Celebrate the Children

Weekly Newsletter

Thank You Mt Olive

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CTC's Young Adult Program had a great tour of the Mount Olive Transfer Station last week!

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A peek into the After School Program Sign Language Class

This winter, our class delved into learning signs including the alphabet, conversational phrases, weather related signs, days of the week, animals, holidays, nature, family, music, and much, much more! The students played sign language games and even practiced having conversations with each other. Our favorite topics included nature and music, as we were able to take walks outside while learning, and have visuals to learn about instruments! Moreover, we took time to learn about the history of sign language and learn about Deaf culture/ Deaf population, and left each other with a better knowledge and practice of this beautiful language!





A peek into the After School Program

This Pokemon class has an energetic and talented bunch of kids! It quickly became very clear that these kids had very specific passions they were eager to explore, all found analogously in the world of Pokemon creatures, from penguins, to parrots and even sea life. Sensory exposure and a chance to explore passions freely with mixed media materials in 2-D and 3-D -- it's all happening here!



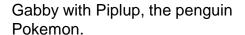
Ricky is inventing his own Pokemon world, complete with 3-D Pokemon and a life-sized "Professor Palm".

Since this early picture, Gia has taken her love of color and birds to decorating a large 3-D (foamcore) birdhouse with bird-type Pokemon.





Mat recently joined the class and has already created a large Vaperon -- using watercolor, an unfamiliar medium for him on such a large scale





Tri-County Swim Meet at Montclair YMCA 3/17/2018

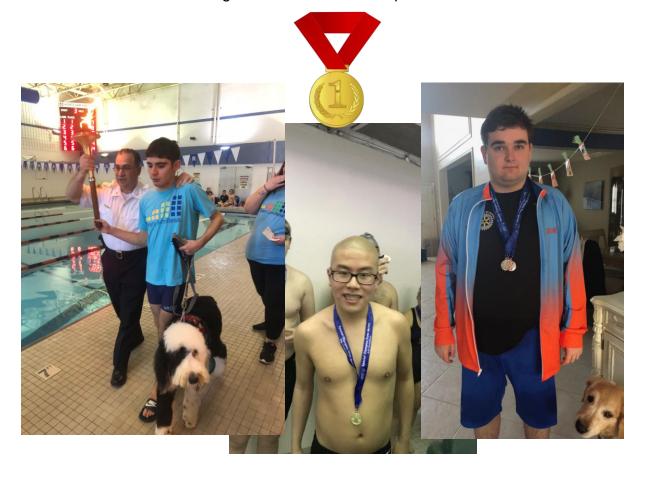
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Tri-County Swim Meet.

Ryan received gold medals in the 50, 100 & 200 yard freestyle individual events and 200 freestyle relay.

Trent received silver medals in the 400 yard freestyle, 50 yard breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 200 yard medley relay.

Matt received bronze in the 50 yard backstroke & 100 yard freestyle and a silver medal in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Matt and Winston also did a torch walk and read the Olympic Oath!! It was spectacular!! Our swimmers advance to the regional meet at PCTI in April





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?

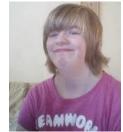
Would you like to get your child's haircut by a licensed hairdresser who has personal experience with special needs children who will provide this service in the comfort of Celebrate the Children?

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 <u>DONATE</u> 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 <u>Monday, April 2nd</u>. There are LIMITED slots available.

Students will be serviced in the order that forms are received.

Questions: Email Joanne Keilty at <u>Jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org</u> or call 973-989-4033 ext. 141



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Parent Training Group

Topic: Parent Healing Group: Meditation and Tonglen

April 11, 2018 at 12:30 pm



Presenting:

Glenn Ben-Ezra, Teacher of Healing and Meditation. We all become bogged down with the daily stressors in our lives. These not only have an impact on us, but on our children as well. Glenn will provide you with a series of practices that are accessible for you and your child.

Be sure to wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing as this is an experiential class.

Space is limited in the yoga studio, so we have a limited number of spaces. Please RSVP early to hold your seat!

Location:

CTC's Yoga Room

RSVP required by **April 4** to:

Student & Family Support Services

Jennifer Mandato

(973) 989-4033 x 413 or jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

Join Us! **Light It Up Blue**



Friday, April 6, 2018

CTC Gym 10am

All Family and Friends are Invited!

CTC's Light It Up Blue event is a 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



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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

<u>Who & Why:</u> 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!

<u>Please RSVP to:</u> Jennifer Mandato, MA School Counselor imandato@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.

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





A sensory-friendly music, yoga, and wellness festival for all ages and abilities







July 28-29, 2018 Mountain Sky - Jermyn, PA

Inclusion Festival is for individuals with special needs, and those who support them and want to empower them. This is the nation's first autism and sensory-friendly outdoor music and wellness festival, and will feature live music, educational workshops, play-based workshops, sensory spaces, a community resource fair, opportunities to connect with nature, theatrical performances, and

SO MUCH MORE!

Inclusion Festival is presented in partnership with Accessible Festivals, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which specializes in ensuring that music festivals are accessible to anyone, regardless of their ability.

Sponsorships, group tickets, volunteer, and vendor opportunities available now!

www.inclusionfestival.com



Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey

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

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

NJEA Professional Endorsement

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

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

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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 or by email.

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Prom

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CTC's 8th Annual

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Mark your Calendar!

Special Olympics Track & Field Competition Saturday, May 5, 2018 Hackettstown High School

Let's Play Gala

May 12th @ 7pm

Join us at the Rockaway River Country

Club in Denville

Save the Date

Spring Concert

June 7th

More information to follow.