

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### CTC Annual Bowl-A-Thon

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

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- Classrooms
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Thanks to everyone who helped to make this years Bowl-A-Thon such a great success.



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## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM JAMIE'S CLASS

### Our Visit to Green Seed

Last week our class walked into Denville and decided to try a smoothie at Green Seed. The students walked as a group and enjoyed the nice weather. It was a little warmer that day. We walked inside and were pleasantly surprised at how large the building was inside. The class was welcomed by soothing guitar music playing in the background and a very large sitting area in the corner where we put our coats and walked up to the counter to order our smoothie. Each student made a choice and ordered their drink. They paid for their smoothie using their money from their wallets. Once the drinks were made the students drank them so fast. One of my students even said he had a brain freeze. They loved their smoothies so much and it was clear by all the laughs and smiles as we left Green Seed. The class even wrote a "Thank you" message on the large dry erase board they have out for customers. It was a great CBI and the class is waiting patiently for our next visit to Green Seed.



## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMY'S CLASS

Amy's class went to St. Francis assisted living to interact with the wonderful elderly people who live there. They brought the Osmo learning system for the iPads and played tangrams and other interactive games. Together, they ate cookies and then were invited to stay for live entertainment! All students sang and danced with the residents, lead by an outside karaoke company. It was so great spending some time celebrating the holidays with all the residents and staff at St. Francis!



## A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

The OT Community Group is pleased to announce that our annual pancake breakfast raised over \$500 and was once again a huge success. The proceeds raised went to Operation Christmas Child, an organization that puts together Christmas care packages for impoverished children all around the world. The students and staff in the OT Community Group and Related Service Department worked hard to shop, cook and serve pancakes to all staff and guests that attended. We were able to assemble 30 boxes with the monies raised. We are so grateful to all those who participated and donated. From the bottom of our hearts thank you and Happy Holidays!



## PARENT TRAINING AT CTC

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities - DDD presented a valuable and important workshop on Thursday, December 7 at CTC. "Walking Through the Timeline for Graduates Aging Out of the School System", presented by Claudia Aboky-Djanty, MSW from DDD, was well attended by CTC Families with support from CTC Staff who provided child care and guidance. The workshop increased family's knowledge of the process as they navigate the transition from school and entitlements to adult life and eligibility. The subject matter can be difficult and overwhelming but it is necessary to understand. We encourage families to attend workshops and webinars on this topic multiple times in order to become knowledgeable and comfortable with the subject matter.

A key concept for families to understand is that school is an entitlement and post school services are based on eligibility. The system that delivers school entitlements and the system that delivers eligible support services are separate and apart from each other. Unlike school entitlements, it is the family's responsibility to navigate post school services. It is extremely important for families to understand the system in order to prepare for and navigate the transition out of entitlements.

Visit CTC Connections Resource website on the CTC School website for more information on this subject and a vast collection of information that we curate for families and professionals.



# **CTC has NEW SWINGS!**



**With a very generous  
donation through the  
CTC Foundation from a  
charitable family!**

## CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

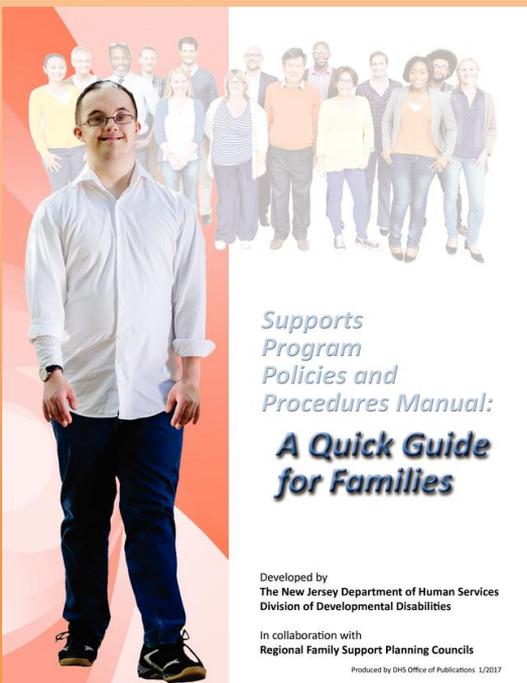
*...everything you need to navigate the journey!!*

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>



*Supports  
Program  
Policies and  
Procedures Manual:*

***A Quick Guide  
for Families***

Developed by  
The New Jersey Department of Human Services  
Division of Developmental Disabilities

In collaboration with  
Regional Family Support Planning Councils

Produced by DHS Office of Publications, 1/2017

[http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/family\\_guide\\_to\\_supports\\_program\\_policy\\_manual.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/family_guide_to_supports_program_policy_manual.pdf)

This Guide summarizes the information in DDD’s Supports Program Policies & Procedures Manual – *the rules that govern Supports Program eligibility and process* – in a comprehensive, yet uncomplicated format for families.

The complete manual is available on the DDD website:

[http://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/supports\\_program\\_policy\\_manual.pdf](http://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/supports_program_policy_manual.pdf)

## CTC Connections Highlight “Homework Help”

<https://sites.google.com/a/celebratethechildren.org/national-and-state-organizations/home/homework-help>

The Homework Help Tab is located on the CTC Connections Resource website. **Instructions above...**

**The Homework Help page as many amazing and fun resources for students and families. This is a great way to keep students engaged over holiday breaks along with supporting homework, independence and engagement.**

**Learning for ALL!**

**December 13, 2017 - 12:30**

### **Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen**

**RSVP REQUIRED**

Jen, [jmandato@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:jmandato@celebratethechildren.org)

### **UPCOMING PARENT TRAINING**

#### **“HOW” Hands On Workshop Series Monday**

**Feb 12, 10-11:30am**

“How” is a five-part workshop series to help families navigate the transition from school to adult life and entitlements vs. eligibility.

**RSVP REQUIRED**

Jen, [jmandato@celebratethechildren.org](mailto: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](mailto: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*

\*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\*\*

# Celebrate the Children

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again! **Did you know you can support Celebrate the Children and the amazing work that we do WHILE you do your holiday shopping this year?!?**

**AmazonSmile** is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization **every time you shop, at no cost to you.** When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0804200>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Celebrate the Children School.

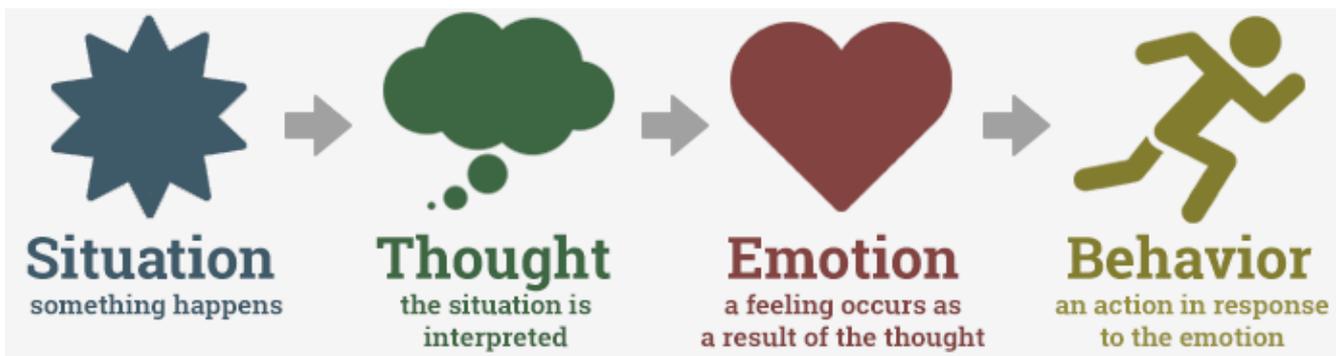
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**You shop. Amazon gives. It's that simple.**

**Thanks for your continued support and dedication!**  
Jenna

*CTC Small Group  
Parent Series  
ANNOUNCING OUR  
2018 WINTER SESSION!*

*“CBT:  
Cognitive Behavior Therapy”*



*Meets on Fridays from 11:15 AM -12:45 PM  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*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*



TICKETS ARE ON SALE, Exclusively at [tdf.org/wicked](http://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](http://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.

After you check out, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not, contact [autism@tdf.org](mailto: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.

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

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0804200> from the web browser on your  
 computer or mobile device!

**Wonderful Wednesdays for CTC Staff** 12/13,  
 1/10, 2/14 3/14, 4/11, 5/9 & 6/13

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 you are able to help.

**CTC Small Group  
 Parent Series**

**2018 Winter Session**

“CBT: Cognitive Behavior Therapy”

Meets Fridays 11:15am – 12:45pm

Jan 5, 12, 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

RSVP: Mady Kaplan or Stefanie D’Amore  
 @ the SFSS Dept. 973-989-4033 ext 421  
 or 420

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Upcoming Parent Training

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

**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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