

# Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## SNOW SCULPTURE SMACK DOWN!

When life gives you snow.... Make SNOW ART!

AND THE WINNER IS.....

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Sedric the Snow Man presented by Ruthie's Class!

Learn more about Sedric on page two!

RUNNER UP.....

Snow Art by the SFSS Department and their students!



Thank you to all who participated!

## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM RUTHIE'S CLASS

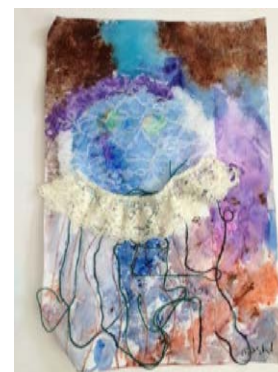


Life skills, Social Skills, Visual/Spatial, OH MY! That's right, folks - we worked on all of this and more (executive functioning, gross motor, math, and science just to name a few others) during a very special winter cross-curricular unit where we made a class snowman. He was quite a challenge to make. Who knew there were so many steps to bringing a snowman to life?! First we came up with a class design using our SMARTboard. Next the class was polled for a name. We had to dress him appropriately for the weather, so proper attire was the next hurdle. Once we had these steps completed, we had to wait until the perfect day in the weather cycle (aka - after a fresh snow fall) to go out and make three spheres of varying sizes.

Finally, the perfect day was here and he was born! He was too big to fit on the scale so we aren't sure what his birth weight was, but he was approximately "yay" tall. CTC Families - we are extremely proud to introduce Sedrick the Snowman brought to you by Ruthie's class!

## A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM ART PROGRAM

Beautiful, but problematic jellyfish became inspiration for art students as we continue our ocean theme for the year. Students created colorful mixed media jellyfish collages from netting, lace and yarn. We also learned that jellies are not classified as fish, have no brains, and a group of "jellyfish" is called a swarm or a bloom.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2015

We are happy to announce that CTC will be participating in the Special Olympics Area 3 Track & Field Competition at Hackettstown High School. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015. All of our students who are age 8 or above are eligible to participate in the competition. If your child is under 8 years old, we welcome them to attend and cheer on the competitors. We strongly encourage all of our students who meet the age requirement to partake in this amazing experience. Accommodations are made to support the students and each competitor is successful and receives a medal. CTC has participated in the event for the last two years. Please be aware that this is not a CTC run event. We have learned that it is a long day for the students and unfortunately, we are not informed of times of events, but it was an experience that all staff, students, and families will not quickly forget and we look forward to expanding our team this year.



## A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

### *What's happening in Related Services?*

Aside from the great therapy that is provided on a daily basis, the Related Services Department is thrilled to inform you of some upcoming events for the month of March.

On Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, we are having our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Beauty and Barbershop Day**. This event has always been a great success with the students as we are able to expand year after year. It is a fun and educational multidisciplinary event that includes different stations such as hair and makeup, oral hygiene, first aid, sewing, folding, and much much more. This is for student involvement only and all items needed will be supplied by the RS Department.

Our next event will be held by the OT Community Group which includes some of our Adult Program students. This is a group dedicated to giving back to the community created by our RS Coordinator, Lisa Bruno. After the great success with their "Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser", where we raised over \$300 for the local food bank, the OT community group is excited to host "**Taco Tuesday**" on March 24<sup>th</sup>. During this event, the students in the OT Community group will help the therapists prepare and serve Tacos for CTC staff to purchase. Items to prepare for this event will be purchased by the department. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the local Animal Shelter.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Daniela Peluso at 973-989-4033 X123.



## THANK YOU DENVILLE ROTARY CLUB!



The Science programs at Celebrate the Children are enjoying brand new equipment in their classrooms! A very special thank you to the Rotary Club of Denville who secured a grant to enable them to purchase new science tables and carts for CTC's Science Lab!



## ANNUAL BENEFIT



You won't want to miss the event this year! On Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Celebrate the Children will host an evening of fine foods, dinner, live music, dancing, silent auction, and a Run for the Roses Derby Event! Derby attire is encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the best one!

And don't forget to join Marvelous Monica, Lovely Lauren and Charming Cathy at the race by owning and naming a horse of your own! Quantities are limited, act now before you miss out!

Additional levels of sponsorships are also available including "Sponsor a Race" during our horse race event, sponsor a staff member, and more. Please see our website for more details or speak with one of our coordinators for more information.

## NYC 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! If you are interested in participating (or know someone who might be) and raising money for your favorite school, please contact Jenna Hammond ([jhammond@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:jhammond@celebratethechildren.org)).

To learn more about the NYC Panasonic Triathlon, please visit <http://www.nyctri.com/>



## 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

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
RDI Parent Training  
12:00pm

March 18<sup>th</sup>  
PTO Meeting  
1:00pm

March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Series  
Executive Functions Part II  
11:00am

March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Teen Night  
Mount Olive Peak  
@Mount Olive Senior Center  
Reservations Required  
[dawn@peakgroup.org](mailto:dawn@peakgroup.org)

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Prep Club  
6:00pm

March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Benefit  
Meadow Wood Manor  
7:00pm

April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Coffee with Dr. Mike  
Reservations Required  
9:30am

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Light It Up Blue Event  
Brady Rymer Concert  
11:00am

April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Speaker Series  
SCARC Guardianship Services  
7:00pm

April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Prep Club 6:00pm

May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Special Olympics  
Hackettstown High School

May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Prep Club 6:00pm

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

June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Concert  
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