

Celebrate the Children



Weekly Newsletter

Thank You

Yesterday Jackie, Mercedes and Whitney from Woodmont West Properties delivered handmade Easter baskets filled with goodies to our Pre-K, Kindergarten and Elementary students. What a thoughtful and "sweet" surprise!

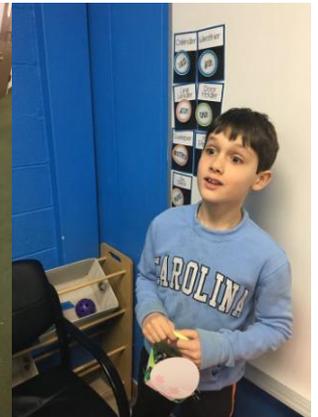
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A peek into the Classroom Kelly's Class

To enhance our study of the digestive system, the food web, and the energy pyramid, Kelly's biology courses spent recent classes dissecting owl pellets. We researched owls and determined what owl pellets are and how they are formed. We discussed how owls are nocturnal and that their body structure is ideal for hunting prey. Students were able to analyze bones found in the owl pellet to determine prey animals that the owl had eaten. Students compared and contrasted their findings with bone charts of some small animals that are often the prey of owls.



A peek into the Classroom Andrew's Class

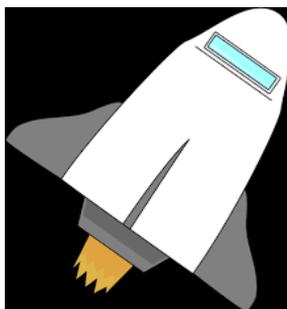
To celebrate spring finally starting to show itself, our class took a trip to Home Depot for CBI last week. We bought flower pots, soil, and seeds to grow our own flowers here at school. We learned about the life cycle of a plant and what they need to grow.

This week we painted the pots using spring colors. Now that they're ready, the next step is to plant the seeds and take care of them until they sprout. We're hopeful that everything works out and we'll have our own spring flowers to decorate the classroom.

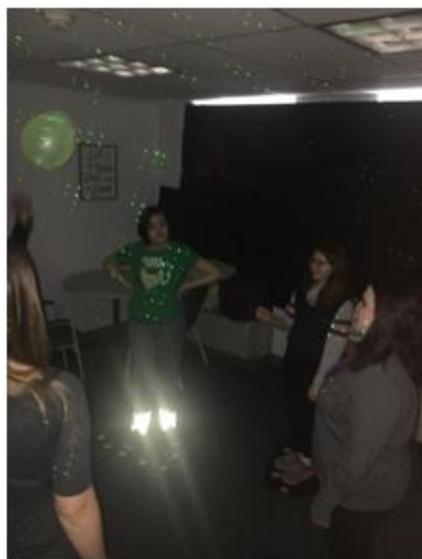


A peek into the SFSS Program

Personal Space Camp



To support our March social skills theme, students had the opportunity to participate in a fun, experience-based lesson to learn about personal space! Students enjoyed reading "Personal Space Camp," by Julia Cook on the projector in a room full of stars, followed by an activity of keeping up the glow in the dark balloon with friends while staying on our personal space ships!





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



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Parent Training Group

**Topic: *Parent Healing Group:
Meditation and Food Preparation***

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:

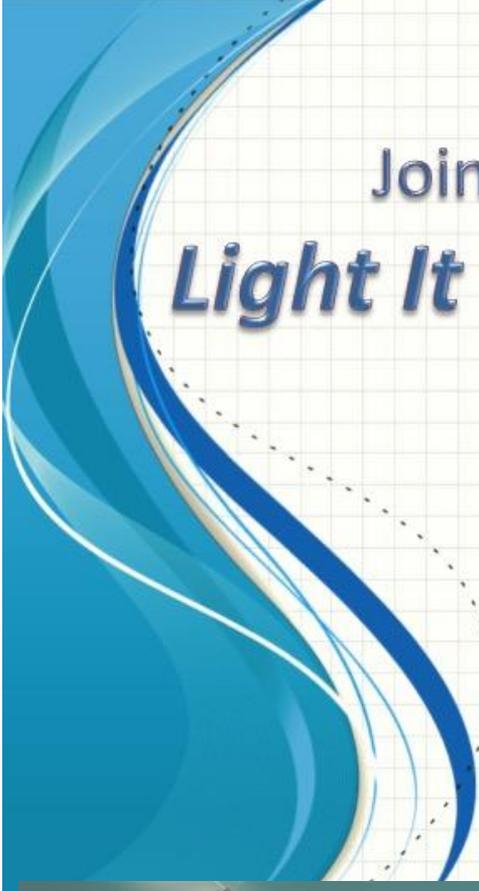
CTC's Yoga Room

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



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



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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!**

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

SPECIAL NEEDS NIGHT

Private event - closed to the public!

Monday April 30th, 4:30PM-8PM



- **UNLIMITED FREE PLAY:**
laser maze, mini bowling, mini golf, arcade
- **100 redemption points included**
\$20 per person!

Add two slices of pizza and a fountain drink for \$5.75

Add laser tag for \$5 per mission

No minimum headcount or deposit required

Pre-registration is required, call Haley: (973) 702-0500



**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 3, 2018
FIRST OF IT'S KIND!**

Join us May 3, 2018, for Autism Day at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.

[Custom Education Foundation](#), Gersh Academy, and their partners are transforming the park into a sensory-friendly environment where individuals on the autism spectrum, their educators, friends, and families can enjoy the day together free of worry.

Most individuals on the autism spectrum struggle with processing sensory information, becoming overloaded by touch, taste, sight and sound. It can make it extremely difficult for families with children on the spectrum to visit places like amusement parks. It is our mission at Custom Ed to remove those obstacles and enable all children to enjoy a day at the park! No amusement park of the magnitude of Six Flags has ever been transformed into a sensory-friendly environment, we are honored to be the first ones to make this happen for our children!

For more information and to find out how to get your school involved please email: events@customeducationfoundation.org

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"



2018
INCLUSION FESTIVAL

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



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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Spring Concert

June 7th

More information to follow.