

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Let's Play Gala

What an amazing night! A most heart-felt thank you to our guests, supporters, committees, and volunteers for the incredible contributions that helped make the 2017 Let's Play Gala so successful.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Gala
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events



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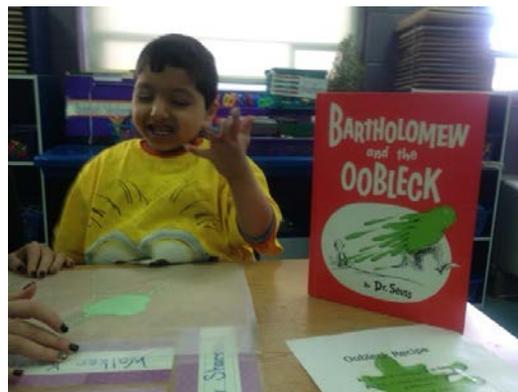
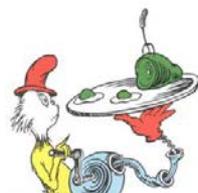
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“Check out more pictures on our face book page.”

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM MICHELLE'S CLASS



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Miss Michelle's class has been learning about Dr. Seuss and family celebrations. We have been practicing our vocabulary by identifying our favorite Dr. Seuss characters and things we would see at a birthday. We also worked on the concepts of 'all', 'some' and 'none' while describing how many balloons we were able to throw into the Cat in the Hat hat. We read The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham, and answered 'who', 'what', 'where' and 'mood' questions after the story. During math, we flipped green eggs that each had a number on the back. We found that number on our hundred chart, and then found one more/less and ten more/less. The theme was extended to our science and social studies units to have a cohesive cross-curricular approach to learning. In science we learned about mixtures and made Oobleck. During social studies, we have been increasing our understanding of family celebrations by practicing common party games and pretending to get married. We then put all of wonderful knowledge to use by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. We had so much fun!





A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM LISA'S CLASS



"Pretzel Business"

Lisa's class always enjoys cooking, baking and creating treats. Chocolate covered pretzels and chocolate covered gluten free pretzels are one of our favorite things to make. We created these pretzels with a touch of green chocolate drizzle for St. Patrick's Day.

The girls, follow a recipe and motor plan through the steps of melting the chocolate, dipping and drizzling the chocolate, and bagging the pretzels. They all take turns to get the job done!

The girls are starting to do this activity more independently and we decided to bag and sell the pretzels to staff at school. They navigated a pretzel cart through the school asking if anyone would like to buy a pretzel. They collected the money, counted out change and handed out the pretzels.

What fun!!!! We are going to use the profit to buy more ingredients so we can do more cooking, baking and creating treats!

Having fun is always number one!!! (until it's time to clean up! Lol)



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM JACKIE'S CLASS

This month in Jackie G's class, our students have been doing some great things for Community Based Instruction. We went to Home Depot for our monthly workshop where the staff and students made beautiful garden signs with creative painted designs on them. We also went to see our elderly friends at St. Francis and had a popcorn, pretzels and puzzles party with them and a pudding party as well. Earlier in the month, we delivered lots of elegance bags to Morristown Hospital . These bags are filled with toiletries for parents who have children staying in the hospital, so they really appreciate our deliveries. Each student has started a personal project that they will be working on for the next few weeks in the new Maker's Space. The students came up with great ideas for their projects such as a chair and a planter made from wooden pallets, and shadow boxes with beaded mosaics inside. The students are learning how to use all different types of tools and equipment to complete their projects so they will be ready to bring them home at the end of this school year. We also have been very busy growing some herbs inside and starting broccoli, cauliflower and kale seeds which we will transplant outside once the snow is finally gone.

Finally, we also have been busy running the school store, selling CTC apparel, pens, and snacks. Please stop by and help support our school store!



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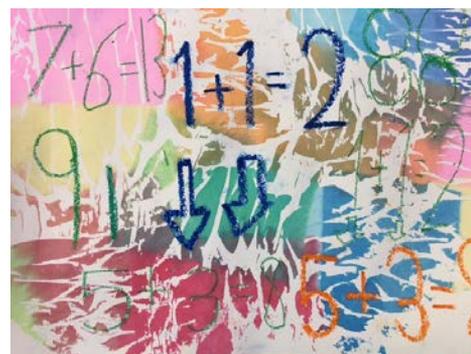
A PEEK INTO THE ART PROGRAM MARY BETH'S CLASS

This month we are inspired by three Contemporary American Artists.

Maya Freelon Asante is an artist who creates pieces incorporating vintage photographs, many of her own family, and bleeding tissue to create colorful dreamlike images. Bleeding tissue, a material we have used in the art room in the past, is wet down so it releases its dye onto the paper beneath. When the paper dries, it is removed from the piece. Asante forms this used paper into colorful textural paper sculptures.

We collected our used bleeding tissue and created sculptural flower forms with starch and added painted coffee filters to make an instillation piece in the style of glass artist Dale Chihuly.

Students explored the concept of depth and translucency by creating a mixed media collage in 6 layers inspired by Colorado artist Deidre Adams. Adams creates complex textural mixed media pieces that draw the viewer into the piece with visually rich layers.

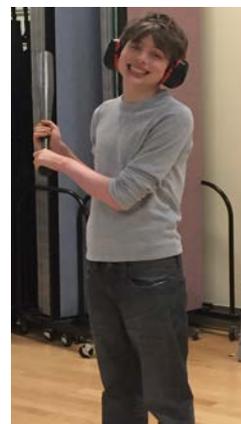


A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION WENDY'S CLASS

Baseball season is under way at CTC! Important motor planning sequences are reinforced through this well-loved, iconic American pastime. While team work, peer interaction and fun are the hallmarks of this great game, there are many additional motor planning and fitness benefits happening out on the field. Children and adolescents should do one hour or more of physical activity each day including aerobic activity, muscle strengthening and bone strengthening activities according to the CDC (Centers For Disease Control).

<http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html>

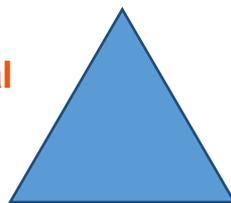
Every class begins with an aerobic warm-up followed by dynamic stretching to prevent injury. According to the CDC, aerobic activity should make up most of children's 60 or more minutes of exercise per day. Hand grasp, eye focus, eye-hand coordination, rhythm, timing, upper body strengthening and range of motion are some of the benefits received during batting. Sequencing and bone strengthening are derived from base running. Throwing, catching, attention and patience are all reinforced while playing in the outfield. There's a lot going on in Physical Education!



In health our older students have begun learning the components of Wellness as a triangle. Physical Health is considered to be the foundation of well-being because it directly impacts our emotions and our ability to be socially healthy. All grades will gain the understanding that their bodies should be respected by providing it with good nutrition, exercise, adequate sleep and good hygiene.

**Mental/Emotional
Health**

Social Health



Physical Health

A PEEK INTO THE SFSS PROGRAM

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On April 7th at 10 am, Celebrate the Children will be hosting its Annual Future Fair. This is a time for our students and families to learn more about the resources available to them after graduation. While that day may seem far off for some, it happens quicker than we would hope. *After all, time flies when you are having fun!!! We encourage families of children of all ages to attend. Bring a friend! To name some of attendees: JowDew, Identifor, YMCA Real Life Choices, Limitless, ARC NJ, Centenary University, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS), Community Access Unlimited, Revolution/Future Factory, Allied Wealth Partners, Wae Center, and the Felician School for Exceptional Children Post 21 Program. For more information or to RSVP, please contact:*

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A PEEK INTO THE RELATED SERVICE PROGRAM

This month the Speech and Language Department hosted an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) training for parents interested in taking action to support their child's communication modality at home and in their communities. Parents learned to back up their child's personalized devices using the free iPad application "Dropbox," which is compatible with the popular programs "Proloquo2Go," "GoTalkNOW," and "Speak For Yourself." Backing up devices is critical to ensure continuous access to devices when iPads break or malfunction, or when tech-savvy, mischievous children decide to delete their programming! Parents also learned about the importance of modeling language via the devices and were challenged to create sentences on the fly using their child's core word page. Seeing a group of parents using devices was powerful for us "speechies." We can only imagine how meaningful it is for our students when they see loved ones communicating their way!

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, and 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 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 "CTC Connections" on the home page of the CTC School website

Go to the "MORE" tab, click on "RESOURCES", then "CTC CONNECTIONS"

<http://www.celebratethechildren.org/ctc-connections.html>

Future Fair!

Friday April 7, 2017

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for our Annual Future Fair at CTC to learn about the world of opportunity waiting for you! All are welcome!

There will be a wide variety of Organizations, Programs, and Schools to share their resources

ALL AT CTC including the following:

- Centenary University ARC NJ
- DVRS
- YMCA Randolph Real Life Choices
- Revolution New Jersey
- Arts Access Program
- Joy Dew
- The Felician Post 21
- Allied Wealth Partners
- 3LPlace
- Community Access Unlimited
- Limitless
- Identifor
- Wae Center
- Aspiring Journeys

RSVP: Jennifer Mandato,

MA School Counselor

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Morris County HOW

Our "HOW" Hands On Workshop Series
Is your student ready for life after high school?

Are you?

"HOW" is a five-part workshop series to help families navigate the transition from school to adult life.

Our NEXT MEETING of the
2016-2017 School Year is

Monday April 10, 10:00-11:30am

RSVP REQUIRED

email Cheri calexander@celebratethechildren.org

**TOPIC: "Guardianship & Supported
Decision Making: Just the Basics"**

Monday May 8, 10:00-11:30am

RSVP REQUIRED

email Cheri calexander@celebratethechildren.org

TOPIC: "Housing 101"

UPCOMING PARENT TRAININGS AT CTC

- Date to be announced... 12:30: Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen with Glen

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Jen Mandato at

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Some vendors attending:

*JoyDew, The Felician 21 and Over Program, Wae Center, YMCA
Real Life Choices, Allied Wealth Partners, Centenary University,
The ARC of NJ, DVRS*

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Matty's Art Show!
April 29, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm



@ the Fine Grind
101 Newark-Pompton Turnpike (Rt 23
south)
Little Falls, NJ 07424



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A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

CTC Haircut Day, Wednesday, April 5th

Is it hard to find a hairdresser who understands your special needs child?

Is it hard for your child to tolerate getting their haircut?

Would you like to get your child's haircut by a licensed hairdresser who has personal experience with special needs children who will provide this service in the comfort of Celebrate the Children?



If you answered "YES" to one or more of these questions, Celebrate the Children is happy to announce we will be offering haircutting services 1x a month to our students during the school day.

Maureen Long, a member of our CTC family and a licensed hairdresser with 30 years of experience, is pleased to donate her time by providing your child with a developmentally sensitive haircutting experience. The goals are to make this experience less stressful for the child (and parent) and give CTC parents one less thing to do.

If you would like your child to be scheduled for a haircut on Wednesday, April 5th, please complete the form that was sent home and return to school by Monday, April 3rd. There are limited slots available. Students will be serviced in the order that forms are received.

Questions: Email Joanne Keilty at Jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org

A suggested donation of \$15 is recommended for this service.

The funds raised will support the Patrick Long Memorial Fund, in memory of Maureen's late son Patrick.

Join Us!
Light It Up Blue

Music by,

Brady Rymer!

Shine A
"Blue" Light
ON
Autism
— in April

Friday, March 31, 2017

CTC Gym 10am

All Family and Friends are Invited!

CTC's Light It Up Blue event is a chance for our community to come together to shine a light on autism. The day includes music, blue themed activities and more!

Please join us and don't forget to wear

BLUE!



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NEWS

Allied Wealth Partners Special Needs Division

“Planning for Adult Life”

WHERE: Allied Wealth Partners
14 Walsh Drive, Suite 100
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEN: March 23rd, 2017

TIME: 6:30pm: Family Networking
7:00pm: Seminar

Please RSVP at (973) 265-1317 or
epedersen@alliedwealthpartners.com as this
event is sure to reach capacity!



Earl A. Pedersen and Barry Friedson, CFP, CFA

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Special Needs Division

www.alliedwealthpartners.com/specialneedsdivision



Planning for Adult Life is a statewide project funded by the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to assist young adults (between the ages of 16-21) with various developmental disabilities and their families in charting a life course for adulthood. They offer a variety of resources including Informational sessions, webinars, and resource guides/materials that address the following core areas:

- Post-secondary Education and/or Employment
- Housing
- Entitlement Programs and Eligibility
- Self-Direction
- Health/Behavioral Health
- Building/Maintaining Community Ties and Friendships

For additional information about the activities related to this project, please join us and guest speaker; **Jerisa Maseko, Director of “Planning for Adult Life”, Arc of New Jersey.**

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Young Child Expo & Conference
Autism Intervention Summit Day
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
 New York City



Early Bird and Group Discounts Available

Cross the Bridge Between Behavioral and Developmental Models



Explore the assumptions, goals and methods to advance children on the Autism Spectrum with these latest ABA and Developmental models:

ESDM - Early Start Denver Model

Jamie Winter, PhD, BCBA-D, Assistant Professor of Psychology in Clinical Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College, NY

JASPER - Joint Attention, Symbolic Play, Engagement, Regulation

Suzanne Bracaglia, MSE, JASPER Consultant/Supervisor of Groups, New York Center for Infants and Toddlers, NY; Maria Kodjoe, MEd, Vice President – Behavioral Services, New York Center for Infants and Toddlers, NY

VB - Verbal Behavior ABA

Marilena Drakopoulou, MSED, Director of ABA Services, Los Niños Services, NY

Developmental Language / Dual Language Models

Sima Gerber, PhD, Professor of Speech-Language Pathology in the Department of Linguistics and Communication Disorders, Queens College, NY

Functional Emotional Developmental Levels in DIR

Christie Virtue, PhD, Senior Faculty, Profectum, NY

Sensory Processing and Motor Development

Michele Parkins, MS, OTR, Assistant Faculty, Profectum, NY

For more information: **Nancy Evangelista, MSW, Conference Coordinator**

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Special Oylmpics

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

Hackettstown High School

Registration 8-8:30am

Opening Ceremonies 9am

For questions contact:

Lisa Bruno or Danielle Dieckmann @

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Profectum's 5th International Conference

Honoring Individual Differences: The Gateway to Supporting Neurodiversity

Friday, March 31st thru Saturday, April 1st, 2017

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

San Marino, CA

Register @ profectum.org

Early Bird registration discount through 2/1/17



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