

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### Cap Collection Contest



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Cap Collection Contest/Art Class
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

Green Vision at Celebrate the Children would like to thank all of the classrooms/departments who are participating in the cap collection contest!

The February winners of the contest and the recipients of a pizza party with Paul Green are....AMY'S CLASS!! They collected a total of 1,780 plastic bottle caps! In second place are the Administrative Assistants with 794, in third are Jackie DiJoseph's Class with 220, and in fourth Nikki's Class with 106! This totals 2,900 caps collected.

Please continue to collect bottle caps for your classes, as you will have a chance to win a pizza party each month through the month of May. Thank you again and good luck!

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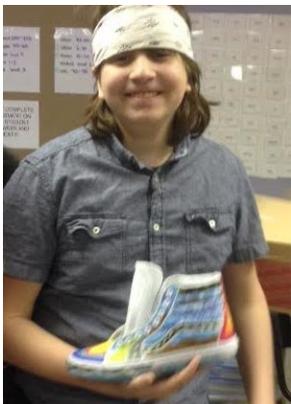
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### MARY BETH'S CLASS



Students from Amy's High School class joined students from Karen's Class for the Vans Custom Culture contest. Vans, the shoe company, poses a yearly challenge to find fresh ideas and new young artists/designers for their line of shoes. Our students have formed Graphic Art "Think Tank Teams". Some students generate ideas and research while others draw and paint the images. We are working to our individual strengths and abilities. Vans encourages a team approach as this is representative of the professional Graphic Art experience.



We have received our 4 pairs of new white Vans along with professional markers and our students have started to bring their ideas to reality. Each of the pairs of shoes will visually represent the four contest categories. They are Art, Music, Local Flavor, and Extreme Sports. We are competing with 3,000 high school artist teams for the grand prize of \$50,000.

Wish us luck and stayed tuned as we will be asking for community support if we advance through the 1st and 2nd rounds of judging.



## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM RON'S CLASS



Ron's Math class started working on Algebra and is currently working on the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of integers. We are also working on the order of operations and getting ready to take on basic algebraic equations.

Ron's Earth Science classes have been learning about the four types of volcanoes: the cinder cone, the composite volcano, the shield volcano, and the lava plateau. The classes were split into four groups, and each group was assigned a volcano to build. We erupted the volcanoes earlier this week and used a secret ingredient, pop rock, to make the lava pop and fizz more.

Ron's Tools for the Adulthood class is focusing on the many services of a pharmacy, how to locate a pharmacy, and how to read medicine labels.

Ron's Consumer math class is working on planning and budgeting to buy their dream car versus a realistic car. Students have been comparing prices, calculating loans, documenting projected mileage and finding their monthly costs.



## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM SAM'S CLASS

### CULTURE MONTH

This month we have been learning about different cultures as well as each student's individual heritage in preparation for our Cultural Fair. This week we had a special guest play the bagpipes as part of our Irish heritage celebration! We also participated in some fun Irish traditions like kissing the blarney stone, and magic leprechaun rocks. We were so happy to have Mr. Joe playing his beautiful music and teaching us about the bagpipes!

D.R- "I really liked learning about how Mr. Joe's bagpipe made the noise"

R.M- "The music was so calming. It made me feel safe."



**Hosting Opportunity:** A professional from CTC UK will visit for two weeks this summer and is looking for a host family. Please contact [Kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:Kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org) for more information.

## 2016 Summer Camp **Funding** **Applications**



### **The Department of Children and Families Camp Funding**

The New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC), which serves children and youth up to age 21, is now accepting requests from families for financial assistance toward the 2016 summer camp session. **Requests MUST be postmarked or received by PerformCare no later than Saturday, April 30, 2016.**

The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute developed a checklist and a guide to help you through CSOC's camp application process. The checklist and guide came as attachments with this Newsletter email.

Please pass on Profectum's CA Conference information to all your West Coast friends or to anyone you feel would benefit from this conference.

For additional information go to:

[www.profectum.org](http://www.profectum.org)



**March 18-20, 2016**

PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER  
PASADENA, CA

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Awakening Human Potential in Mind and Body

Regional Center Vendor # PD2979

Continuing Education for SLP, OT, COTA, LMFT, LCSW, LEP, LPCC, Psychologist



### Featured Conference Themes

- Innovative Approaches to Emotional Regulation: Using Sense Technology to Improve Quality of Life
- Identifying Needs and Bringing Hope to Underserved Infants, Toddlers, and Parents in the Child Welfare System
- Healing the Body to Calm the Mind: The Impact of Medical Issues on Emotional Well-Being and Developmental Progress
- Innovative Approaches to Building Socio-emotional Development
- The Impacts of Fathers and Father Figures on Children's Socio-emotional Development

### FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

[www.profectum.org](http://www.profectum.org)

### This conference is for everyone!

- Plenary presentations on all conference themes
- Multi-disciplinary panel discussions that include case histories with video clips demonstrating relationship based treatment strategies to address key challenges
- Parent panels to address concerns for all those raising children with special needs
- Special Workshops that provide "hands-on" learning and practical tools to use in the home, clinic and classroom
- A Resource Partner Fair to learn what's available and forge new relationships within the community
- Book signings at the Special Needs Project Bookstore
- Opportunities to meet and network with colleagues, friends and parents dedicated to the progress of every individual

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Shelia Anderson, PhD	Erik Linthorst
LouAnne Boyd, MA	Rosalind W. Picard, SCD
Deborah Budding, PhD	"Skip" Rizzo, PhD
Brenda Jones Harden, MSW, PhD	Lonnie Zeltzer, MD

#### PROFECTUM FACULTY

Ricki Robinson, MD, MPH	Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L
Serena Wieder, PhD	Sherri Cawn, MA, CCC-SLP
Mona M. Delahooke, PhD	Patricia Marquart, MFT
Connie Lillas, PhD, MFT, RN	Ruby Salazar, LCSW, BCD
Monica G. Osgood	Traci D. Swink, MD
	Rosemary White, OTR/L



## 4<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



# Awakening Human Potential in Mind and Body

# 5 TOP

Reasons  
Professionals  
Should Attend  
this Conference

**March 18-20, 2016**

The Pasadena Convention Center  
Pasadena, CA

**Register Now**

[www.profectum.org/4th-annual-international-conference-registration/](http://www.profectum.org/4th-annual-international-conference-registration/)



### EXPLORE

Cutting edge technology that improves well-being and development in Autism, SPD and Mental Health Treatment

### DISCOVER

How medical conditions, including chronic pain and anxiety, can be recognized and treated to calm the body and mind

### LEARN

about a groundbreaking transdisciplinary team approach to improving long term outcomes of underserved children with toxic stress

### NETWORK

with internationally known researchers, clinicians and local professionals

### EXPLORE

The "father factor" and how it can enhance all family's lives, regardless of constellation

**VENDOR # PD2979 / SERVICE CODE: 102**

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Contact your Regional Center Service Coordinator for instruction on how to apply to attend.



## 4<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



# Awakening Human Potential in Mind and Body

## 5 TOP

Reasons  
Parents Should  
Attend this  
Conference

### INFORM

your child's team about the latest research on supporting your child's emotions and decreasing anxiety

### RECOGNIZE

how medical conditions can look like challenging behaviors in autism spectrum disorders

### LEARN

how technology, including video games, can help or hinder your child's developmental progress

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### DISCOVER

what researchers have to tell us about "father factors" and how all *mothers and fathers* can supercharge their play and interactions

### NETWORK

with researchers, fellow parents and autistic individuals to create strong communities of parent support



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A Conference to Get You the  
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NOW!**

### Can “sense” technology such as a bracelet or sock help my child with emotional control?

**Rosalind W. Picard, ScD** from the MIT Media Lab will share with us how the latest technology measuring and supporting an individual’s emotional levels is now available for parents and professionals alike. Come hear about technology that can help children and teens’ emotional development, and see video examples of how it works, along with a case presentation by **Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L**.

### What is the relationship between autism, pain, and challenging behaviors?

**Ricki Robinson, MD, MPH**, pediatrician and autism specialist, will lead a panel of experts including **Lonnie Zeltzer, MD**, who will share about mind-body strategies for managing pain and anxiety in autism and special needs.

### How much time should I let my child spend playing video games?

**Skip Rizzo, PhD**, from USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology along with researcher **LouAnne Boyd, MA** and neuropsychologist **Deborah Budding, PhD** will discuss the pros and cons of video games and other technologies, including a game that improves social skills, and a technology platform that helps autistic young adults prepare for job interviews.

### Is there something to be learned about how fathers interact and play?

**Sheila Anderson, PhD**, developmental psychologist, will bring us her research about the “father factor” and developmental boosts that *fathers and mothers* can provide to children. Come learn the strategies and hear from an exciting panel, moderated by **Mona Delahooke, PhD**, including fathers and a son who will candidly share their stories and inspire all families to grow along the lifespan.

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[www.profectum.org](http://www.profectum.org)

# *CTC Small Group*

## *Parent Series*

*ANNOUNCING OUR  
2016 SPRING SESSION!*

*“Growing Pains”*



*Series will support parents to address the following topics:*

- *Social/Emotional changes*
- *Thinking/Learning*
- *Physical maturation*
- *Enhancing your child's ability to express social and emotional capacities*
- *Helping your child discover his/her own learning style-how his/her brain works*
- *Demystifying physical changes*

*Meets on Fridays from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM*

*April 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>*

*The group will be held in the CTC lobby conference room*

*To sign up you must RSVP: Please contact Mady Kaplan or Stefanie D'Amore*

*at the SFSS Dept.--(973) 989 4033 - EXT. 421 or 420*



# Planning For Adult Life

## FREE PARENT FORUM AND OPPORTUNITY EXPO

STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION 14-21 AND THEIR FAMILIES

TIME: 9:00-1:00pm

# June 4

Celebrate The Children

230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834

TO REGISTER: [www.PlanningForAdultLife.org](http://www.PlanningForAdultLife.org)

### WORKSHOP SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Parent's Perspective on Planning
- Understanding SSI and Medicaid
- Employment Options for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- Guardianship: What You Need to Know
- College Opportunities for Students with I/DD
- Accessing Services and Natural Supports in Your Community



**The Arc**  
of New Jersey

**Planning  
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Adult Life**

Division of Community and Disability Services, Office of Adult and  
Specialized Services, Department of Human Services

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**Is your student in  
Special Education?  
Is your student ready  
for life after high  
school? Are you?**

**HANDS ON WORKSHOP SERIES** is a five-part workshop to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families navigate the transition from school to adult life. Join us to learn about:

## **Getting the Most Out of Your High School Experience**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 9, 2016

**TIME:** 6:00-7:00pm

**LOCATION:** Celebrate the Children School  
230 Diamond Spring Road  
Denville, NJ

Please RSVP to Caroline McLaughlin, Transition Navigator  
(732) 354-9374 or [cmclaughlin@arcnj.org](mailto:cmclaughlin@arcnj.org)



**Celebrate the  
Children School**

[www.PlanningForAdultLife.org](http://www.PlanningForAdultLife.org)



Do You Crave The Spotlight?!  
Have a Special Talent?  
Love the Roar of the Crowd?

Then Join Us for the CTC/TGIF  
4th ANNUAL  
**TALENT NIGHT!**

- WHEN:** Friday May 6, 2016 7:00-9:00
- WHERE:** CTC School Denville "Main Stage" Gymnasium  
230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834
- WHO:** CTC High School/Adult Program Students & Staff  
& Roxbury PEC TGIF Teen/Young Adult Group
- BRING:** Bring whatever you need for your performance...  
Instruments, Costumes, Props, Roadies, etc.  
*AND a Snack & Drink to Share*
- RSVP:** to Cheri, [calexander@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:calexander@celebratethechildren.org),  
with name's & number of people attending

We need to hear from anyone attending, Performers & Fans, so we can put together a line up & prep the general admission seating. You do not need to be performing to attend but we still need to get an RSVP from anyone joining us. If you are performing we would like to know what your act will be. You will have approximately 5-10 minutes to perform depending on how many acts sign up.

**PARENTS MUST Sign in When Dropping off & are Welcome to Stay**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We can't guarantee that there will be enough VOLUNTEER Support to meet the individual needs of all participants so if your child requires individual support please plan on attending or having your child accompanied to this event.

**PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL**

**Got to be on the GUEST LIST to get in!**



## Montgomery Rodeo Announces 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Special Needs Rodeo Performance.

The Montgomery Rodeo in Skillman, NJ is a community non-profit that is a popular annual event in the area. For more than 20 years, we have put on a weekend of top-notch rodeo entertainment that has raised substantial funds for local charities and non-profits. Last year, we hosted our first Special Needs Rodeo Performance and it was met with such great success, we are doing it again this year.

“Last year we wanted to add a show for kids and families who wouldn’t normally be able to take advantage of this type of event,” said Noel Drift, Montgomery Rodeo co-founder. “We received tremendous feedback from the families. One mother wrote, ‘*Our family would never have been able to attend this type of event in a usual setting, thank you for this opportunity.*’ We are very happy to be able to offer this special performance again.”

The Special Needs Rodeo Performance was designed to include all of the regular rodeo events, yet modified to make it more sensory-friendly. After collaborating with Eden Autism Services, one of the rodeo charities, and Sam and Carrie Swearingen, of Rawhide Rodeo Company, Montgomery Rodeo producer, we are able to offer a friendlier environment for this community and their families. This year, we are offering even more events for family participation and a closer, more personal experience overall.

Along with this wonderful Special Needs Rodeo, the Montgomery Rodeo will host two big shows, **Saturday, June 11, 7 pm, and Sunday, June 12, 2 pm**. These shows include bull riding, bronco riding, barrels, calf roping, and several children’s events including mutton busting and a stick horse race. Last year, the Montgomery Rodeo distributed \$35,000 to charitable organizations, which includes our special needs advisors, Eden Autism Services.

The Special Needs Rodeo Performance is an invitation-only event, to keep the number of spectators at a comfortable level. For more information, or to request an invitation, please contact [SpecialNeedsRodeo@montgomeryrodeo.com](mailto:SpecialNeedsRodeo@montgomeryrodeo.com). For sponsorship information please contact [info@montgomeryrodeo.com](mailto:info@montgomeryrodeo.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/>

### Parent/Professional Conference

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities Presents

#### Facing the Future 24

Discovering a World of Employment Opportunities

**March 18, 2016 8 am- 4:00 pm**

Facing the Future 24 features keynote presentations by Allison Wohl and Temple Grandin as well as 18 conference workshops.

Visit *CTC Connections* for more info on this and many other opportunities! Under the "NJ Government Agencies & Resources" Tab

### 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!

*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

#### At Celebrate the Children School

Is your child 14-21 years old? It is time for you to start planning for when they leave school. Join HOW-"Hands On Workshop Series" (aka: Pre-Club) to learn what you need to know to plan for life beyond high school.

**March 9th - 6:00-7:00 pm**

**RSVP REQUIRED – email Caroline**  
[cmclaughlin@arcnj.org](mailto: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.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**"Opportunity Expo" – June 4, 2016**  
Informational Flyer Attached to Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!  
Special Olympics  
Track & Field Competition  
**Saturday, May 7, 2016**  
Details to follow...

### CTC/TGIF 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TALENT NIGHT

Friday, May 6, 7-9  
CTC Gymnasium  
RSVP to Cheri at:

[calexander@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:calexander@celebratethechildren.org)

with name's and number attending

### Save the date:

**Planning for Adult Life  
SPRING OPPORTUNITY EXPO  
CTC Host Site - Saturday June 4,  
Planning for Adult Life will host  
FREE Parent Forum and Opportunity  
Expo!  
Information attached**

### Sibling Day

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
9am -1 pm  
Information to be sent home.

### HOW – Hands on Workshop aka – “Prep Club”

Wednesday March 9, 6-7 pm  
**RSVP REQUIRED**  
to Caroline McLaughlin  
[cmclaughlin@arcnj.org](mailto:cmclaughlin@arcnj.org)  
or call 732-354-9374

**March 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Break  
School Closed

**April 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Spring Break  
School Closed

### CTC Small Group Parent Series 2016 Spring Session “Growing Pains”

Meets Fridays from 11 am-12:30 pm  
April 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
RSVP required to:  
Mady Kaplan or Stefanie D'Amore at  
973-989-4022 x 421 or 420

### Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:  
[greenvision@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:greenvision@celebratethechildren.org)  
or call 973-989-4033 x 145

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Athletes Day

For the past six years, Kean University has hosted a free, one day event that creates opportunity for families and children with intellectual disabilities, aged 2 to 7 years to participate in foundational sports skill activities. It provides an introduction to sports and offers families the opportunity to share in the success of their future athlete. This year's annual one day event will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 9:45am-12:00pm, at Kean's Harwood Arena.

See attached flyer for more information.

### Profectum

#### 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference

**Awakening Human Potential in Mind and  
Body**

Implications for Parents and Professionals in  
Autism and Mental Health Treatment

**March 18-20, 2016**

**Pasadena, CA**

**For registration information go to:  
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