

Celebrate the Children



Weekly Newsletter

Dare to Dream

On Tuesday, May 22, a group of CTC students and staff traveled to William Paterson University for the Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference. Dare to Dream, which is sponsored by the NJDOE Office of Special Education, highlights the importance of student self-advocacy and leadership. This conference features keynote presentations from accomplished students and young adults with disabilities who have demonstrated exemplary self advocacy and leadership skills.

We are extremely proud to announce that, once again, Celebrate the Children will be represented by Young Adult Program student Gil Tov. He has worked very hard all year in his internship learning all about advocacy. He will be one of several keynote speakers at Dare to Dream where he will be presenting his final project. He will have an additional opportunity to present his speech at Montclair State University on Wednesday, May 30th.

The program also includes a variety of workshops designed to provide students with insight into the transition from school to adult life. The conference gives students the opportunity to participate in workshops led by their peers on topics such as self-discovery, student self-advocacy, learning styles, developing a career path, and understanding your rights and responsibilities in college. The hope is that all students attending will bring back what has been learned at the conference and spread the word about this program.



Special points of interest:

- Dare to Dream
- Upcoming Events

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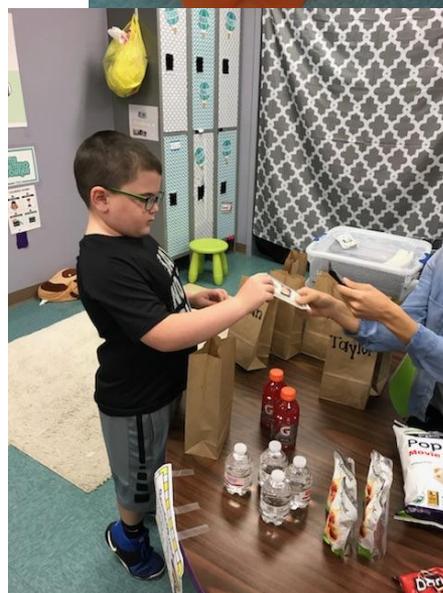
A peek into the Classroom Nikki's Class

We had so much fun kicking off the month of May by celebrating Cinco de Mayo! We learned some Spanish words, cooked quesadillas, played soccer, made maracas, and more. In social skills we had fun taking turns doing a piñata. For CBI we went to El Mejicano in downtown Denville for lunch. Our favorite part was wearing the fancy sombreros at the restaurant. Check them out in the pictures below!



A peek into the Classroom Sam P's Class

This week we created a movie theater in Miss Sam's classroom! Our movie theater was showing "Inside Out," to teach us about our emotions and how sometimes we just can't help the way we feel. Before the movie began we got our very own 'Sam Bucks' to spend at the theater. We each got 6 'Sam Bucks' to spend. Before going into the theatre we had to give \$1 to get a ticket. After getting our ticket we walked to the seating area and picked a comfy beanbag to sit on during the movie. We were then able to visit the snack stand. We got to pick from drinks, snacks, candy, and popcorn. We paid for our items and then settled into our seats. The movie began and we got to learn all about joy, sadness, anger, fear, and disgust. We sat back, relaxed, and enjoyed the show! After the movie, we got to complete a movie review rating the movie stars on a scale of 1-5. Our class reviewed "Inside Out" with an average of 4.1 stars. We had so much fun with our friends in our classroom movie theater and can't wait for the next showing!



A peek into the Classroom Sam, Nikki and Joe's Class

Last week Sam, Nikki, and Joe's Classes went to the Denville Public works to meet with our new friend Robin. Robin taught us all about how to recycle, how to sort different objects, and all about the public works system. She even gave us some gifts to take home. We had such a great time celebrating Earth Day!!!



A peek into the Classroom Michelle's Class



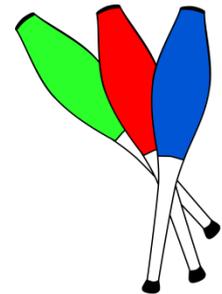
Michelle's class is gearing up for the school show, and we are very excited for our role as baseball fans. To help us get ready for the school show, we are presently studying various sports in language arts. We have been trying out different sports and labeling nouns and verbs associated with each sport. We have also been working on what equipment goes together to help build our critical thinking skills. For CBI this week, we practiced games from around the world at Gardner Field. We played Alto Ahi! from Argentina, Corre, Corre la Guaraca from Chile and Pilolo from Ghana. We had a great time interacting with our peers and showed wonderful sportsmanship!



A peek into the Classroom Joe's Class

Juggling fun with the Middle School

This Wednesday the Middle School had the privilege of being entertained by the Jersey Jugglers of North Jersey! The students were able to participate in various stations which incorporated different body movements and sensory activities. In one station students were able to try their balance on a rolling plank, which also worked on inner core strengthening. Another station allowed students to work on their juggling skills, where they passed rings and hit balloons to one another. At the finale station the Jersey Jugglers treated the students to a juggling routine which left all the students and staff impressed. We hope to have them return soon for more juggling fun!



SPRING PARENT SERIES

Spring Parent Series:

Brainstorming, Trouble Shooting, Collaborating and Supporting

Through this 5 week series, using their own videos - on a voluntary basis - parents will bring specific and general issues they would like to discuss to the group.

In this way, parents can learn from one another; questions and concerns can be addressed collaboratively. This is an opportunity for parents to experience shared problem solving and reflections as well as support one another.

No other previous group attendance is necessary

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

DATE: June 1st

Please RSVP to:

Mady Kaplan LCSW @ mkaplan@celebratethechildren.org or 973-989-4033 Ext. 421





#CTCWHODUNIT?

Celebrate the Children's

Annual Spring Concert

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Preshow 5:30 Curtain 6:15

The College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ



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Parent Training Group

Topic: *Parent Healing Group: Parent and Child Meditation*

June 13, 2018 at 12:30 pm



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 June 6 to:

Student & Family Support Services

Jennifer Mandato

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



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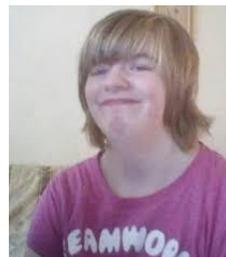
A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

FINAL HAIRCUT DAY THIS SCHOOL YEAR4 Wednesday, June 13th

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?

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, June 13th, please complete the attached form and return to school by Monday, June 11th. 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

-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

Next Wonderful Wednesday is 6/13

Please note this is not a PTO effort



2ND ANNUAL
RIDE FOR AUTISM
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN SCHOOL

Saturday, July 14

Registration starts at 9AM. Kickstands up at 11AM.

50/50, FOOD, MUSIC & MORE

CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN (CTC) IS A NOT FOR PROFIT SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DENVILLE, NJ. CTC CURRENTLY SERVES 135 STUDENTS FROM 75 DIFFERENT DISTRICTS THOUGHOUT NJ, NY & PA.

RIDERS \$20 * PASSENGERS \$15 * BBQ ONLY \$10

FREE CUSTOM PATCH DESIGNED BY CTC STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS

PRE-REGISTER AT CELEBRATETHECHILDREN.ORG

Randi 973-898-7100

Kristin/Jenna 973-989-4033 Ext. 199 or 415



Garden State Harley-Davidson
1775 Rt. 10 East Morris Plains, NJ 07950
973-898-7100

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



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



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

14th Annual Autism



Sunday, September 9th from 9am – 4pm
7th Avenue Beach, Belmar, NJ

New Jersey's largest and most talked about family friendly autism event!

What is the Beach Bash?

The Beach Bash is an annual event hosted by Autism Family Services of New Jersey for individuals and their families living with autism spectrum disorders. This free event is held each September in Belmar for families and includes organized activities, DJ, arts and crafts booth, informational vendors, lunch, beach games and more. Families have an opportunity to network and partake in organized activities throughout the day. Also included in the day's activities is a free surf camp featuring [Surfer's Healing](#) (separate registration required). One of the highlights of the day is the opportunity to surf with Surfers Healing, if you register May 5 through May 11 at www.surfershealing.org and receive confirmation that you are accepted.

For sponsorship opportunities,
Please contact Jacqui Moskowitz
at (732) 262-8020 or email
jmoskowitz@autismfamilyservicesnj.org

For exhibitor opportunities,
Please contact Jennifer Gleason
at (877) 237-4477 or email
jgleason@autismfamilyservicesnj.org

Register @ autismbeachbash.org

Upcoming Events

Spring Parent Series:

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mkaplan@celebratethechildren.org or
973-989-4033 Ext. 421

Spring Concert "It's a Mystery"

June 7th Pre Show 5:30 Curtain 6:16
College of Saint Elizabeth
Annunciation Center
2 Convent Road
Morristown, New Jersey 07960
Purchase tickets at:
www.celebratethechildren.org

Final Haircut Day For This School Year

Wednesday, June 13th

Questions email Joanne Keilty at:
jkeilty@celebratethechildren.org

Parent Healing Group: Parent and Child Meditation

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Presented by Glenn Ben-Ezra

RSVP REQUIRED by 6/6

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

Wonderful Wednesdays for CTC Staff

6/13

Contact Carole McBride @
carolemcbride@comcast.net or
908-798-0094 if you are able to help.

Family Picnic & Egg Drop

Friday, June 15th @ 10:30am
RSVP REQUIRED and lunch
orders with payment (cash preferred)
due by Monday, June 11
See attached flyer

Pre K Graduation and 8th Grade Step-Up Ceremony

June 20th 11am in the Gymnasium

12th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Young Adult Program Graduation

June 21st 11am in the Gymnasium

2nd Annual Ride for Autism

Saturday, July 14, 2018
Ride begins and ends at
GARDEN STATE HARLEY-DAVIDSON
1775 Route 10 East, Morris Plains, NJ 07950
Registration begins @ 10:00am
Kickstands up @ 11:00am
Pre register at celebratethechildren.org

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