2 nd 3 rd 4 th
Clothing Drive | October 13 th 14 th
Profectum Conference
NYC |
| September 26 th
Back to School Night
Wharton & Dover | | October 27 th
Bowl-A-Thon
Circle Lanes |

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