

# Celebrate the Children



## 2015 PARENT TRAINING GROUP

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Parent Training
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

Please join us for an information session about JoyDew.  
We will be hosting two information sessions on  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and 6 pm.**

Please RSVP if you would like to attend:  
Student and Family Support Services  
Jennifer Mandato

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*Life-long High Value Employment for People with AUTISM.*

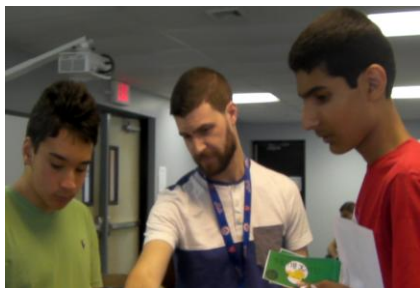
*JoyDew's mission is to provide high value employment in a supportive environment for adults with all levels of autism. Our focus is providing meaningful life to people with autism ages 21+ and their families. We do this by providing these young adults the training programs needed to acquire high-valued careers based on their unique abilities, long term employment, enriched quality of life with a sense of purpose, friends and community. As each individual's skills and capabilities are unique, our mission is dedicated to help each individual to achieve their career and grow. This takes a village of educators, volunteers, sponsors and corporations to make this mission a reality. We partner with special schools to uncover and build up these Unique Abilities, followed by on-the-job training programs and employment, while being in a protective environment with professional oversight.*

**Check out the Friday Folder for the complete JoyDew flyer.**



## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM KAREN'S CLASS

### Eggtraordinary Eggdrop Challenge !!!

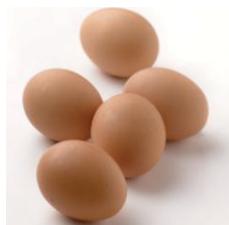


This year we have upped the anti for those who chose to go the eggxtra mile for the annual eggtravaganza. The adult program hosted Amy and Joe's classes for several days of collective thinking and fun as we eggerly prepared contraptions to protect a raw egg when dropped from a tower at our yearly picnic event. Tradition with a twist is our motto this year as we have leveled the playing field with all participants having the same materials to choose from. Cluck Bucks were necessary to selectively purchase items and determine quantities needed to carry out the plan of attack. Our fun catch phrase to illustrate our end goal is "Think like a chicken, it's your offspring!". Egg drops will be evaluated based upon condition of egg ranging from "completely intact, fresh from the chicken" to the less desired outcome of "scrambled". Eggstreme bonus points will be given for contraptions inspired by our under the sea theme from the Spring Concert.



Some students opted to work solo while many others put their noggins together (as well as their purchasing power) and outcomes looked eggciting but TBD next week! All and all a most eggcellent time was had!

Until next week.....  
That's all yolks!

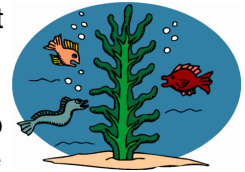




## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS

Our class is representing The Great Barrier Reef in the spring concert this year so we have been focusing on learning all about the oceans, coral reefs and the creatures that live there. We have learned all vocabulary words describing plants and ocean life and sorted ocean and non-ocean creatures. We also have started talking about Flag Day, Father's Day and the first day of summer!

Many of our class projects have revolved around the ocean and one of our recent projects was to make ocean sensory bags. We put a little sand to form the ocean floor into a sandwich bag, we then added clear and blue hair gel with some glitter. We named all the plastic sea creatures I had and then each student got to pick 6 of their own to put into the bags. We sealed them up with sparkly duct tape and the students have a little ocean to bring home.



We had a lot of fun making the props for our scene in the play too. Look for our beautiful ocean rock in the play. It was quite a messy project when we mixed flour and water to make paste to cover balloons with newspaper and then painted and glittered it....but it came out quite beautiful and we are pretty proud of it! Look forward to seeing it at the concert!



## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM MARY BETH'S ART CLASS

Everyone is very busy creating sets, props and costumes for our spectacular spring concert. Students have been helping paint and glitter all the scenes during classes and after school program. This year's concert will have the best and most beautiful sets to date. Hope to see everyone there.



## Up and Away at the Lincoln Center

Check out *Up and Away* by Trusty Sidekick Theater Company, a new, original commission by Lincoln Center Education specifically designed for students on the autism spectrum.

<http://lincolncentereducation.org/up-and-away>

### NEW YORK CITY PANASONIC TRIATHLON



Celebrate the Children is excited to be participating in the New York City Panasonic Triathlon as a Charity Partner, this year in July.

Each year, thousands of athletes brave the waters of the mighty Hudson River before biking along Manhattan's West Side highway. Finally, athletes put on their running shoes for a run through New York's famed Central Park in the final stage of this iconic race.

Currently, we are recruiting athletes to be on our team! **We are still looking for 2 individual or relay entry/team!** If you are interested in participating (or know someone who might be) and raising money for a great cause and your favorite school, please contact Daniela Paluso ([dpaluso@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:dpaluso@celebratethechildren.org)).

To learn more about the NYC Panasonic Triathlon, please visit CTC's website <http://www.celebratethechildren.org/nyc-panasonic-triathlon.html>



### BEACH BASH 9.13.15

Register today for Autism Family Services of New Jersey's Annual Beach Bash, September 13th! The Beach Bash is a free event for individuals and their families living with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities and includes surfing (pre-registration required), 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.

**Registration is OPEN!**

### TEEN NIGHT SPONSORED BY PEAK

Saturday night out for Middle School and High School teens in grades 6-12. Music, movies, games and lots of snacks. Hang out with friends and, most of all, have fun!!

Date: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7-9 pm

Cost: \$5 per teen

Location: Mt. Olive Senior Center

For more information and to register, please email [kellya@peakgroup.org](mailto:kellya@peakgroup.org)



### CTC Parent Social Group

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>

7pm Dinner at Sheridan's Tavern in Newton

[www.sheridanstavern.com](http://www.sheridanstavern.com)

631 Limecrest Rd, Newton, NJ 07860

Special Guests The Moore Family (former CTC family)

RSVP to Tami Hrycak – [thrycak@ctcpto.org](mailto:thrycak@ctcpto.org)

### THE QUEST FOR THE TABLET



Save the date! Our Spring Concert, *The Quest for the Tablet*, will be held on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. *The Quest for the Tablet* is an underwater and worldwide adventure where Jacques Cousteau's scientific team of scuba divers encounter Ghost Pirates. They all are in a race to find the secret tablet pieces that are hidden in various parts of the world.

Students have been working hard writing the script for the concert this year and are very excited about the upcoming show. This is sure to be the best concert yet..... very original. Additionally, we secured a new location to have the concert, Baker Theatre in Dover, NJ. The theatre has a balcony, a huge stage and seats 1200; come one, come all!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9<sup>th</sup>  
Family Picnic & Egg Drop  
Harbor Hills Day Camp  
10:00am

June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Speaker Series  
Transportation  
7:00pm-9:00pm

June 15<sup>th</sup>  
CTC Parent Social Group  
Sheridan's Tavern, Newton  
7pm  
Special guests The Moore Family

June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Training Group  
JoyDew  
10:00am & 6:00pm

June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Concert  
Baker Theatre  
Dover, NJ

June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Teen Night  
Mount Olive PEAK  
Mount Olive Senior Center  
7:00-9:00pm  
Reservations Required:  
[kellya@peakgroup.org](mailto:kellya@peakgroup.org)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>  
Early Dismissal

June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day Students



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