

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU!!

**SPECIAL
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Thanks to your overwhelming support, Celebrate the Children raised over \$17,000 through our 2017 Annual Campaign!

Together, we are making miracles happen and building brighter futures- and without you, it just wouldn't be possible.

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A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LACEY'S CLASS

This week in Lacey's class the girls planned, shopped and prepared for a lunch together. Throughout the week the girls discussed, and voted on a main course, three sides, and a juice they wished to make for their lunch. Once the meal was decided the girls made shopping lists of the products they would need to buy. During CBI the students took a trip to ACME, the local super market, with their lists in hand ready to shop. Once all the items were checked off their lists they practiced checking out, and bagging their own groceries. The girls then headed back to CTC to prepare their meal. There were five stations set up around the classroom, one for each part of the meal. The girls rotated around the room to create their meal as independently as possible. Once the meal was all prepared the girls had a wonderful lunch together!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMANDA'S CLASS



For our Community Based Instruction this week my class decided we were going to make pizza. Before going to Acme we created a grocery list of the ingredients we would need. We discussed food safety as well as how to navigate our way through the grocery store. We reviewed the food groups and talked about how the grocery store is set up. Each student found their assigned item. Once back at school we rolled out the dough, added sauce, cheese, and toppings. We had a great time and the students were able to create something of their own!



A PEEK INTO THE SFSS PROGRAM

Each month, the Preschool curriculum focuses on a social/emotional theme. For January, we embraced turn-taking! This month, the preschoolers had the opportunity to participate in fun, experience-based activities to promote joint-attention and turn taking in social skills group. Activities included interactive stories, sledding, lego building, and car play to reinforce these important, foundational social skills.



A PEEK INTO THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

After School Program: Having Fun With Our 5 Senses

Making Fantastic Volcanoes

In our class we are off to a great start with our friends. We collected simple household ingredients and created volcanoes that we let erupt in our very own classroom while working on our mixing and observation skills. The class gathered an empty container, food coloring, water, baking soda, vinegar, dish soap and a tissue. The class followed a few steps and measured and mixed together water, food coloring, vinegar and dish soap in the container. As a class we made our hypothesis of what we thought was going to happen. Our last step was to add baking soda to a tissue and drop the tissue into the container. The class was excited and loved observing the chemical reaction take place in front of their very eyes. We had a blast making a mess and cleaning the mess together at the end of the experiment. The class ended our time playing and working in our sensory stations where they had a choice of exploring and working with shaving cream, a rice station or moving paint around in a plastic bag and mixing two different colors to create a new color. Our class is busy but fun. During this session we will be taking part in different types of activities such as making scented rice pillows, creating different consistencies of clay and dough, rockets, sensory bags, ice cube fun as well as our sensory stations in the classroom. It's going to be a fun and messy time working and learning with our 5 senses.





CTC Haircut Day, Wednesday, February 7th

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?

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 are 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.

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, January 10th, please complete the attached form and return to school by Monday, February 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 or call 973-989-4033 ext. 141

--Welcome to Wonderful Wednesdays--



Dear CTC Parents,



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

*2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9 and 6/13

If there is a weather delay or closing we will have Wonderful Wednesday on the following Thursday and if Thursday is delayed or closed it will be on Friday.

Please note this is not a PTO effort



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

230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, New Jersey 07834
Phone: 973-989-4033 Fax: 862-244-9055

You're Invited!
We cordially invite you to join the
Celebrate the Children 8th Annual
FUTURE FAIR!

When: Friday, April 27, 2018 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Vendor Arrival/Set-Up 9:30 am)

Where: 230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834

Who & Why: The Future Fair is a gathering of Agencies & Organizations serving persons with special needs and their families. The goal of this annual event is to assist students, families, and professionals in understanding, preparing, and planning for Post-21 life. Areas covered include Transition, Employment, Arts, Post Secondary & Technical Education, Vocational Services, Supports & Services, Day Programs, Recreation, Advocacy, etc.

We encourage you explore, connect, and utilize, the vast resources that will be 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!

Please RSVP to: Jennifer Mandato, MA School Counselor

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

973-989-4033 ext. 413

We look forward to seeing you at
CTC Future Fair 2018!



RAMSEY OUTDOOR

CAST AND BLAST CABIN FEVER DAY

Saturday February 24th,
10AM to 4PM



FISHING GUIDES AND TAXIDERMISTS
CHRIS BIZZARI (LURE DEMOS)

CLUBS: WINE DEEP CLUB, KIDS ON THE FLY, NORTH JERSEY TROOP
UNLIMITED, BERGEN COUNTY BASSMASTERS, SALTWATER
ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY, AND MANY MORE!

SPEAKERS: CAPTAIN DAN BIAS: FLUKE FISHING SEMINAR
BILL STREETER: DELAWARE VALLEY RAPTOR TRUST
RIZZO'S REPTILE DISCOVERY:
GO GO GOMEZ: TIPS AND TECHNIQUES TO TARGET SPRING TIME BASS
CALVIN HUNTZINGER: MUSKY FISHING

SALES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING MANUFACTURERS



Autism can't define me... I define autism!

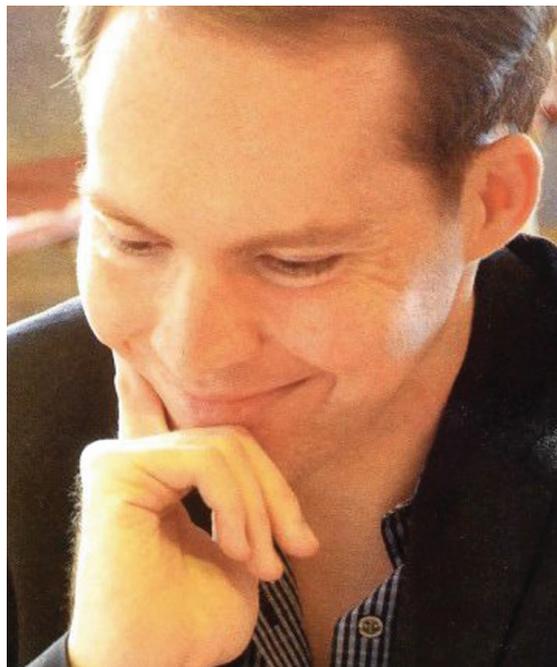
Kerry Magro

“Autism doesn't come with
an instruction guide.

It comes with a family
who will never give up.

Kerry Magro is an award winning national speaker and best-selling author. Kerry has become a role model in the disabled community. Non-verbal at 2.5 and diagnosed with autism at 4, Kerry overcame countless obstacles to get to where he is today. A recent Masters graduate from Seton Hall University, he currently is Founder and CEO of *KFM Making a Difference*, a non-profit corporation focused on disability advocacy and housing.

Today Kerry travels the country sharing his story and telling our society to define their lives and their dreams in the best way they can. He has published two best selling books, [Defining Autism](#), [From the Heart](#) and [Autism and Falling in Love](#). He also worked on the 2012 motion picture *Joyful Noise*. Kerry currently resides in Hoboken, NJ.



All are invited to attend a special presentation
Kerry Magro
St. Luke Parish
Sunday
February 4, 2018
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

This is a free presentation. Kerry's books and videos will be offered for sale.



St. Luke Parish

Special Needs Ministry
That All May Be One

265 West Mill Road
 P.O. Box 416, Long Valley, NJ 07853

All Access Maker Camp

for children with developmental disabilities (ages 8-14)

All Access Maker Camp is a fun week of exploring the Intrepid Museum, solving problems, experimenting with new tools and technology, designing projects, and making friends! Campers practice social-emotional skills, including problem-solving, communication and collaboration, in the context of sea, air and space travel.

Who: Children ages 8-14 with developmental disabilities, including autism

Where: Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

When: Campers may attend ONE week:

- Spring Session: April 2-6
- Summer Session 1: August 20-24
- Summer Session 2: August 27-31



How: Campers are selected by online application. SPACE IS LIMITED. Application is at intrepidmuseum.org/education/all-access-maker-camp under How to Apply. Deadline for Spring is January 28, 2018. Deadline for Summer is April 15, 2018.

Cost: \$75 (includes all materials and snacks; lunch and transportation not included)

Questions? Contact access@intrepidmuseum.org.

All Access Maker Camp at the Intrepid Museum is generously supported by the J.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation. Programs are supported in part by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the City Council.

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SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM COMPLEX

INSPIRING INNOVATION
intrepidmuseum.org



Theatre is for everyone. This is especially true at the TDF Autism Friendly Performances. Now in our sixth year, we are excited to present, for the fourth time, a sensory-friendly performance of Aladdin on Broadway.

PERFORMANCE DATE:

1 p.m., Sunday, March 4th, 2018

TICKETS ON SALE:

Exclusively at tdf.org/aladdin
All tickets \$55-\$79

Aladdin is the story of a poor boy who dreams of escaping his life on the streets. Even though he is a thief, he is a good person and takes care of his friends. Jafar, the Sultan's evil advisor, wants to become King. He sends Aladdin to find a magic lamp. Aladdin finds the lamp and becomes master of the Genie. With the help of the Genie, Aladdin must stop Jafar's evil plan and protect Princess Jasmine, his friends, and the kingdom.

How to buy tickets: go to: www.tdf.org/aladdin

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

Enter the password: TDFALADDIN

*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 45 minutes to complete the check out process.

After you check out, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not, contact autism@tdf.org to confirm your purchase.

Additional tips:

Seat changes: We are unable to change your order on the day we go on sale. Due to the volume of customer service requests and our limited staff, we cannot assist you until the next day if you decide you prefer different seats.

This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE, Exclusively at tdf.org/wicked

PERFORMANCE DATE:

1 p.m., Sunday, February 4, 2018

All tickets \$55-\$79!

How to buy tickets:

Go to: www.tdf.org/wicked

Click the **BUY TICKETS** button. The button will appear at noon (EST) on the right-hand side of the webpage. Clicking the button will direct you to a password-protected webpage.

Enter the password: **TDFAUTISM**

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 45 minutes to complete the check out process.

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About the show:

Wicked is the untold tale of an unlikely friendship between two women in the Land of Oz, the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good, long before Dorothy drops in. Elphaba, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. Glinda is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. The remarkable odyssey of how these unexpected friends changed each other's lives for good has made Wicked one of the world's most popular musicals.

Running time: 2 hours 30 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission.

Warnings: Flying monkeys come out near the audience. For reference to their appearance, watch this video clip.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Hair Cut Day

Feb 7, 2018

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or

jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org

St Luke's Special Needs Group
is hosting a free presentation by:

Kerry Magro on **February 4, 2018**

from 1-3pm at

St Luke's Parish
265 West Mill Rd
Long Valley, NJ

Upcoming Parent Training

"HOW" Hands On Workshop Series

Monday, Feb 12, 10-11:30am

RSVP Required to Jen Mandato

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen

February 14 @ 12:30pm

RSVP Required to

Jen at: jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

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Mark your Calendar!

Special Olympics Track & Field Competition

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Hackettstown High School

Look for more information this winter

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