

April 15, 2016

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Dedication Ceremony
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

A Peek into the Classroom
2

A Peek into the Program PE
3

Upcoming Events
4-7

Please Join Us Celebrate the Children Campus Dedication Ceremony

Please join us for *Celebrate the Children's* Campus Dedication Ceremony. We will celebrate the naming of our new campus; The Do & Rickles Campus and celebrate two amazing individuals who continue to be instrumental in the growth and success of *Celebrate The Children*.

Monday, April 25, 2016

1 PM

Celebrate the Children
230 Diamond Spring Rd.
Denville, NJ 07834

Please RSVP to Kristin Polster;
kpolster@celebratethechildren.org
973-989-4033 Ext. 199



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM TIFFANY'S CLASS

Ms. Tiffany's class has been working hard on some pretty great things! In March we received a shipment of some wriggly Painted Lady caterpillars. Upon receiving them we learned a lot about metamorphosis, and what goes on between the caterpillar, pupa, and butterfly stage. What we found is that the process itself is actually quite unpleasant. Our caterpillars moved on to the pupa stage and about 2 weeks later while we were in class a butterfly emerged! It was a truly exciting experience and the students were happy they were there for it. In a few days we will be releasing our Painted Ladies.

Our class has also created our own restaurant, American Sushi Joint. The students worked together to create their style of restaurant, it's name and logo. Each student then created a play dough creation of a menu item, photographed it, and then used it to create a menu. I must say that I was surprised with how wonderfully they worked together and how great the finished menu looks.



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM LISA'S CLASS

In Lisa's class, we have been learning about safety and people in the community that are here to help. In class we learned about safety in the community such as how to cross the street, learned what different street signs mean, and which people are safe in the community to ask for help.

For our CBI trip we were able to go to the Denville Police Station. They gave us a tour of the entire station and explained the different parts of the department. After we were able to see in the inside of the police car and even hear the sirens! We had a blast and are thankful for the Denville Police for giving us the tour and for all they do in our community.



PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION WENDY'S CLASS

Casey and friends are at the bat! CTC students love baseball. Important motor planning sequences are reinforced through this iconic American pastime. There are many valuable motor planning and fitness benefits happening in Physical Education, in addition to peer interaction and fun! According to the CDC (Centers For Disease Control), children and adolescents should do one hour or more of physical activity each day including aerobic activity, muscle strengthening and bone strengthening activities.

<http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html>

Each P.E class begins with an aerobic warm-up followed by dynamic stretching to prevent injury. According to the CDC, aerobic activity should make up most of children's 60 or more minutes of exercise per day. Running the bases teaches sequencing and strengthens bones. In the outfield, students improve upon throwing, catching, focus and patience. Hand grasp, eye focus, eye-hand coordination, rhythm, timing, upper body strengthening and range of motion are some of the benefits received during batting.

Our students' time in Physical Education is well spent and goes a long way towards meeting the CDC's recommended one hour or more per day of physical activity.



Hosting Opportunity: A professional from CTC UK will visit for two weeks this summer and is looking for a host family. Please contact Kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org for more information.

Celebrate the Children



**School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles
Developmental Individual Relationship-Based Intervention®**

www.celebratethechildren.org

230 Diamond Spring Road Denville, NJ 07834

Phone: 973-989-4033 Fax: 862-244-4969

Parent Training Group

Topic:

**Executive Functioning through the Developmental Lens: How
the Functional Emotional Developmental Levels (FEDL's)
Foster the Evolution of Executive Functions**

May 6 at 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Presenting: *Griffin Doyle, PhD*

Where does executive functioning start and how is it fostered within dynamic relationships? This workshop will explore how the developmental trajectory of the parent-child bond determines vital aspects of emerging EFs. This discussion will propose that the breathtaking conversion of baby into a discrete person (Separation-Individuation Phase) and the growth of EFs are inherently interdependent. How healthy autonomy is developed as a foundational capacity and reflects age-expected self-governing will be illustrated through lecture and video examples. A close look at executive functioning and autism and specific strategies for fostering these foundational capacities in individuals with diverse needs will be included.

Location:

Music Room: 230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ

RSVP required to:

Student & Family Support Services

Jennifer Mandato

(973) 989-4033 x 413 or

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org



- WHEN:** Friday May 6. 2016 7:00-9:00
- WHERE:** CTC School Denville "Main Stage" Gymnasium
230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834
- WHO:** CTC High School/Adult Program Students & Staff
& Roxbury PEC TGIF Teen/Young Adult Group
- BRING:** Bring whatever you need for your performance...
Instruments, Costumes, Props, Roadies, etc.
AND a Snack & Drink to Share
- RSVP:** to Cheri, calexander@celebratethechildren.org,
with name's & number of people attending

We need to hear from anyone attending, Performers & Fans, so we can put together a line up & prep the general admission seating. You do not need to be performing to attend but we still need to get an RSVP from anyone joining us. If you are performing we would like to know what your act will be. You will have approximately 5-10 minutes to perform depending on how many acts sign up.

PARENTS MUST Sign in When Dropping off & are Welcome to Stay

IMPORTANT NOTE: We can't guarantee that there will be enough VOLUNTEER Support to meet the individual needs of all participants so if your child requires individual support please plan on attending or having your child accompanied to this event.

PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL

Got to be on the GUEST LIST to get in!



CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

...everything you need to navigate the journey!!

On this site you will find access to a vast array of Local, State, & National Resources and Organizations dedicated to supporting children, families, and professionals. You can sign up for newsletters & publications, locate workshops, seminars and conferences, access webinars, find publishers, connect to other families, get homework help, and the list goes on!



We encourage you to explore, connect, and utilize the vast resources that are 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!

Look for the "CTC Connections" logo on the home page of the CTC School website
<https://sites.google.com/a/celebratethechildren.org/national-and-state-organizations/>

Planning for Adult Life Parent Forum & Opportunity Expo

Hosted by "Planning for Adult Life" for
Students & Families in Special Education
Ages 14-21

Saturday June 4, 9:00-1:00

At Celebrate the Children

230 Diamond Spring Road Denville

Workshop Sessions Include:

- *Parents Perspective on Planning
- *Employment Options *Guardianship
- *Understanding SSI/Medicaid * Accessing Services & Natural Supports in Your Community * College Opportunities

TO REGISTER:

www.PlanningForAdultLife.org

This site can also be accessed through
CTC Connections "Transition" Tab

It may be when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey.

— Wendell Berry

Morris County HOW

ALTERNATE LOCATION:

Parsipanny High School 309 Baldwin Rd, Parsipanny
Is your child 14-21 years old? It is time for you to start planning for life after school. Join

HOW: "Hands On Workshop Series" (aka: Prep Club)

Tuesday April 5, 7:30 pm TOPIC: Guardianship

RSVP REQUIRED – email Caroline

cmclaughlin@arcnj.org

CTC MAPs Club

Making Action Plans for Life and Career

Transition Navigators meet with older students twice monthly completing activities based on transition curriculum. Small group activities, peer to peer discussions, formal presentation, and individual activities allow students opportunities to learn how to identify their strengths/challenges and set life goals for the future.

CTC Parent Support Groups

We have a few Parent run Support Groups that meet on and off premise. Contact your SFSS Case Manager for more details!

We also strongly encourage families to reach out to their home communities for support and recreation opportunities!

CTC SFSS Small Group Parent Series

Meets on Fridays's 11-12:30 on the following dates:

April 8th & 15th and May 6th & 13th

Look for the flyer from SFSS for more details

You **MUST** RSVP to Stef ext 420 or Mady ext 421

Upcoming Events

Special Olympics Area 3 Track & Field at Hackettstown High School,
May 7th

Registration @ 8am
Opening ceremonies @ 9am
Contact Danielle or Lisa with any questions @ 973-989-4033 x 123

CTC/TGIF 4th Annual TALENT NIGHT

Friday, May 6, 7-9
CTC Gymnasium
RSVP to Cheri at:

calexander@celebratethechildren.org
with name's and number attending

Save the date:

Planning for Adult Life will host
SPRING OPPORTUNITY EXPO
CTC Host Site – **Saturday, June 4, 9-1**
FREE Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo!
To register: www.PlanningForAdultLife.org

CTC Parent Training Group

*Executive Functioning through the
Developmental Lens*

May 6, from 10:30-12

Presenting: Griffin Doyle, PhD

Location: Music Room

RSVP required to:

Jennifer Mandato (973)-989-4033 x
413 or

jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

a Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:

greenvision@celebratethechildren.org

or call 973-989-4033 x 145

April 18th-22nd
Spring Break
School Closed

Matt's Art Show

Saturday, April 16, 2016 from
2-4 pm

The Fine Grind, 101 Newark
Pompton Turnpike, Little Falls,
NJ

CTC Small Group Parent Series 2016 Spring Session "Growing Pains"

Meets Fridays from 11 am-12:30 pm
April 15th and May 6th & 13th

RSVP required to:

Mady Kaplan or Stefanie D'Amore at
973-989-4022 x 421 or 420

7th Annual Young Athletes Day April 17th from 9:45am-12pm At Kean's Harwood Arena

For the past six years, Kean University has hosted a free, one day event that creates opportunity for families and children with intellectual disabilities, aged 2 to 7 years to participate in foundational sports skill activities. It provides an introduction to sports and offers families the opportunity to share in the success of their future athlete.

CTC Parents! Welcome to Wonderful Wednesdays!

Wonderful Wednesdays are the second Wednesday morning* of each month. Faculty and staff would be treated to an array of continental breakfast delights and coffee. In order to do this, we need your support. This will cost about \$250 a month to simply purchase all the goods. If you would like to donate money (suggested minimum of \$50 per family once or twice a school year) or food items, please contact Carole McBride (Jordan and Isaiah's mom) at [908-798-0094](tel:908-798-0094) or at carolemcbride@comcast.net or cmcbride321@gmail.com as soon as possible. Every bit of help goes a long way...It is so important to show our CTC folks that parents appreciate their efforts. And breakfast is a simple way. Thanks,
The Wonderful Wednesday Committee
* Third Wednesday if school holiday or the second Thursday or Friday morning if weather delay or closing.
Please note this is not a PTO effort.



Celebrate the Children

A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

Phone: 973.989.4033
www.celebratethechildren.org