

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wonderful Wednesday Parents

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wonderful Wednesday Parents
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events

The CTC staff what to give a great big **THANK YOU** to our Wonderful Wednesday Parents. They go above and beyond to make sure we have wonderful breakfast goodies once a month. This week they also took the time to make thank you bags for all of us and donated 15 poinsettias to give to some lucky staff members.



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On Monday December 18th at 4 o'clock, tune into www.homegrownradionj.com to hear Connor, Justin, Ben, Chad, Veeral and William as they present their annual Holiday Show. Happy listening!

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM SAM P'S CLASS

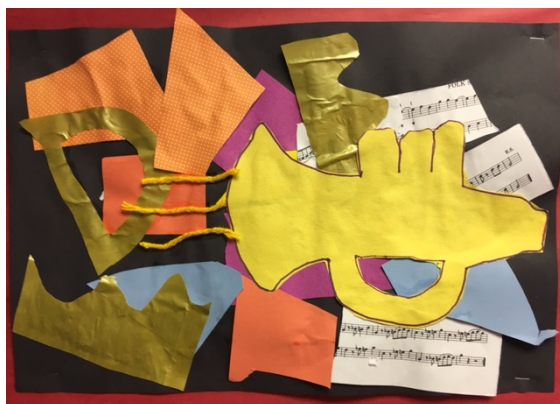
This week our class took a trip to the mall to do some holiday shopping! Before we left we made a list of all the people we wanted to buy a gift for. We also talked about some of the different things we would want to buy for them. After making our lists we looked at all of the different stores in the mall and each student decided where they could find their gifts. When we got to the mall we decided to stick together! We went to the dollar store, Modell's, Claire's, and Team Spirit. After shopping we got to see a special friend of ours -- Santa!! He was so nice to us and even asked us what kind of presents we would like. Back at school we wrapped all of our presents and labeled them for our family. We can't wait to see their faces when they open them! Happy Holidays!!



A PEEK INTO THE ART PROGRAM MARY BETH'S CLASSROOM

We have had a very busy month in art. We are continuing with student directed projects. Deer, Bear, and Owl were some of the student ideas that inspired very cute crafts for giving. Artist Ben Do created a beautiful, unusual and very creative gingerbread house based on a Van Gogh themed restaurant. The piece was displayed at the Gingerbread Wonderland competition from 12/1 to 12/10 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morris Township. The entire piece is edible. Ben made all the paintings with food coloring, and the base is frosted rice crispy treats.

The house is currently on display in the art room. Come and see it!



CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

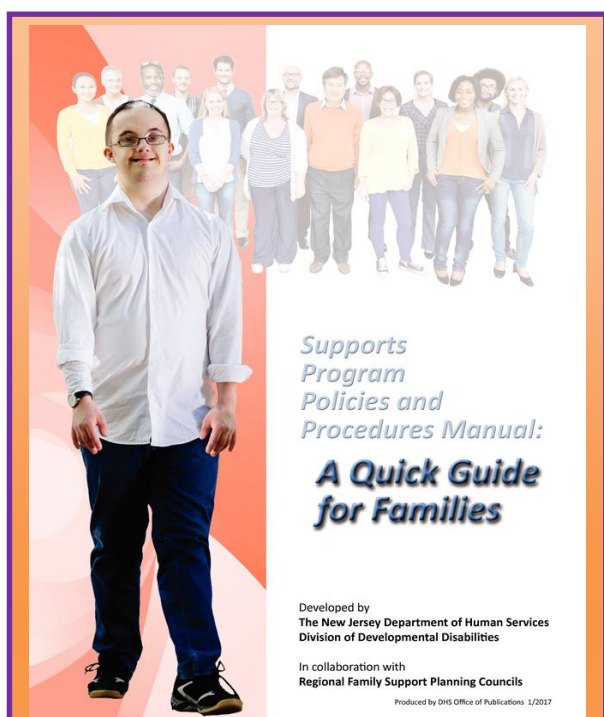
...everything you need to navigate the journey!!

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>



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

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

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.

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A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

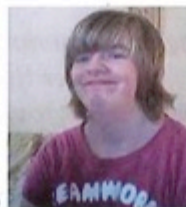
CTC Haircut Day, Wednesday, January 10th

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, January 8th. 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

*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,

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.

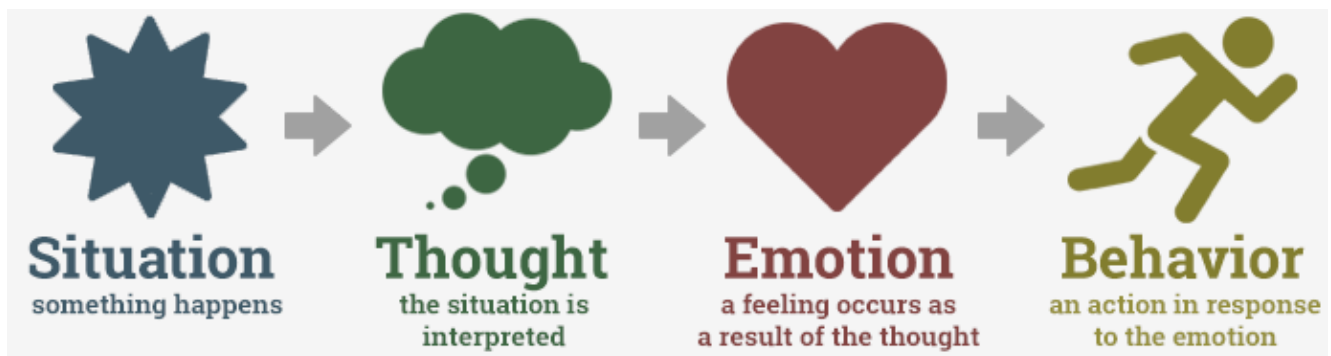
It's that easy! To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0804200> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device!

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 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, 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*

Brady Rymmer

3X GRAMMY
nominated

The  and the Little Band That Could
Growing Stage **DEC. 23, 11 AM**
the children's theatre
of New Jersey

An all-ages rockin'
holiday concert!



Tickets: 973.347.4946

www.growingstage.com/concert-series



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.

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.

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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Shop at **Amazon Smile** simply by going to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0804200> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device!

Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could

December 23 @ 11am
Growing Stage Theater
Netcong, NJ
Tickets: 973-347-4946

Next Hair Cut Day

January 10, 2018

Contact Joanne Keilty for more information. 973-989-4033 x 141 or jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org

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CTC Small Group Parent Series

2018 Winter Session

“CBT: Cognitive Behavior Therapy”
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Jan 5, 12, 19 & 26th, 2018
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973-989-4033 ext 421 or 420

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Upcoming Parent Training
“HOW” Hands On Workshop Series
Monday, Feb 12, 10-11:30am
RSVP Required to Jen Mandato
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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