

Celebrate the Children



Weekly Newsletter

Thank You Center Grove Elementary

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Students from Mrs. Schwarz's 1st grade class at Center Grove Elementary School in Randolph, NJ decided to give back this year during their holiday class party. Students learned about autism then created two snowmen sensory bottles, 1 to keep and 1 to donate to a class at CTC! Thank you Center Grove Elementary!



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A peek into the Classroom Kevin's class

Kevin's classroom took a recent CBI trip to Home Depot. Each student was dressed in the famous orange apron along with some safety goggles. Once they were appropriately dressed, each student was given the project of building a periscope. The students were provided hammers and set up their wooden pieces. They lined up their marks and put nails through it. Each student added mirrors and bam, they could look around corners or over fences. Once the periscopes were built, the students were given paint and brushes to add their own artistic flair to their project. The students were extremely focused on the task at hand and had big smiles across all of their faces. We are excited to do our next workshop at Home Depot and see what our next project entails.





CTC Haircut Day, Wednesday, April 4th

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.

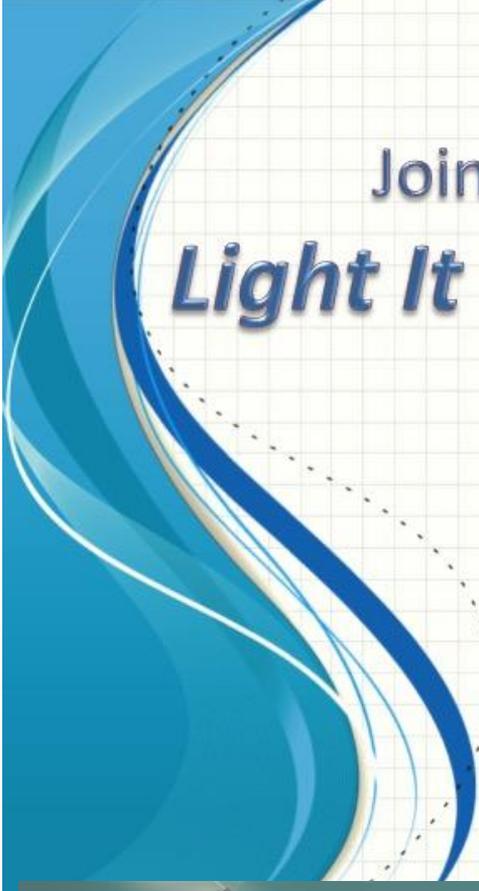


Maureen Long, a member of our CTC family and a licensed hairdresser with 30 years of experience, is pleased to DONATE her time by providing your child with a developmentally sensitive haircutting experience.

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, April 4th, please complete the form on the website and return to school by Monday, April 2nd. 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



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

*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



School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles
Developmental Individual Relationship-based Intervention
www.celebratethechildren.org

230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, New Jersey 07834
Phone: 973-989-4033 Fax: 862-244-9055

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!**

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"

Inclusion Festival

Amy Pinder is the Creator of [Inclusion Festival](#), the nation's first sensory-friendly music, yoga, and wellness festival for individuals with special needs. The Festival is debuting July 28-29, 2018 at Mountain Sky Festival Grounds in Jermyn, PA.

Inclusion Festival will celebrate individuality, promote understanding and acceptance, and provide diverse educational opportunities within a safe, nurturing environment. Participants will be invited to attend recreational and educational workshops, connect with nature, experience live music, participate in mindfulness practices, and build a supportive community network that extends far beyond the festival grounds.

Through this experience, we aim to shift the public's perception of special needs, demonstrating the ability all individuals hold to positively impact their communities when they are empowered to be the best versions of themselves. Through this awareness, we also hope to expand participation and vocational opportunities for individuals with special needs so that they are able to meaningfully engage in their communities.

We are currently seeking [volunteers](#), [workshop hosts](#), [vendors](#) and [sponsors](#) that share in our vision of supporting individuals with special needs. You can learn more by visiting our website, and by clicking on the links to each application on the [Participate](#) page.

**For information feel free to contact Amy Pinder with any questions at:
apinder@celebratethechildren.org.**



Parents, Adults, Educators, Professionals & Students
High School Transition Conference & Resource Expo
Sunday, June 3, 2018

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)
2000 Pennington Road, Education Building, Ewing, NJ
08628

32 informative workshops
Breakfast and lunch provided
Networking and Resource Expo
Certificates for 6 Professional Development hours
distributed

NJEA Professional Endorsement

To register with a credit card go
to: www.LDANJ603.eventbrite.com

Early registration by May 1: Students \$25, Members \$50,
Non-members \$75.

Questions? 732-645-2738 or info@LDANJ.org



**Autism Family
Services of
New Jersey**

2018 Autism Scholarship Program

The Autism Family Services of New Jersey scholarship is a unique opportunity that allows 2018 graduates pursuing a college, university, technical, trade, or vocational school level education to apply. This scholarship is not solely based on academic achievement. Meaningful community volunteerism, participation in extra-curricular activities and essay response will all be considered when choosing a recipient for this scholarship. Candidates do not need to be near the top of their class to be considered. All who are eligible are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, candidates must be: a New Jersey resident; graduating high school in 2018; have an established diagnosis of Autism, Asperger Syndrome, or PDD-NOS; and plan on pursuing a post- secondary education.

[Download Scholarship Application](#)

Please return all completed applications to:

Autism Family Services of [New Jersey](#)
[35 Beaverson Blvd. - Building 11](#)
[Brick, NJ 08723](#)

Attn: Melanie McGackin

Scholarship application and supporting documents are due by
May 1, 2018

Should you have any questions
please contact **Melanie McGackin** at [\(800\) 372-6510](tel:(800)372-6510) or by [email](#).

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Special Olympics Track & Field
Competition

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Hackettstown High School

Let's Play Gala

May 12th @ 7pm

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Club in Denville

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Spring Concert

June 7th

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