

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Phil's Trip To Puerto Rico

We are proud to announce that we have raised over \$1,300 for the Hurricane Relief Fund. We took our students shopping to make some care packages for the victims in Puerto Rico. One of our CTC staff was even able to hand deliver these packages to some of the victims. We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped with this wonderful event!!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Hurricane Relief Fund
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events

Thanks,
Sam/Nikki



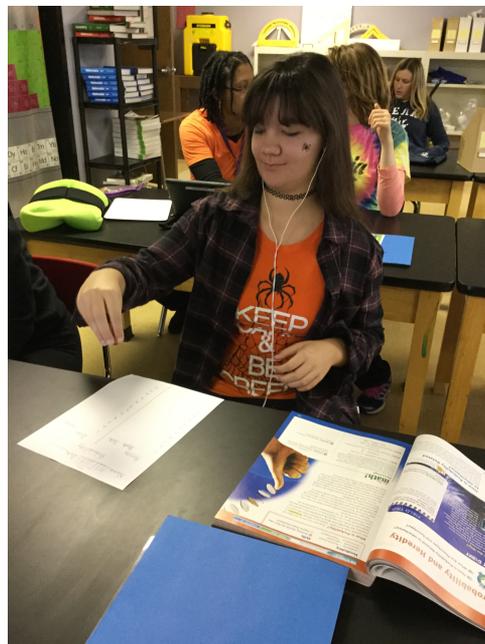
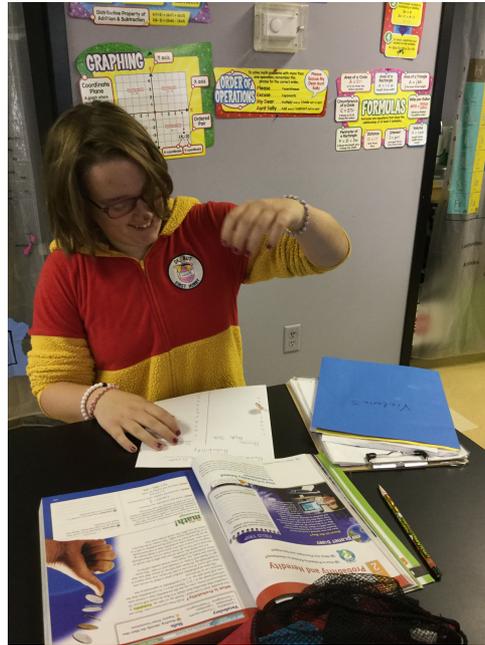
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A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

Kelly's biology classes have been studying the way that probability relates to genetics and heredity. In addition to creating Punnett Squares to evaluate dominant and recessive traits in the offspring of organisms, we have used coins and dice to simulate the random selection of genetic traits. Students recorded data on coin flips and the rolling of dice. This allowed students to model how passing down traits from parents to offspring is random in nature.



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM ANDREW'S CLASS

This week, our class and Amy's class teamed-up for CBI and explored healthy eating and nutritious snack foods. As part of our Life Skills curriculum, we had been learning about healthy eating, nutrition, and the food groups. We took the brand new CTC school bus to Florham Park, where we paid a visit to Chopt Creative Salad Company and Trader Joe's supermarket.

At Chopt, we were given a tour of the restaurant as we explored their menu. We paid special attention to the ingredients, what food groups they represent, and the total number of calories in each item. They all looked so good that some staff and students skipped Friday pizza and had a healthy salad instead!

Then, we moved on to Trader Joe's. Our classes had taken a survey of our favorite snack foods. Some were healthy, some not so much. While at Trader Joe's, our classes' task was to find healthier alternative to our favorite snacks. Everyone was able to find something delicious and nutritious to eat!



A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION WENDY'S CLASS

Learning how to problem solve through the use of various physical activities, sports and cooperative games is one of the underlying foundations of the Adaptive Physical Education program. The sport unit for September and October was soccer.

Playing Soccer is the perfect time to focus on the foot/ankle complex in Physical Education. Along with good core strength, the feet are literally our foundation. They connect us with the earth and ground us energetically. They provide the gross physical structure for balance, along with the intricate vestibular system. What looks like an ordinary soccer warm up for the hips by lifting the legs and tapping on the inside and outside of the feet, is really designed to bring students' awareness to this often ignored body part. Dribbling, the most fundamental skill in soccer, is practiced not only as a way to improve upon soccer skills, but to help with this body awareness referred to by Dr. Wachs as the Mental Map of the Body or Motor Planning (*Thinking Goes To School, Hans G. Furth & Harry Wachs, Oxford Press, 1975*). Each tap of the soccer ball to the foot provides important feedback to the brain about where the feet are in relationship to the body and to surrounding objects.

Additionally, there is a very important eye tracking and eye-foot coordination element that develops which Dr. Wachs describes as a vital element in academic endeavors. As students dribble the ball from right foot to left and change direction they are developing Coordination of Body's Axes (Wachs) also known as Laterality and Directionality. Furthermore, practice with turning the feet in and out can also help to overcome certain unwanted early reflexes so that other movements become more purposeful (See Wieder & Wachs *Visual/Spatial Portals to Thinking, Feeling and Movement*). Finally, soccer practice, and physical activity in general, provides students with a useful and appropriate outlet for physical expression, which is innately at the core of our being. Who knew?.



A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

Last week, the physical therapists hosted the second annual Driveway Fun Day for all elementary and middle school students. The rain did not dampen the mood and students had fun participating in all driveway related activities. Bikes and scooters zoomed around the gym and bean bags were flying during games of corn hole. Students were jumping around with hopscotch and jump rope games. Driveway Fun Day allowed the students to work on gross motor skills, such as motor planning/coordination, social skills, and safety awareness in a play based manner. It was fun for all!



Seeking Treadmill Donation

Have a treadmill collecting dust in the basement or you recently updated your equipment? Want to make a gift donation before the end of the year? The Related Services department is seeking donations for new or gently used treadmills for the therapy gyms. We will gladly accept donations in good working condition. Our treadmills rack up lots of miles on a daily basis and the students will greatly benefit from more to use during therapy sessions, the Healthy Heart Heroes (HHH) exercise group, and for other treadmill based programs. Please contact the Related Services department at (973) 989-4033 x123. Thank you!

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>

Parent & Professional Workshop on **SSI** (Supplemental Security Income) & Medicaid

Wednesday

November 29, 2017

10:00-12:00pm

at Celebrate the Children

How To Apply And Why You Need To Do So!

RSVP REQUIRED

Jen , jmandato@celebratethechildren.org or
Cheri , calexander@celebratethechildren.org

Morris County HOW

Our "HOW" Hands on Workshop Series

Accessing Services & Natural Supports

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

Our Next Meeting of the
2017-2018 School Year is

Monday Nov 13, 10:00-11:30am

RSVP REQUIRED

email Jen M. jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

November 8, 2017 - 12:30

Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen

RSVP REQUIRED

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

UPCOMING PARENT TRAINING

**December 7, 6:30 – Overview of DDD
(Division of Developmental Disabilities)
Services & Supports**

Topics covered: Timeline for new grads, Eligibility,
Application Process, Budgets, and Service Descriptions

RSVP REQUIRED

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

--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

*11/8, 12/13, 1/10, 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



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Dear Parents/Guardian,

We would like to invite you to our annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Friday, December 1st 2017. This fundraiser is collaborative effort between Related Service's OT Community Group, Adult Program staff, and most important the Adult Program Students. Please join us on this day, as all proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for "Operation Christmas Child". Operation Christmas Child is an initiative to make gift boxes for children all over the world that may not have something to celebrate during the holidays. The Adult Program Students will use the money raised to purchase various items of necessity and fun to assemble in boxes and then ship to various places.

We hope to see you!!

Who: Adult Program's OT Community Group

What: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

When: Friday, December 1st 2017 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Celebrate the Children Student Cafeteria

Why: Fundraiser for "Operation Christmas Child"

Price: \$5/person

Contact for questions or concerns:

Daniela Pace in RS 973-989-4033 X123 dpace@celebratethechildren.org

Please RSVP and return to school in a labeled envelope with your payment by November 15th.

Name: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact Phone number: _____

Number of guest(s) _____ (Only Adult Program Students will be attending the breakfast all other students will go about their school day as usual)

Sincerely,

Lisa Bruno and OT community Group

Celebrate the Children Presents

BOWL-A-THON



Saturday, December 2nd
11am-1pm

GLOW PARTY

Supporting

THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND &
PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM



- BOWLING
- MUSIC
- COSTUME CONTEST
- PRIZES FOR MOST RAISED MONEY
- AND MORE!

FAMILY
"FUN" DRAISER!

SUPPORT

Help us raise money for a new Preschool Playground, After School and Performing Arts Programs! Our past Bowl-A-Thons have raised enough money to purchase a NEW CTC SCHOOL BUS and offer dozens of After School Program scholarships to our students. Our new bus has enabled our students to take advantage of an array of new opportunities within the community as well as transport them to their numerous job sites.

RECRUITING BOWLERS

Represent your school or company by joining an existing team or assembling a team of bowlers to fill your lane and call on your family and friends to secure pledges and donations.

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN SCHOOL

Each bowler is encouraged to raise at least \$100. Donation forms and crowdfunding pages will be provided to each bowler. Checks should be made payable to Celebrate the Children. All donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to 230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834, Attn. Bowl-A-Thon.



CTC a non-profit, state-approved private school, which serves a diverse range of students ages 3-21 with autism and other challenges in relating and communicating.

CIRCLE BOWL & ENTERTAINMENT LEDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
973.989.4033, ext. 199 OR 973.989.4033, ext. 415
WWW.CELEBRATETHECHILDREN.ORG/BOWL-A-THON
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

We hope you all are as excited about the Bowl-a-Thon as we are! The Bowl-a-Thon is CTC's favorite family "FUN" draiser!

This years **GLOW THEMED BOWL-A-THON** will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 11 am at Circle Bowl and Entertainment in Ledgewood, NJ.

The Event Will Include:

bowling, a costume contest, 50/50, door prizes, music by 105.5 WDHA and a few sneak peeks into this years Spring Concert!

NEW AND EXCITING THIS YEAR!

We are now offering ONLINE fundraising! Registered bowlers can sign-up to be an online fundraiser on our website celebratethechildren.org. You can then send your personal fundraising page to family and friends and share on social media so your supporters can make a secure online donation that will be counted towards your fundraising total!

Prizes will be awarded for most money raised!

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN

BOWL-A-THON

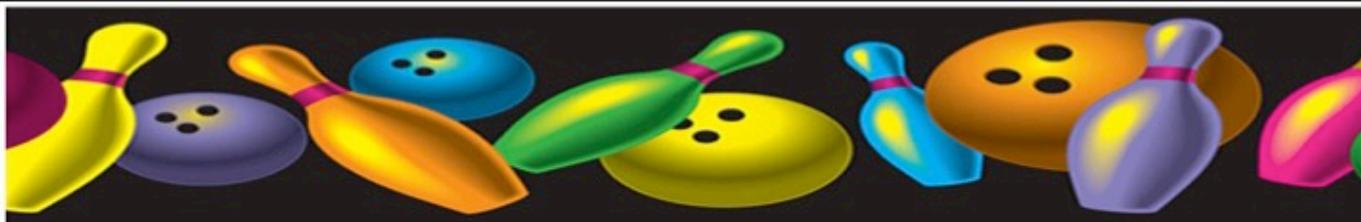
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Parent Training Group

Topic: *Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Services & Supports*

State of New Jersey



December 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Presenting:

Claudia Aboky-Djanty, Coordinator, Employment and Transition Services

This will be an overview of DDD Services and Supports. Topics to be covered:

- + Timeline for new graduates
- + Eligibility
- + Application Process
- + Budgets
- + Service descriptions

CTC is very fortunate to have Claudia presenting and we want to allow our parents to attend without worry of child care needs. **We will be providing child care for CTC students only. RSVP is required so we can make arrangements for your child.** Please see contact information below if you should have any questions.

Location:

CTC's Music Room

RSVP required by November 30 to:

Student & Family Support Services

Jennifer Mandato

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

Free Medical Screenings at Kozak Sports Center



Date

Saturday, November 11th, 2017

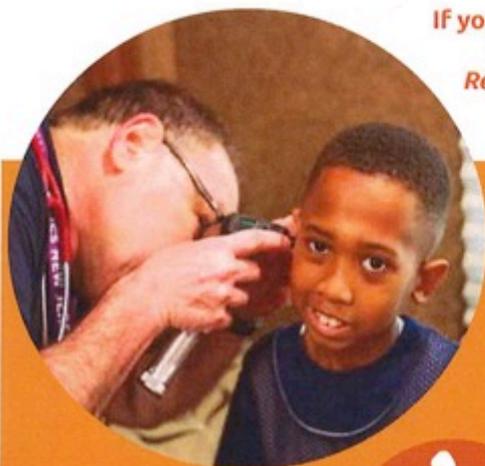
Time

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location

Kozak Sports Center
6 Middlebury Boulevard
Randolph, NJ 07869

If you plan on having a screening, please complete the *Medical History portion (pages 4 & 5)* and the *Release Form (page 1)* of the Participation Packet prior to seeing a physician.



Please visit the *Locker Room* at sonj.org, under the *General Resources* section to learn your Area and for a copy of the Participation Packet.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Katelyn Sheridan at the email provided below.



Special Olympics New Jersey Contact: Katelyn Sheridan, Healthy Communities Manager -- KRS@sonj.org

Supported By:



Mark your Calendar!

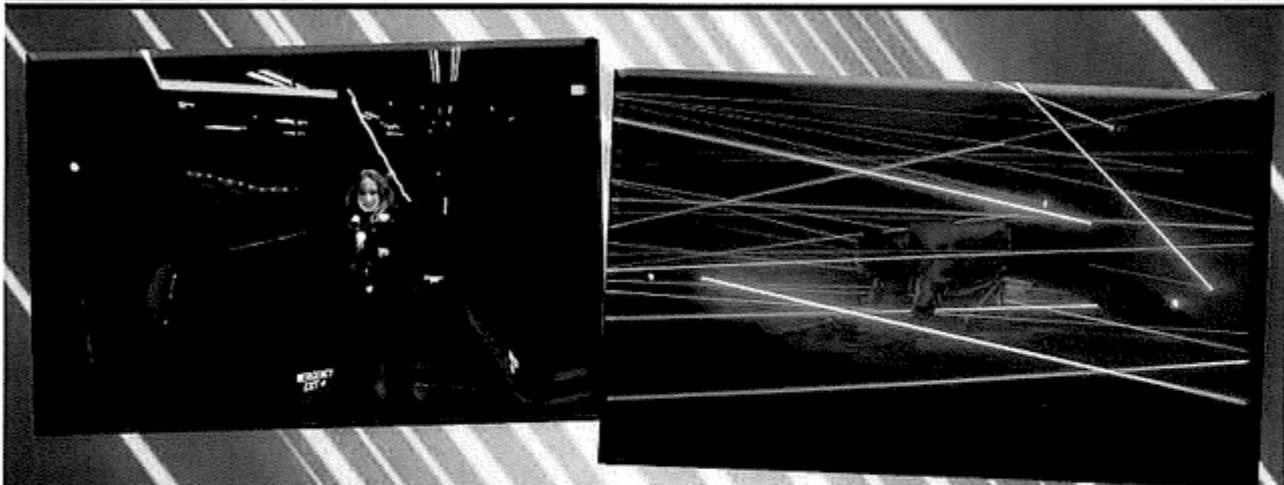
Special Olympics Track & Field Competition

Saturday, May 5, 2018
Hackettstown High School
Look for more information this winter

SPECIAL NEEDS NIGHT

Private event - closed to the public!

Monday November 6th, 4:30PM-8PM



- **UNLIMITED: laser maze, mini bowling, mini golf**
 - **15 redemption arcade credits**
 - **1 hour of video arcade on free play**
- \$20 per person!**

Add \$5.75 for two slices of pizza and a fountain drink

Add laser tag for \$5 per mission

No minimum headcount or deposit required

Pre-registration is required, call Haley: (973) 702-0500

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Contact Haley, Group Sales Manager
(973) 702-0500 • sales@laser1.us
205 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461
www.laser1.us/eventnightregistration.php
www.facebook.com/LaserOneNJ

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AWP SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION

Special Needs Resource Fair

We are proud to announce we will be hosting a
Resource Fair at the Allied Wealth Office!

Allied Wealth Partners
14 Walsh Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
Saturday November 18th, 2017
9:00 am – 1pm

Dozens of organizations and service providers will be on hand to inform and support the
special needs community including:

Support Coordination Agencies
Transition Services
Vocational Opportunities
Special Needs Trust & Advocacy Attorney's
Transportation Agencies
Educational Options (under 21)
Miscellaneous State & Federal Special Needs Agencies

Looking forward to seeing you all on November 18th!

Earl A. Pedersen and Barry Friedson, CFP, CFA
ALLIED WEALTH PARTNERS
Special Needs Division

DIRECT: 973.265.1317
EMAIL: epedersen@alliedwealthpartners.com
WEBSITE: www.alliedwealthpartners.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent & Professional Workshop on SSI and Medicaid

Wed, Nov 29th from 10-12 at CTC
How to apply and why you need TO DO SO!
RSVP to:
Jen, jmandato@celebratethechildren.org
Cherie, calexander@celebratethechildren.org

Next Haircut Day December 6

Questions: email Joanne Keilty at
jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org

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Special Needs Night Laser One

Monday, Nov 6th 4:30-8pm
Laser maze, mini bowling, mini golf, arcade
credits, video arcade \$20 per person
Add \$5.75 for 2 slices of pizza & fountain
drink.
Pre-registration is required,
Call Haley at 973-702-0500

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