

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SNOW SCULPTURE SMACKDOWN

When life gives you snow...
make SNOW SCULPTURES!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Celebrate the Children is excited to announce their first annual snow sculpture contest. All classrooms and departments are invited and encouraged to build a snow sculpture on CTC's property in visible locations around campus.

All snow sculptures will be judged in multiple categories. The champions will be announced at a later date on our Facebook page, website and newsletter.

Snow sculpting will begin when we return from break, maybe we will have a few sea turtles? Be on the look-out and enjoy the beautiful works of art as you visit CTC!

Send us photos of YOUR snow creations at home! We would LOVE to see them! Please email jhammond@celebratethechildren.org



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM DEB'S CLASS

In Homeroom, we have been working on perfecting our Handwriting with the implementation of the CEW program. We have also taken part in several *Critical Thinking/Visual Spatial and Motor Planning* exercises geared around Snowmen. (Minute to Win It Snowman Dress Up Challenge, Tip the Top Hat onto the Snowman's Head, Snowball Hurling competition and Dice Rolling Game to sequence body parts to construct a Snowman.)

In Language Arts we have read the story of *Rip Van Winkle*, created long white beards and worked on the development of higher level thinking skills such as *Making Predictions & Inferences*. Most recently, we have read the Biography of *Steve Jobs* and are researching information to write book reports about him.

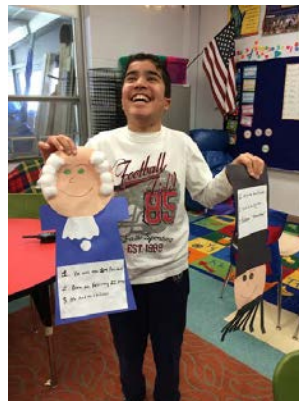
In World History, we are currently exploring the *Ancient African* culture. We have identified Africa's geographical location on a *World map* and located the *Major Rivers* that flow throughout it. We have traced each river with different colored yarn to mark their exact locations. We are listening to African *music*, practicing African *dance* and making African *tribal masks* in preparation of creating our own African ceremony.

Overall, we have been very busy learning new concepts and have a lot more to discover! Happy Valentine's Day:)



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LISA'S (TIFFANY) CLASS

February is packed with holidays and our students have had a blast exploring the true meaning behind these special days. We discovered how the tradition of Groundhog Day came about and had a blast surveying and predicting whether or not the groundhog would see his shadow this year. Rosa Parks day taught us what it means to be courageous and to stand up for something you believe in. Presidents' Day gave us an opportunity to research two great presidents, Lincoln and Washington. Finally, our students showed how much they care for one another exchanging Valentine's Day cards and Picklegrams during our Valentine's Day Party.



**AND THEY'RE OFF!
A RUN FOR THE ROSES
ANNUAL BENEFIT**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Celebrate the Children's

**ANNUAL
BENEFIT**

MARCH 27TH 7:00 PM

FORMAL ATTIRE
DERBY ATTIRE OPTIONAL *but Encouraged*

HONORING EQUINE TRANQUILITY
WELLNESS CENTER

RAFFLE • AUCTION • BEST DRESSED •
LIVE MUSIC • FINE FARE *and*
RUN FOR THE ROSES DERBY EVENT

MEADOW WOOD MANOR
461 STATE ROUTE 10
RANDOLPH, NEW JERSEY 07869

BENEFIT





It's almost time for Celebrate the Children's Annual Benefit and you won't want to miss the event this year! On Friday, March 27th, Celebrate the Children will host an evening of fine foods, dinner, live music, dancing, silent auction, and a Run for the Roses Derby Event! Don't forget your hats! Derby attire is encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the best one! Currently, we are seeking donations for tricky tray items, silent auction items and general monetary gifts. All donations, large or small, are truly appreciated. Various levels of sponsorships are available including "Own/Name a Horse" and "Sponsor a Race" during our horse race event. Please see our website for more details or speak with one of our coordinators for more information.

RDI PARENT TRAINING

RDI and DIR have the same goal of addressing developmental goals and objectives for students. RDI was designed as a parent based intervention. RDI has hundreds of very specific, systematic, developmental goals that fit nicely within DIR's developmental levels.

The main difference you will likely see and feel initially, is that RDI begins with a more structured, parent or guide led approach. Our goal in RDI is to create opportunities for the child to become regulated through co-regulating with a parent or guide.

Once the child is able to actively and competently engage in the back and forth set up by the parent or guide, more responsibility is transferred to the child to maintain that coordinated activity. Aside from the initial way an RDI activity is set up, it is often difficult to discriminate between RDI and DIR once an activity is in motion.

For more information on RDI, visit www.rdiconnect.com

**Contact Laura Hynes to register
Or for more information**

**LHynes@celebratethechildren.org
973-989-4033 ext 424**



**Wednesdays 12:00-1:30
March 4th- March 25th**

BRADY RYMER AND THE LITTLE BAND THAT COULD



Please join us in congratulating our dear friend, Brady Rymer and our very own, music teacher Dan Myers on their Grammy Nomination for the 2015 Best Children's Album!

Join Brady and the Little Band that Could at the Growing Stage in Netcong, NJ for a fun concert event for the entire family!

Sunday, February 15th at 3:00pm
For tickets: (973) 347-4946 or visit www.growingstage.com

February 15th
Brady Rymer Concert
Growing Stage
3:00pm
Tickets Required

February 16th-20th
Winter Recess
School Closed

February 21st
Teen Night
Mount Olive Peak
@Mount Olive Senior Center
Reservations Required
dawn@peakgroup.org

February 25th
Prep Club
Understanding Support Coordination
6:00pm

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
RDI Parent Training
12:00pm

March 5th
Speaker Series
SCARC Guardianship Services
7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6th, 13th & 20th
Parent Series
Executive Functions Part II
11:00am

March 10th
Parent Training Series
Planning for Adult Life
11:00am

March 11th
Parent Training Group
Initiating Parent-Child Connections
1:30pm

March 21st
Teen Night
Mount Olive Peak
@Mount Olive Senior Center
Reservations Required
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March 25th
Prep Club
6:00pm

March 27th
Annual Benefit
Meadow Wood Manor
7:00pm

April 1st
Coffee with Dr. Mike
Reservations Required
9:30am

April 22nd
Prep Club 6:00pm

May 27th
Prep Club 6:00pm

June 11th
Speaker Series
Transportation
7:00pm

June 17th
Spring Concert
Save the Date!



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