

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### ANNUAL BENEFIT

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*Hold your  
horses!  
It's almost  
time!*

We are so excited for Celebrate the Children's Annual Benefit this year on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Meadow Wood Manor!

A very special thank you to all of our parents, staff and fiends who purchased tickets to attend the event, made a donation, sponsored a staff member, named a horse or sponsored a race! Your support means the world to us!

The evening will consist 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!

There is still time to name a horse or sponsor a race. But don't delay! The deadline is Monday morning!

Please see our website for more details or speak with one of our coordinators for more information. See you there!

## A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM SFSS DEPARTMENT

The SFSS bulletin board in the primary/middle school is used as a way to implement interactive social skills and character education lessons with the students. Students worked to create this bulletin board "Who Helps You with Life's Twists and Turns?" to identify names of various persons/groups that students can look to for support when going through a hard time. Students discussed difficult moments that they may have experienced throughout his or her life and identified teachers, counselor, coaches, friends and family who have helped them through.



The SFSS bulletin board in the high school has been focusing on targeting our students Executive Functioning skills. This month the students have enjoyed navigating through a minecraft maze while at the same time enhancing their abilities to plan and organize. Last month's the theme was "Sweet Executive Functions" for Valentines Day. Our students were able to engage in three activities targeting their working memory, organization and time management skills. These activities help students practice their Executive Functioning in a fun and playful way in everyday experiences.



## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LAURA'S CLASS

Ms. Jackie has been doing a wonderful job covering Ms. Laura's class while she is out! Jackie's class had an exciting two weeks learning about the library during CBI time. We introduced what a library is, its function, and what you can find there (movies, books, magazines etc.). We also took turns practicing how to loan out library books and learned how the library has different categories and genres for each book. We made our very own cookbook and used one of the recipes to make a St. Patrick's day rainbow fruit salad for all the teachers on the first floor. We practiced our life skills by cleaning our hands and utensils for the salad, and also practiced our social skills by knocking on the teacher's doors and giving them a yummy treat. They LOVED it! To finish off our lesson we took a trip to our local library and had a story time. It was a lot of fun and the children really enjoyed it all!



## 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.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>  
RDI Parent Training  
12:00pm

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 11<sup>th</sup>  
Matt Ribaud's Art Showing  
The Fine Grind Coffee Bar  
2:00-4:00pm

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

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