

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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On Monday May 22, a group of CTC students and staff went to William Paterson University for the Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference. Dare to Dream, which is sponsored by the NJDOE Office of Special Education, highlights the importance of student self-advocacy and leadership. This conference features keynote presentations from accomplished students and young adults with disabilities who have demonstrated exemplary self advocacy and leadership skills.

We are extremely proud to announce that this year Celebrate the Children was represented, for the first time, by Young Adult Program student Gil Tov. He has worked very hard all year in his internship learning all about advocacy. He was one of seven keynote speakers at Dare to Dream where he presented his final project. Thirteen additional students joined Gil in his quest to become an advocate for students with alternative learning styles.

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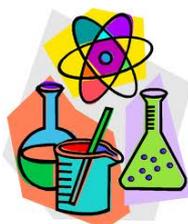
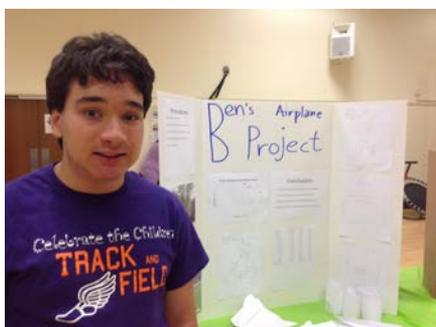
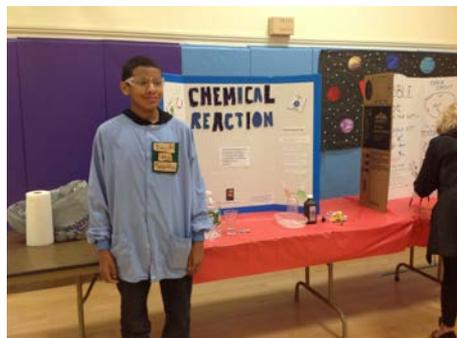
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The program also included a variety of workshops designed to provide students with insight into the transition from school to adult life. The conference gave students the opportunity to participate in workshops led by their peers on topics such as self-discovery, student self-advocacy, learning styles, developing a career path, and understanding your rights and responsibilities in college. The hope is that all students who attended will bring back what they learned at the conference and will spread the word about this program. Be on the lookout for an update about Gil's advocacy endeavor and other news about the inspiration and empowerment gained from attending the Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference.



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

Staff, students and families had a wonderful time at the annual CTC Science Fair and Potluck dinner! Every year, the students amaze us with their excellent science fair projects. Students enjoy presenting their own projects, as well as observing the projects of their friends. Everyone left the science fair knowing more about science than they did when they arrived!

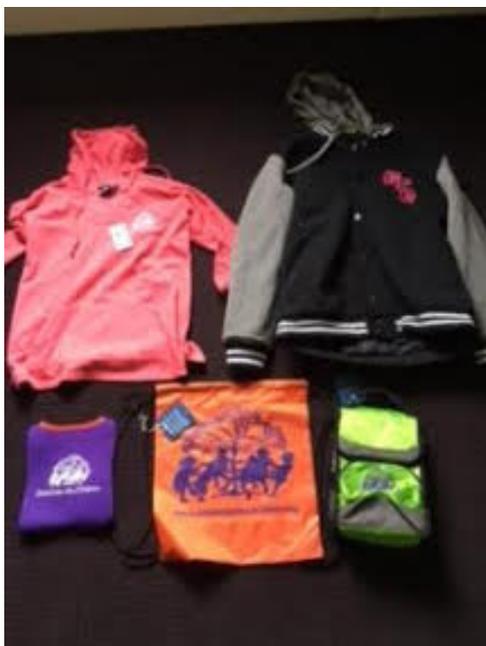


A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM JACKIE'S CLASS

This month in Jackie's Young Adult Program class, we have been so busy in the school garden. We started all of our seeds with our indoor planting station back in March then transplanted them in late April. Now we are picking radishes and making salad with them, and our kale is almost ready for harvesting. In the garden we also are growing snow peas, cabbage, spinach, garlic, broccoli, and cauliflower. They should all be ripe and ready by mid June! In the picture below, check out our awesome herb garden, with tasty herbs such as parsley, basil, cilantro, and dill.

In our school store, we are getting ready to display and sell our new shipment of CTC spirit wear. There will be a wide variety of new items such as varsity jackets, lunch bags, string bags, winter hats and beanies, leggings, boys'/mens' shorts, as well as iPad covers, sweatshirts, and ladies' pullovers. Sales will begin the week of May 29th. Stop in the school store and see our amazing inventory!

We will have a table set up at the June 19th family BBQ as well for anyone who would like to browse and purchase spirit wear.



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A PEEK INTO THE RELATED SERVICE PROGRAM

Throughout the school year, a group of entrepreneurial students work hard planning and executing two student businesses, CTC Cafe and CTC Graphic Design. The CTC Cafe sells and prepares staff lunches once a month. The CTC Graphic Design team meets with clients to draw and develop logos and illustrations for various events and activities. Students involved in these businesses track their progress towards an annual profit goal and are "paid" for their efforts with motivating and enriching field trips. This year, the students enjoyed a day-long trip to Kalahari Waterpark Resort in the Pocono Mountains. Daring students enjoyed the safe thrills provided by the many waterslides, and those students who showed hesitation "got their feet wet" in a supportive environment alongside trusted peers and adults. It was a truly wonderful and rewarding experience for all who attended!



Congratulations to our very own Matt Ribaldo who took home the **New Jersey State Council, Arts Excellence Governor's Award!!**
We are so proud of you Matt- Way to Go! Time to Celebrate!





Get ready for Summer!!

FINAL HAIRCUT DAY THIS SCHOOL YEAR
Wednesday, June 7th



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 goal is 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, June 7th, please complete the attached form and return to school by Monday, June 5th. 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.

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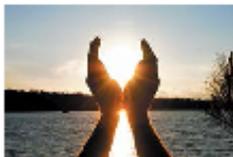
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Parent Training Group

Topic: *Parent Healing Group:
Meditation and Tonglen*

June 7, 2017 at 12:30 pm



Presenting:

Glenn Ben-Ezra, Teacher of Healing and Meditation. We all become bogged down with the daily stressors in our lives. These not only have an impact on us, but on our children as well. Glenn will provide you with a series of practices that are accessible for you and your child.

Be sure to wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing as this is an experiential class.

Space is limited in the yoga studio, so we have a limited number of spaces. Please RSVP early to hold your seat!

Location:

CTC's Yoga Room

RSVP required by June 5 to:

Student & Family Support Services

Jennifer Mandato

(973) 989-4033 x 413 or jmandato@celebratethechildren.org



RIDE FOR AUTISM

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN SCHOOL

Saturday, July 22

Registration starts at 10AM. Kickstands up at 11AM.

50/50, FOOD, MUSIC & MORE

CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN (CTC) IS A NOT FOR PROFIT SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DENVILLE, NJ. CTC CURRENTLY SERVES 130 STUDENTS FROM 70 DIFFERENT DISTRICTS THOUGHOUT NJ & NY.

RIDERS \$20 * PASSENGERS/ATTENDEES \$10

FREE CUSTOM T-SHIRT MADE BY CTC STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST 50 REGISTRANTS

PRE-REGISTER AT CELEBRATETHECHILDREN.ORG

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Garden State Harley-Davidson

1775 Rt. 10 East Morris Plains, NJ 07950

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Hair Cut Days

June 7th

RSVP by June 5th to

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GRADUATION

June 20 @ 10am **Pre K & 8th Grade**

June 21 @ 11am **12th grade & Young Adult**

**Just a reminder, students
have ½ days June 19-23 and
the last day of school is
Friday, June 23.**



CTC Spring Concert "Game On"

June 15th @ 6:00 pm

The College of St Elizabeth



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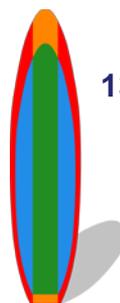
Riders \$20 Passengers/Attendees \$10

Pre-Register at celebratethechildren.org

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13th Annual Beach Bash

Sept 10 from 9-4

7th Ave Beach

Ocean Ave & 7th Ave

Belmar, NJ 07719



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