

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MNRI Training

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- MNRI Training
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

CTC was thrilled to have Pamela Curlee, a Core-Specialist trainer from MNRI (Masgutova, Neuro-Sensory-Motor, Reflex Integration), for a 3 day training. It was very exciting and hands-on. We learned a great deal to compliment our previous courses. Thank you Pamela for your wealth of knowledge and making learning fun! We look forward to our next course.

CTC was the host site for this course and we welcomed many other therapists who traveled from around the Country to learn with us this week.



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Reminder: The Spring After School Program begins Monday, April 4. Please send in your registration form ASP! Any questions contact Kristin Polster at kpolster@celebratethechildren.org or [973-989-4033 Ext. 199](tel:973-989-4033)

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.

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

With the start of the nice weather, Kelly's class was able to get outside and utilize our classroom telescope. We were able to view cloud formations, the tops of trees, and get a close-up view of the top of our school building. We familiarized ourselves with the main parts of the telescope and the function of these parts. Students were able to identify the eyepiece, focus knob, tripod, mount, finder scope, and objective lenses. In addition, we found the location of the mirror within the telescope and discussed why the mirror is necessary for the telescope to work properly.



PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM KAREN'S CLASS

The Adult Program students and staff have been up to their elbows in paint as we begin to renovate the apartment in our process of experiencing independent living skills from soup to nuts. Phase 1 includes remodeling the bathroom to be handicapped accessible, sprucing up with fresh coats of color on the walls, and soon new flooring. In the cold months of winter we spent time brainstorming and perusing color schemes, thinking about our personal design style choices, and making boards to display our selections.

In order to have the fullest experience allowable that lets students learn the skills necessary to move into an apartment or house, we provided "how to" tutorials. Home improvement skills such as preparing to paint by completely emptying a room of contents and hardware removal, sparkling and sanding nail holes and imperfections, using painters tape for edging, cutting in for clean lines, and basic painting techniques were practiced real time/real life. And of course there was the dreaded clean up and proper cleaning of materials thrown in for good measure!

Students and staff alike were thrilled at our color choices and stepped back to admire the job well done! It is amazing what a bright sunny color will do for the spirits and the much needed motivation to get moving on a big project!



Spring Therapeutic Riding Sessions Soon!

Our horses have been enjoying the nice weather, and it's time to think about spring lessons. We are offering group therapeutic sessions for a series of 8 weeks starting April 1st! Contact us for signup info.

COMING EVENTS & NEWS

We have a horse show on May 15th open to all/any of our riders.

Also we are hosting a Centered Riding Clinic with Susan Harris on June 5th-6th. Participants and auditors welcome!

Lastly, look for our summer day program announcements coming out soon and volunteer training dates.



JOIN A SESSION

We are offering consecutive 8 week sessions at the following time slots for our therapeutic riding lessons at a special price of \$320 for all 8! Hurry space is limited and registration is required by March 30th.

Tuesdays @ 5:30pm

[Learn More on Facebook](#)

Fridays @ 5:30pm

Fridays @ 6:30pm

[RSVP](#)

Saturdays @ 3:30pm

Saturdays @ 4:30pm

Saturdays @ 5:30pm

[Learn More about Therapeutic Riding](#)



AUTISM AWARENESS NIGHT

THE NEW YORK RED BULLS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR AUTISM AWARENESS NIGHT. THE PROMO CODE BELOW WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A SPECIAL TICKET OFFER THAT INCLUDES AN INVITATION TO A PLAYER MEET AND GREET. FOR EVERY TICKET PURCHASED FROM THE LINK BELOW, A PORTION WILL BE DONATED TO AUTISM AWARENESS. FOR DETAILS AND A GUIDE TO THE MATCH, VISIT <https://worldcenter.com/usa/ny/redbull-fc/faq/#/faq-autism-awareness-night>

FOR PLAYER MEET AND GREET PLEASE MEET AT THE GROUP SALES TENT BETWEEN 5:30-6PM



VS



SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:00PM
RED BULL ARENA

TO PURCHASE TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL DALRYMPLE AT 973.681.6985 OR RACHEL.DALRYMPLE@NEWYORKREDBULLS.COM



Planning For Adult Life

FREE PARENT FORUM AND OPPORTUNITY EXPO

STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION 14-21 AND THEIR FAMILIES

TIME: 9:00-1:00pm

June 4

Celebrate The Children

230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834

TO REGISTER: www.PlanningForAdultLife.org

WORKSHOP SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Parent's Perspective on Planning
- Understanding SSI and Medicaid
- Employment Options for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- Guardianship: What You Need to Know
- College Opportunities for Students with I/DD
- Accessing Services and Natural Supports in Your Community



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- 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.

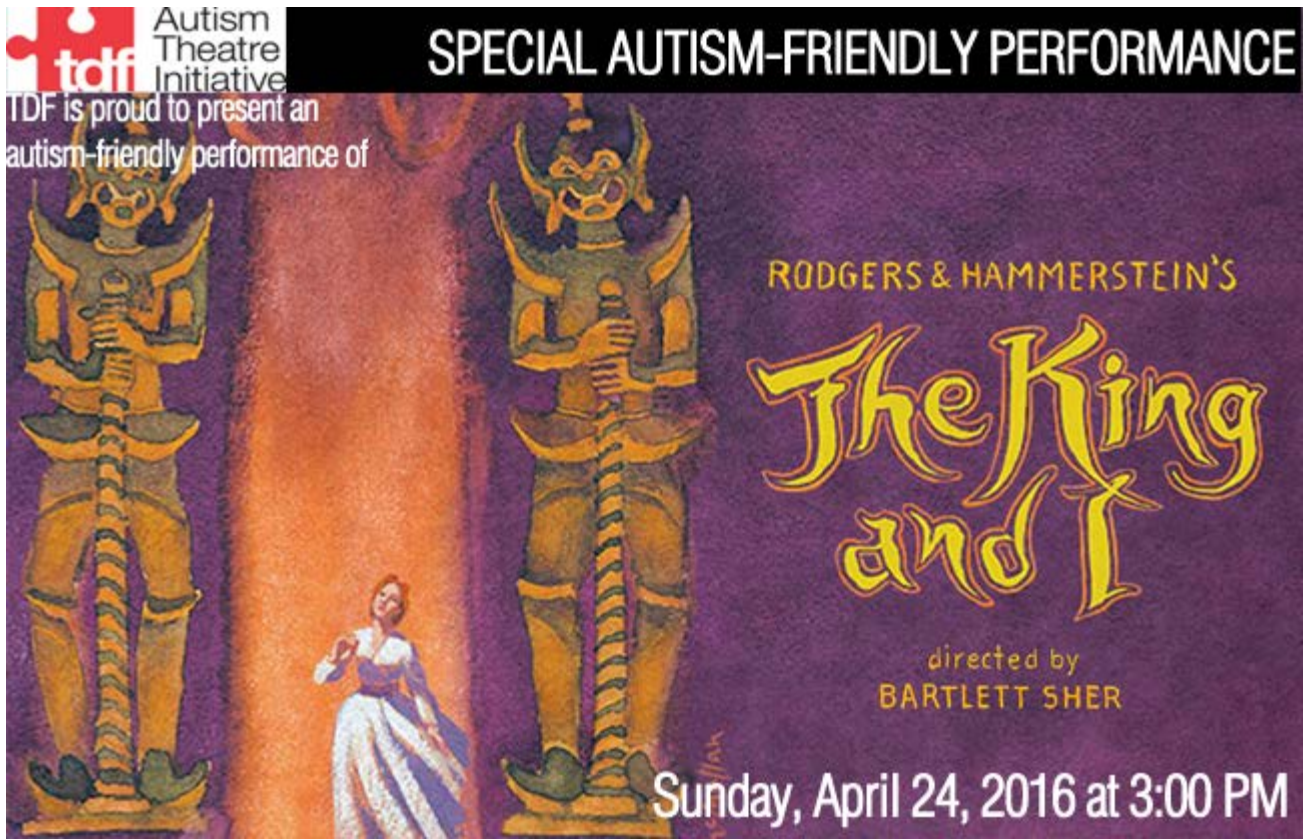
PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE REST OF THE SCHOOL

Got to be on the GUEST LIST to get in!



The King and I

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What makes it autism-friendly?

To create an autism-friendly performance, the show is being performed in a welcoming, supportive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, with sensory and communication disorders, or learning disabilities. Slight adjustments to lighting and sound will be made for the performance. If anyone needs to leave their seats during the show, there will be a break area in the downstairs theatre lobby, staffed by specialists in the field. A downloadable Social Narrative (in Word format) with pictures of the theatre and of the production will be available on the registration page, in order to design and personalize the experience, as to prepare individuals for the event. Additional resources for this performance, such as a Character Guide or Guide to Attending the Show will also be available.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
TDF.org

The King and I

Vivian Beaumont Theater
(150 W 65th St, New York NY 10023)
Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm.
RUNNING TIME: 2 HOURS AND 55 MINS (1 Intermission)

For individuals on the autism spectrum, as well as people with other developmental or cognitive disabilities who may benefit.

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!
See flyer in newsletter for more info

Matt's Art Show

Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 2-4 pm
The Fine Grind, 101 Newark Pompton
Turnpike, Little Falls, NJ

April 18th-22nd
Spring Break
School Closed

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

Meets Fridays from 11 am-12:30 pm
April 8th & 15th and May 6th & 13th
RSVP required to:
Mady Kaplan or Stefanie D'Amore at
973-989-4022 x 421 or 420

Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:
greenvision@celebratethechildren.org
or call 973-989-4033 x 145

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.



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