June 1, 2018



Weekly Newsletter

#CTCWHODUNIT?

Less than a week away from the big show!!! The students have been working so hard. Here's a sneak peak!!







Special points of interest:

•Spring Concert

•Upcoming Events

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A peek into the Classroom Lisa's Class



Many of the girls in Lisa's class enjoy sensory play activities. This week, we made "slime"! The girls set up the activity and practiced their measuring skills while following the Slime recipe. They worked on a variety of executive functioning tasks including anticipating what was needed next, following a written recipe, choosing the correct measuring cups and spoons, and making their own decisions in picking the color of their slime. They love to squish and twist the mixture to make the perfect composition! The girls enjoyed this activity and the slime came out great! When we realized how popular the slime was, we decided we were going to make more, package it, and sell it around the school. When given choices of what to do with the money earned, the girls decided that they would like to use it to make more slime! Sensory play always brings a smile to all!



A peek into the Classroom Kelly's Class

To complement our study of the human body, Kelly's biology classes have been relating the organs of our bodies to the organs of the bodies of other animals. Students had the option of viewing a dissection or conducting their own dissection. Throughout this unit, we have been able to closely examine frogs, as well as the hearts and brains of sheep. Viewing organs in other animals gives us a better understanding of the workings of our own bodies. We also exercise our learned science classroom safety rules during all experiments.



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Celebrate the Children's

Annual Spring Concert Thursday, June 7, 2018 Preshow 5:30 Curtain 6:15 The College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ

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School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles Developmental Individual Relationship-Based Intervention® www.celebratethechildren.org

230 Diamond Spring Road Denville, NJ 07834 Phone: 973-989-4033 Fax: 862-244-4969

Parent Training Group Topic: Parent Healing Group: Parent and Child Meditation June 13, 2018 at 12:30 pm



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 6 to: Student & Family Support Services Jennifer Mandato (973) 989-4033 x 413 or jmandato@celebratethechildren.org





FINAL HAIRCUT DAY THIS SCHOOL YEAR4 Wednesday, June 13th

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

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

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



Maureen Long, a member of our CTC family and a licensed hairdresser with 30 years of experience, is pleased to <u>DONATE</u> her time by providing your child with a developmentally sensitive haircutting experience.

100% of the proceeds raised goes directly back to Celebrate the Children. Maureen's late son Patrick, who passed away in November, 2016, loved attending the After-school Program (ASP). In his memory, Maureen will be using the money raised to offer CTC students scholarships to attend the ASP.

If you would like your child to be scheduled for a haircut on Wednesday, June 13th, please complete the attached form and return to school by <u>Monday, June 11th</u>. There are LIMITED slots available. Students will be serviced in the order that forms are received.

Questions: Email Joanne Keilty at <u>Jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org</u> or call 973-989-4033 ext. 141

-Welcome to Wonderful Wednesdays-





Please join our team of Wonderful Wednesday parents. Our mission is to show our thoughtful appreciation to CTC teachers, aides and staff who do so much to help our children discover inner strengths and become the best they can be. Once a month we treat these amazing people to continental breakfast delights including such goodies as coffee, yogurt, bagels, fruits, danish, quiche etc.
Wonderful Wednesdays are the second Wednesday morning* of each month. In order to do this, we need your support. It would be helpful if you could donate at least \$50 during the school year or make/bake something delicious and send it with your child on Wonderful Wednesday. Please contact Carole McBride (Jordan and Isaiah's mom) by email at carolemcbride@comcast.net or at 908-798-0094 as soon as possible. If writing a check make payable to Carole McBride and please put Wonderful Wednesday in the memo.

It is so important to show our CTC folks that parents appreciate their efforts. And breakfast is a simple way.

Thank you for your anticipated support, Carole & Lori

Next Wonderful Wednesday is 6/13

Please note this is not a PTO effort





PERFORMANCE DATE: 1 p.m., Sunday, July 15 Tickets: \$25.50-\$78.50

Warnings:

•There is NO ELEVATOR access to Rows AA – J on the mezzanine level.

- •Strobes will be used and lights will shine into the audience.
- •Beach balls and streamers will be dropped into the audience.

•The show includes siren and fog horn sound effects and characters will be in the aisles at certain points.

How to buy tickets:

Go to: <u>www.tdf.org/spongebob</u>

Click the **BUY TICKETS** button. Clicking the button will direct you to a password-protected webpage.

Enter the password: AUTISMTDF

Enter the number of tickets you need in your desired section of the theatre, or click the seat map to select your own seats. The option to select your own seats is NOT available on mobile devices.

*TIP: Click on the seats you want when you see them. Seat availability is shown in real-time, and tickets will sell fast. You will be given 15 minutes to complete the checkout process.

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A sensory-friendly music, yoga, and wellness festival for all ages and abilities



July 28-29, 2018 Mountain Sky - Jermyn, PA

Inclusion Festival is for individuals with special needs, and those who support them and want to empower them. This is the nation's first autism and sensory-friendly outdoor music and wellness festival, and will feature live music, educational workshops, play-based workshops, sensory spaces, a community resource fair, opportunities to connect with nature, theatrical performances, and SO MUCH MORE!

Inclusion Festival is presented in partnership with Accessible Festivals, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which specializes in ensuring that music festivals are accessible to anyone, regardless of their ability.

Sponsorships, group tickets, volunteer, and vendor opportunities available now!

www.inclusionfestival.com

14th Annual Autism



Sunday, September 9th from 9am – 4pm 7th Avenue Beach, Belmar, NJ

New Jersey's largest and most talked about family friendly autism event!

What is the Beach Bash?

The Beach Bash is an annual event hosted by Autism Family Services of New Jersey for individuals and their families living with autism spectrum disorders. This free event is held each September in Belmar for families and includes organized activities, DJ, arts and crafts booth, informational vendors, lunch, beach games and more. Families have an opportunity to network and partake in organized activities throughout the day. Also included in the day's activities is a free surf camp featuring <u>Surfer's Healing</u> (separate registration required). One of the highlights of the day is the opportunity to surf with Surfers Healing, if you register May 5 through May 11 at www.surfershealing.org and receive confirmation that you are accepted.

For sponsorship opportunities,

Please contact Jacqui Moskowitz at (732) 262-8020 or email jmoskowitz@autismfamilyservicesnj.org

For exhibitor opportunities,

Please contact Jennifer Gleason at (877) 237-4477 or email jgleason@autismfamilyservicesnj.org

Register @ autismbeachbash.org

Upcoming Events

Spring Concert "It's a Mystery"

June 7th Pre Show 5:30 Curtain 6:16 **College of Saint Elizabeth** Annunciation Center 2 Convent Road Morristown, New Jersey 07960 Purchase tickets at: www.celebratethechildren.org

Final Haircut Day For This School Year

Wednesday, June 13th Questions email Joanne Keilty at: jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org

Parent Healing Group: Parent and Child Meditation

June 13th @ 12:30 Presented by Glenn Ben-Ezra RSVP REQUIRED by 6/6 jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

Wonderful Wednesdays for CTC Staff 6/13

Contact Carole McBride @ carolemcbride@comcast.net or 908-798-0094 if you are able to help.

Family Picnic & Egg Drop Friday, June 15th @ 10:30am RSVP REQUIRED and lunch orders with payment (cash preferred) due by Monday, June 11



Pre K Graduation and 8th Grade Step-Up Ceremony June 20th 11am in the Gymatorium

12th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Young Adult Program Graduation June 21st 11am in the Gymatorium

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2nd Annual Ride for Autism

Saturday, July 14, 2018 Ride begins and ends at **GARDEN STATE HARLEY-DAVIDSON** 1775 Route 10 East, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Registration begins @ 10:00am Kickstands up @ 11:00am **Pre register at celebratethechildren.org**



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