

Celebrate the Children



Weekly Newsletter

Thank You

Special points of interest:

- Thank You
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events

A very special thank you to [Alfonso's Salon](#) for their very generous donation in the amount of \$350.00 to Celebrate the Children School! Alfonso graciously donated his time putting in purple hair extensions for our staff, students, and families, and continued the fundraiser in his salon during the month of November, Epilepsy Awareness Month, in honor of CTC's late student, Patrick!

Our school could not thrive without the generous support of a caring community and we cannot thank you enough! ☐

[#epilepsyawareness](#)

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A Note From Nurse Mary

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you to all the CTC staff for working so hard in helping to reduce the spread of the Flu.

If your child becomes infected, kindly follow these guidelines:

- Anyone with a **fever over 100.4** associated with **cough/body aches** must be seen by a doctor for diagnosis.
- If they test positive for Influenza, they may not return to school until Tamiflu medication is finished. It is prescribed for 5 days.
- In addition, they must be **fever free for 24** hours without Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- The danger of a secondary infection if they are not fully recovered is very high. We do not want anyone to be back in school until they are completely well.

Thanks,
Nurse Mary

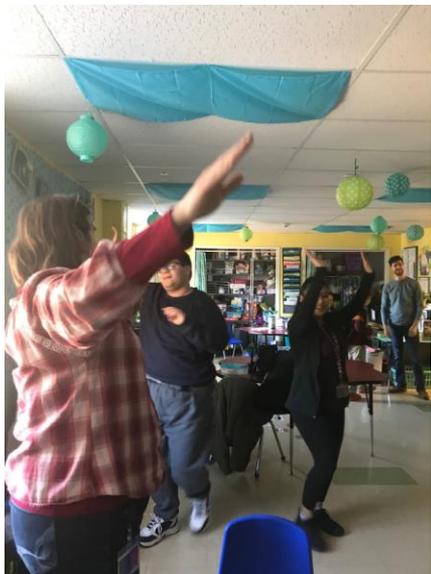
A peek into the Classrooms Jamie & Paula's Classes

Ms. Jamie's and Ms. Paula's class had a fun community based instruction to Red Robin. The class took the shuttle to Rockaway Mall where we started our shopping trip. The students shopped from a list in the Dollar Store. My class purchased cleaning supplies while Ms. Paula's class purchased Valentine's Day cards. We practiced using the elevators and escalators and walking the mall while waiting for Red Robin to open. Once the restaurant opened all students sat next to each other while staff sat across so the students could socialize and spend time with their peers while eating. The students waited while they each gave their order to the waiter. The food was served promptly and the students enjoyed eating every bit of their lunch. They were handed their own bill which they were in charge of paying with money from their own wallets. Overall this was a very fun and productive trip. I highly recommend going to the mall and practicing mall etiquette. The students and staff had a wonderful time and we will be planning another trip in the near future.



A peek into the After School Program

The Music and Dance class has been having a blast these past few weeks as we explore different styles of music and dance. The kids have really enjoyed rehearsing our “Just Dance- I Got That Power” dance moves. The moves are challenging but each student embraces their love for music and dancing and they show it by going all out in practice!



“Gangnam Style” and “I like to Move It” have been the class favorites, they really get everyone up and moving in their own way.

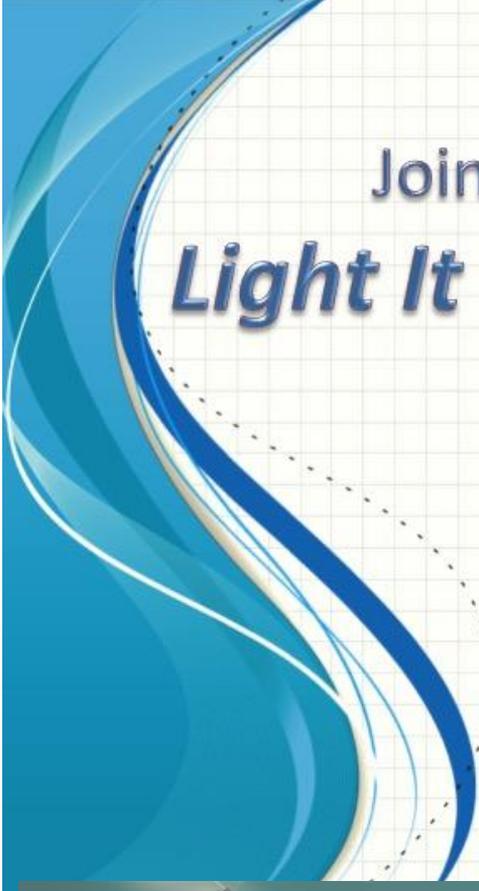


Confidence is the theme for the class and it has been a joy to see each child's personality and confidence grow as they learn new dance moves and also learn about the different types of music their friends like.

A peek into the Related Service Program

To celebrate Valentine's Day, students in the Young Adult Program worked collaboratively to plan, prepare, and serve a complimentary "Hearts Out to You" meal to staff. With guidance from the Related Services team, students created and distributed invitations, composed a shopping list, and prepared a delicious meal. Staff enjoyed pasta with homemade tomato sauce, salad, and heart shaped sugar cookies. It was truly heartwarming to witness students proudly serving meals to show gratitude for the people who support them at school.





Join Us!
Light It Up Blue



Shine A
"Blue" Light
ON
Autism
— in April

Friday, April 6, 2018

CTC Gym 10am

All Family and Friends are Invited!

CTC's Light It Up Blue event is a chance for our community to come together to shine a light on autism. The day includes music, blue themed activities and more!

Please join us and don't forget to wear

BLUE!



Save the Date

*Celebrate the Children
Prom*

Friday, April 6, 2018

Cannongate, Picatinny Arsenal

--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

*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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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!**

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January 29, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The New Jersey Special Olympics Area 3 is excited to host its annual Track & Field competition at Hackettstown High School for its 13th year. The date is set for **Saturday, May 5, 2018**. There is no rain date for the event. Based on the regulations from Special Olympics, all Celebrate the Children (CTC) students who are age 8 years or above are eligible to participate in the competition. Accommodations are made to support the athletes and each competitor is successful and receives a medal. All participating athletes must arrive for registration between 8:00 and 8:30 am and opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 am.

Special Olympics continues to update their paperwork. There is now a participation packet that must be completed in its entirety. The participation packet includes a checklist to assist with completing the participation packet and provides instructions. Each athlete must have a valid participant Release Form and Athlete Medical form on file. Both of these forms are valid for three years. Special Olympics must have the **ORIGINAL** paperwork on file. They will not accept scanned or faxed copies. Please see the attached Participation Packet for further information.

We have also included a CTC Letter of Intent. Please fill out this form if you intend for your child to participate in the competition. It includes an area to document the athlete's t-shirt size. Please circle both size and whether it is an adult or child size. Each athlete will receive a shirt to wear during the competition and it is a souvenir for them to remember the experience and wear with pride.

Please be aware that this is not a CTC run event. We have learned that it is a long day for the athletes and there is a lot of waiting involved for all who participate. Unfortunately, we are not informed of event times. Track events take place in the morning and field events (softball, TurboJav, and shot put) are in the early afternoon. Each athlete may compete in up to a maximum of two track events, one field event, and one relay race. In the event that the day is too long for your athlete, you have the option to participate in only the morning track session.

Please return the **ORIGINAL** participant RELEASE FORM, ATHLETE MEDICAL FORM, and CTC Letter of INTENT to Celebrate the Children (c/o Danielle Dieckmann and/or Lisa Bruno) by **Friday, March 2, 2018**. Unfortunately, there is NO exception to the due date. Any forms submitted after March 2nd will NOT be accepted and the athlete will be unable to participate in this year's competition. If your athlete competed in the past with CTC's Track & Field team, they have a current release form and athlete medical form on file, unless we notify you otherwise. These athletes will still need to submit a CTC Letter of Intent by Friday, March 2nd.

If you have any questions regarding Special Olympics, please contact Lisa Bruno or Danielle Dieckmann at (973) 989-4033 x123. We look forward to another incredible partnership opportunity with Special Olympics. Go CTC Sea Turtles!

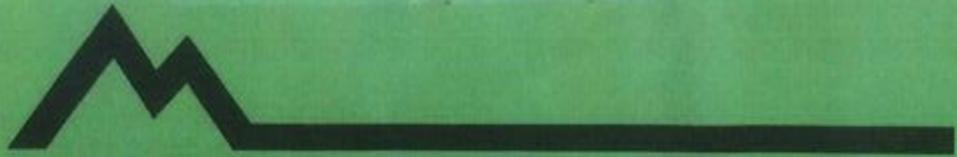
Sincerely,

Your CTC Special Olympics Coaches



Lisa Bruno, OTD, OTR

Danielle Dieckmann, PT, DPT

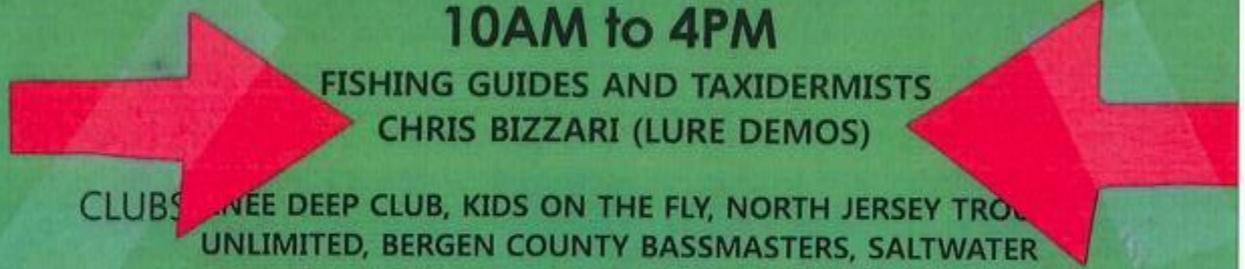


RAMSEY OUTDOOR

CAST AND BLAST CABIN FEVER DAY

Saturday February 24th,
10AM to 4PM

FISHING GUIDES AND TAXIDERMISTS
CHRIS BIZZARI (LURE DEMOS)



CLUBS: WEE 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



Save the Date



Joy and laughter are central to our developmental approach to education and all of our important work.

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, Celebrate the Children will host the Let's Play Gala at the Rockaway River Country Club in Denville, New Jersey. Join us for a garden party, an evening of whimsical fun - video horse racing, auctions, dancing, and the celebration of the power of play.



SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Concert 2018

"#CTCWHODUNIT?"

Thursday, June 7, 2018

The College of St. Elizabeth

Morristown, NJ

Spring 2018 'Making A Difference For Autism Scholarship' Application Now Open To High School Graduates And Current College Students Who Are On The Autism Spectrum!

Hey everyone,

Please find our Spring 2018 Scholarship Application at:

<https://kfmmakingadifference.org/scholarship-programs-for-adults-with-autism/>

Please pass along to any student who may be looking for aid and would like to apply. Deadline is May 28th.

If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to support our scholarship fund moving forward for these students you can donate today here:

<https://kfmmakingadifference.org/donate/>

Just a quick note: All high school students with autism attending a post-secondary program in the 2018-2019 academic year may apply. In addition, all current college students with autism may apply as well who will be attending a post-secondary program in the 2018-2019 academic year. Previous winners of our scholarship also may reapply as long as you update your application and submit a new original essay. We've had several multiple winners in the past.

Thanks everyone!

Best,

KFM Scholarship Committee

www.kerrymagro.com

Save the Date



World Autism Awareness Day "Empowering Women and Girls with Autism"

Thursday, 5 April 2018, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (observance)
United Nations Headquarters, New York

For more information and to RSVP, click on image or go to:
www.un.org/en/events/autismday



From the 2017 observance on
"Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination"

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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Upcoming Events

Next Hair Cut Day

March 7, 2018

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

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Mark your Calendar!

Special Olympics Track & Field
Competition

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Hackettstown High School

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Spring Concert

June 7th

More information to follow.

PARENT TRAINING

“HOW” Hands On Workshop Series

Monday March 12th from 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

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen

March 14th @12:30

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