

# *Celebrate the Children*

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- It's a boy!!
- Classrooms
- Upcoming  
Events

It's a Boy! Connor Richard Blaszak, 8lbs 5ozs. Mom, Dad and big brothers Shaun and Ryan are doing great!



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While Lauren is on maternity leave, please contact your case manager with any questions or concerns. They will be happy to assist you.

## 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 CLASSROOM JACKIE D'S CLASS

Pre-k has been busy the month of January working on our Transportation Unit. We discovered the ways we travel in the air, land, and water, how vehicles move, travel safety, caring for our vehicles, and learned about signs & their purpose! We began our unit by defining transportation as "moving people or things from one place to another". We graphed the ways we come to school, our favorite form of transportation, and the items we use to keep us safe when traveling. Other fun activities including practicing wearing a seat belt and use of a booster seat. We read books about transportation. Gross motor and listening skills were reinforced when playing red light green light and dancing to many songs related to stop & go, fast & slow, above & below, traffic lights, and vehicles. Our students built a bus and reenacted the wheels on the bus actions as we sang the song. We reviewed the meaning of the colors on a traffic light as we created our own traffic light then played a flashlight traffic light game on scooters by following the direction of the light as it lit up! Our class practiced patterning using toy boats, cars, and trains & pictures of signs. Our Dramatic play area was decorated to enhance our unit. A train and hot air balloon was made from materials around the school and classroom! Sequencing with a water play car wash, using our sand table to identify big and small size cars and trucks, practicing same & different, counting the number of sides of signs, and identifying colors and shapes of signs were additional lessons throughout the unit. We used magnets and air to move rockets, cars, and boats, built a rocket & airplane to measure distance, investigated with cars and ramps, and experimented with sink or float to help build cognitive skills of discovery and exploration. It was a month filled with learning and FUN!



## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM DEB'S CLASS

In Language Arts, we have been busy reading the classic story, *To Build a Fire* by Jack London. It is a story about a man who travels to the Yukon near the border of current day Alaska. He is faced with several adversities along the way and must depend on his Wilderness Survival skills.

In Homeroom, we've been preparing for our Annual Super Bowl game and Tailgate Party. We exercised our Gross Motor and Visual Spatial skills by breaking up into Patriots vs. Eagles teams and competing to see whose team could score the most points by throwing a football through a hula hoop. The Eagles won!!!

In addition, we made #1 Fan fingers to root for our CTC players and Super Bowl beverage holders for our party. May the BEST team win!





**Celebrate the Children**

A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

## 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.

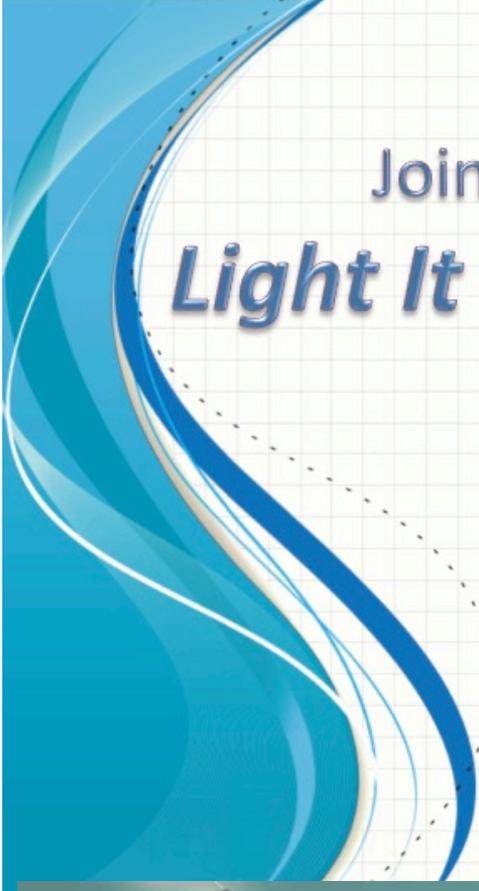


Maureen Long, a member of our CTC family and a licensed hairdresser with 30 years of experience, is pleased to DONATE her time by providing your child with a developmentally sensitive haircutting experience.

*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 5<sup>th</sup>. There are LIMITED slots available. Students will be serviced in the order that forms are received.**

**Questions: Email Joanne Keilty at [jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org) or call 973-989-4033 ext. 141**



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](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*

\*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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**You're Invited!**  
**We cordially invite you to join the**  
**Celebrate the Children 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jmandato@celebratethechildren.org)

973-989-4033 ext. 413

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

# Celebrate the Children



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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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](http://www.kerrymagro.com)

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

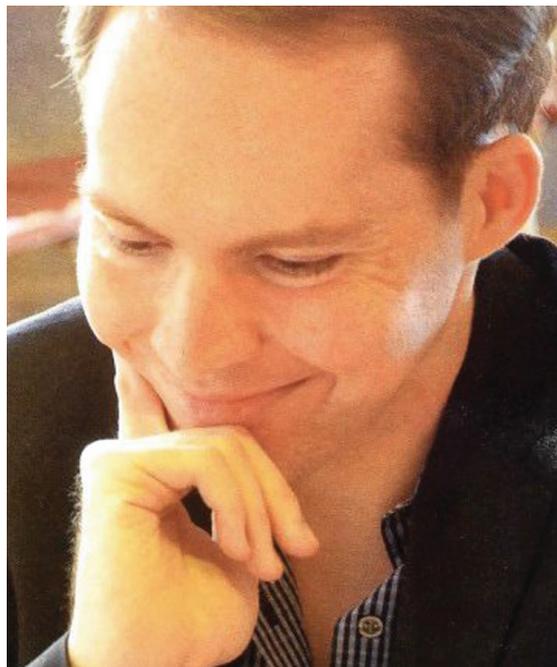
*Kerry Magro*

“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](http://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](mailto: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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[intrepidmuseum.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](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.

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Next Hair Cut Day

Feb 7, 2018

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

### Upcoming Parent Training "HOW" Hands On Workshop Series

Monday, Feb 12, 10-11:30am

**RSVP Required** to Jen Mandato  
jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

### Wonderful Wednesdays for CTC Staff

2/14 3/14, 4/11, 5/9 & 6/13

Contact Carole McBride @  
[carolemcbride@comcast.net](mailto:carolemcbride@comcast.net) or  
908-798-0094 if you are able to help.

### Save the Date

**Prom**

April 6<sup>th</sup>

More information to follow.

### Mark your Calendar!

Special Olympics Track & Field  
Competition

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Hackettstown High School

**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

### Parent Healing Group, Meditation & Tonglen

**February 14 @ 12:30pm**

**RSVP Required** to

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

### Light it up Blue

April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

CTC Gym

### CTC's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual

**FUTURE FAIR**

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-12

RSVP to: Jennifer Mandato

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

or 973-989-4033 ext 413

### Let's Play Gala

**May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

Join us at the Rockaway River Country  
Club in Denville

### Save the Date

**Spring Concert**

June 7<sup>th</sup>

More information to follow.

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