

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Scriptwriters

Spring Concert Thursday, June 16, at the College of St. Elizabeth
POW! The Scriptwriters have been hard at work, not only writing the script but designing costumes, PLAYBILL, developing a trailer, meeting with the classes to help them develop their scene. They are very proud and they should be. Check out some of the progress... More to come!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Scriptwriters
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

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Our Script Writers Collaborating Together



Students developing the Trailer and part of the Intro to the Script



Students designed a new Superhero to be added



Students are designing the PLAYBILL



A student is making the costumes for some of the Superheroes based on their ideas- Pretty Impressive





A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS



Our class has been very busy coming up with our own ideas and making choices. Our class was part of the culture fair and each student created a tri fold board on the country part of their family came from. The students chose the pictures to be placed on the board and where they would go. They each then chose a 3D project that they liked and created it-all with their ideas. One chose to make a farm, another how to put together the bear which was the symbol of his country, another what favorite pasta dish she wanted to create. It was so much fun and the students spent hours of class time. Our class chose Holland as our class project and we learned about windmills and wind power and tulips! Our class has continued this project into learning about one of the famous artists from Holland and that is Vincent Van Gogh. We learned about his life and how his paintings changed and were created. The students honed their visual spatial skills by completing "what's missing" puzzles of his paintings and then choosing the painting they liked best. The students recreated that painting on canvas and will do 2 more of his paintings on canvas.

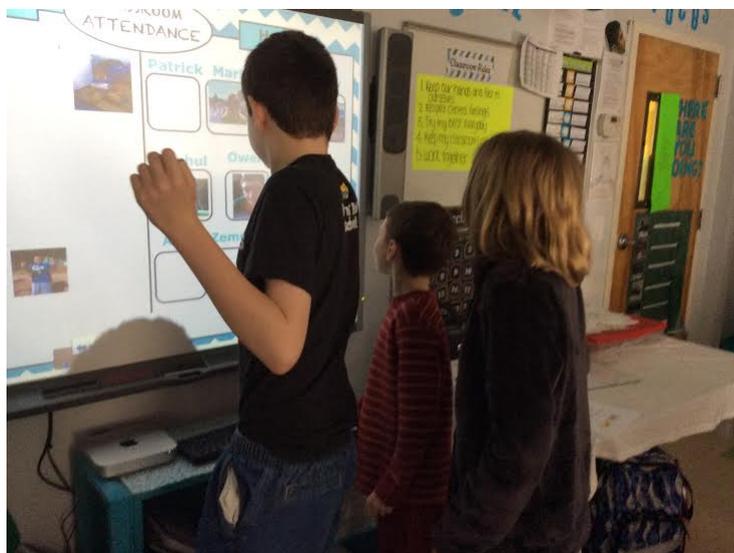


PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM SFSS

Thursday, March 31st was Sibling Day. We were thrilled approximately 30 siblings joined us for this special day. The teachers planned fun, experienced based lessons that allowed the siblings to experience a typical school day along with their sibling. In addition, SFSS held developmentally appropriate, pull-out groups that allowed the siblings to talk about their brother/sister and celebrate the unique qualities that make each person special.

Looking forward...

SFSS is busy planning the first CTC Alumni Day which will be held on Friday, May 20th. CTC is very proud of our growing list of graduates and we are confident they will have a lot to share about life after CTC. There will be a panel presentation and reception. All high school students will be invited to attend and given an opportunity to submit questions (in advance) that they would like the graduates to discuss during the panel presentation. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks.



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

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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

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Location: Music Room

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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.



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