

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### Mother's Day Tea

On Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Ms. Jackie D's class honored the Mothers of the students in the class by celebrating with a Mother's Day Tea party. The class presented their moms with a silk flower decorated woven handbag, windmill, and a "Mother" acrostic poem created for them by their child! Hot & cold tea, muffins, bagels, an assortment of cookies, and fruit were served for refreshments! The students sang our morning "Hello Friends" song using sign language and a parent volunteer read a Mother's Day story! A great time was had by all!

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mother's Day Tea
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

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**Spring Concert** June 16th @ The College of St. Elizabeth @ 5:30PM  
**All Spring Concert Sponsorships, students acknowledgement pages and boosters are due by Friday, May 20. See the form attached for more information! Contact Kristin Polster with any questions [kpolster@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:kpolster@celebratethechildren.org) 973-989-4033 Ext. 199**

## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM SAM'S CLASS

Last week to celebrate Cinco de Mayo we made sombrero's and maracas. We also went to Riviera Maya for a special Mexican buffet. We tried empanadas, nacho's, guacamole, churro's, and more. The restaurant gave each student a hat and maraca to take home as well! We had such a great time celebrating we even had a parade with all of our new accessories.



## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM MICHELLE'S CLASS

In honor of Mother's Day, Miss Michelle's class has been learning about baby animals. We have been practicing our vocabulary by identifying baby animals, as well as the concepts of 'in front' and 'behind' while placing the animal in target position of the barn. We have also been working on our symbolic thinking by acting out the animals, and increasing our expressive language by asking a friend a question to determine what animal they are. The baby animal theme has been extended to our science and social studies units to have a cohesive cross-curricular approach to learning. In science we have been learning about how babies are alike and different from the adult, and in social studies, we have been increasing our understanding of geography by identifying which animals live on the seven continents. We hope that all the mothers had a wonderful day last weekend!





## Family Florist

Family Florist in Budd Lake is a very well-run business that helps the community in many ways. They have flowers which you can purchase for many events. They also offer internships to CTC students. Working with nature can be calming and this is a good job to learn creative design. This helps to work the brain in many ways. It helps to keep the job fun.

Family Florist is also a very good florist for other reasons. You can get flowers sent the same day and they also deliver. They have "high quality flower arrangements like cheerful birthday flowers for your friends and family or stunning Valentine's Day flowers for the one you love." You can order custom flower creations both online or on the phone in addition to ordering in person.

It's nice because "every bouquet from Family Florists and Gifts is carefully arranged with the freshest flowers in Budd Lake and hand delivered to your recipient's door." This can be very convenient to the customer being able to get flowers to someone so easily. You can order custom flower creations both online or on the phone in addition to ordering in person. "From stunning plants to thoughtful gift baskets, you're sure to find just what you're looking for."



**By Gil**



“Let me win, if I cannot win, let me be brave in my attempt!”

Congratulations Sea Turtles! This past Saturday, our athletes competed in the Special Olympics Track & Field competition at Hackettstown High School. True CTC spirit was alive and bright on the cold, rainy day. Proudly wearing shirts designed by one of our adult students, our athletes competed in several different track events, from the 25 meter walk to the 400 meter running dash, and a variety of field events, including shot put and the TurboJav. CTC also had 3 relay teams competing in the 4 x 100 meter relay. It was a day filled with smiles, cheers, and lots of medals that will not soon be forgotten. As one of our athletes said, “Mother Nature was dropping gallons of water, but it was great.”

Congratulations once again to all of our athletes on their achievements and thank you to all the staff volunteers and families for enthusiastically supporting the Celebrate the Children team.



**Special Olympics**



## A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM SFSS

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CTC was pleased to have Dr. Griffin Doyle present at a Parent Training on Friday, May 6th. Dr. Doyle is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice treating children of all ages, adolescents, adults and couples. His work has focused for over twenty-five years on the DIR developmental model and practice with developmentally delayed, regulatory and autism spectrum disordered children. He discussed executive functioning through the developmental lens and how the Functional Emotional Developmental Levels (FEDL's) foster the evolution of Executive Functioning.



SAVE THE DATE  
CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER



Thursday, June 2 & Friday, June 3

*Last Drop-off is Friday, June 3 at 10 am*

What are acceptable items?

CLOTHING - (ALL TYPES, SEASONS & SIZES)  
SNEAKERS & SHOES (ALL KINDS)  
HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES, HANDBAGS, BACKPACKS, BELTS  
TOYS & GAMES (ALL TYPES, SMALLER THEN 2' X 2')  
ALL BEDDING & TOWEL ITEMS  
DRAPERIES & CURTAINS  
STUFFED ANIMALS & DOLLS

Celebrate the Children  
230 Diamond Spring Rd.  
Denville, NJ 07834  
celebratethechildren.org  
973-989-4033

## **Merlin's KIDS Temple Grandin Achievement Award**

**“They said I couldn’t but I did!”**

**Nominate someone with autism who has achieved!**

We are seeking nominations of students & adults with autism or related developmental differences who have embraced their strengths and achieved beyond expectations.

**We think you may know someone! Please nominate and share!**

**Nominations accepted through June!**

**Voting is open - Nominate and share early!**

**Two age categories (under 21 and 21+).**

**Dr. Temple Grandin judges the finalists!**

**Win \$1000 prize package & meet Dr. Grandin!**

**Visit [MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com](http://MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com)!**

Inspired by [Dr. Temple Grandin's book, \*Different, Not Less\*](#), Merlin's KIDS is partnering with **Dr. Grandin** to celebrate these individuals with the [Merlin's KIDS Temple Grandin Achievement Award](#).

**Merlin's KIDS** will award a \$1,000 prize package to each of the two winning candidates, and will arrange an opportunity to meet with [Dr. Temple Grandin](#).

Go to [MerlinsKIDS.strutta.com](http://MerlinsKIDS.strutta.com) to find out more information and to submit your story by June. The earlier you submit and share, the more votes you can get to move you into the final judging round, where Dr. Grandin may choose your story as the winner!

Thank you so much!

*Janice Wolfe, Founder/Executive Director at Merlin's KIDS*

View the contest: [MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com](http://MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com)

## Celebrate the Children Spring Concert 2016

**LAST CHANCE!!****Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available**  
**Highlight Your Business to 500 + guests**

For anyone who has had the privilege of attending one of CTC's renowned Spring Concerts, you know it is an over the top production of an almost Broadway caliber. Our students and staff are gearing up for our Super Hero themed show at the College of St. Elizabeth on Thursday, June 16. We are now offering sponsorship opportunities as well as a chance to congratulate your child in the program so they can become part of the magic! There are a number of levels of sponsorship opportunities available.

**All the money raised will help to purchase supplies, rent the venue, create costumes, scenery and more!**

**Event Sponsor- \$3,000 (Only 1 Available)**

Your name will be posted on all our signage and on our event program cover "Spring Concert 2016 Sponsored by, **Celebrate the Children Foundation**" recognition during the opening remarks, prime placement on our website & FB page, signage at the event venue and a full-page booster ad in the event program.

**Café Sponsor- \$1,500 (Only 2 Available)**

Your name will be listed in our event program as our Café Sponsor, recognition on our website and FB page, signage at the event venue and a full-page booster ad in the event program.

**Scenery Sponsor- \$1,000 (Only 2 Available)**

Your name will be listed in our event program as our Scenery Sponsor, recognition on our website and FB page, signage at the event venue and a full-page booster ad in the event program.

**Costume Sponsor- \$1,000 (Only 2 Available)**

Your name will be listed in our event program as the Costume Sponsor, recognition on our website and FB page, signage at the event venue and a full-page booster ad in the event program.

**Full-Page Program Ad- \$100**

You will receive a full-page ad in our event program.

**Half-Page Program Ad- \$50**

You will receive a ½ page ad in our event program.

**Student Acknowledgement Booster**

**Full Page \$100**

**Half Page \$50**

**One line Booster- \$20**

You can submit a one line booster to be added to the back of the event program.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Event Sponsor \$3,000    \_\_\_\_ Café Sponsor \$1,500    \_\_\_\_ Scenery Sponsor \$1,000

\_\_\_\_ Costume Sponsor \$1,000    \_\_\_\_ Full-Page Program Ad \$100    \_\_\_\_ Half-Page Program Ad \$50

\_\_\_\_ Student Acknowledgement Booster- Full Page \$100

\_\_\_\_ Student Acknowledgement Booster- Half Page \$50    \_\_\_\_ One Line Booster \$20

Booster Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send program ad's ATTN: Kristin Polster or E-mail to [kpolster@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:kpolster@celebratethechildren.org)

Checks should be made out to Celebrate the Children and sent in an envelope ATTN: Spring Concert

Tax ID # is 05-0804200

The Most Unique Program in the Country

Our  
11th  
Year

*Mighty Mike*

2016

## Basketball Camps

For Children with SPECIAL NEEDS



### Basketball Programs

Our 2016 New Jersey Camps

Co-ed Ages 8-21

August 8-12 & August 15-19

**Wk # 1 August 8-12**

at - St. Nicholas Church Gym Wyckoff, NJ

**Wk # 2 August 15-19**

at - Ridgedale Middle School Florham Park, NJ

Camp is non-competitive and seeks to empower each child through motor skill development, confidence building, fun challenges, and our special blend of positive reinforcement. Personal attention is given to EVERY child.

We Feature:

Fully Air Conditioned Gym, Super Facilities  
Daily Motivational Talks from Special Guests  
Super Low Child to Counselor Ratio for Added Support  
Free Daily Healthy Snacks Provided by Whole Foods  
Kids Never Experience Peer Pressure or Mistrust  
Full Time Nurse On Staff at the Camp Every Day

Every Child Receives a  
Basketball, Camp T Shirt & an Accomplishment Medal

Register Online or Call 855.997.3900 ext. 803

[BounceOutTheStigma.org](http://BounceOutTheStigma.org)

Camp Tuition is \$285.00 / week

*No child will be refused due to inability to pay*

This camp is geared for children with  
Autism, ADHD, Epilepsy, and  
Mental / Emotional challenges.

Kids with learning disabilities and  
slow motor skill development along with  
social interaction issues will  
do well in our nurturing camp environment.

*Please Register Early*

*Camps Has Limited Space and Will Fill Up Fast.*



[BounceOutTheStigma.org](http://BounceOutTheStigma.org)

*Fun Camps to Empower Kids with  
"Mighty Mike" Simmel \**

*Camps & Clinics in Over 20 States*

Learn About Our  
School Year Programs, Clinics & Workshops  
School Assembly Programs & Speaking  
Group Organization Events & Speaking

*Limits Will NOT Define Me,  
My WILL Defines My Limits.*

*Mighty Mike*  
Founder

*\* Recipient of Numerous National Awards including the  
Prestigious 2009 Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award  
and author of the book "Mighty Mike Bounces Back".*

To learn more about our Programs call 855.997.3900 or visit

[bounceoutthestigma.org](http://bounceoutthestigma.org)

[mighty-mike-basketball.com](http://mighty-mike-basketball.com)

## 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](http://www.PlanningForAdultLife.org)

This site can also be accessed through  
CTC Connections "Transition" Tab

#### 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!

*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

Our "HOW" Series for family planning/education for Life After School provided in coordination with Planning for Adult Life has ended for this year. We will resume workshops in the 2016-2017 School Year and meetings will be scheduled during the school day. Look for more info in the near future.

For More Info on This and Other Opportunities  
email Caroline: [cmclaughlin@arcnj.org](mailto: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 SFSS Small Group Parent Series

Meets on Friday's 11-12:30 on the following dates:  
May 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Look for the flyer from SFSS for more details  
You MUST RSVP to Stef ext 420 or Mady ext 421

# Upcoming Events

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**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](mailto:Kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org) for more information.

Planning for Adult Life will host  
**SPRING OPPORTUNITY EXPO**  
CTC Host Site – **Saturday, June 4, 9-1**  
FREE Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo!  
To register: [www.PlanningForAdultLife.org](http://www.PlanningForAdultLife.org)

## Spring Concert

June 16 @ 5:30  
At the College of St Elizabeth  
More details to follow

## Denville Rotary Street Festival

When: Sunday, June 5, 11-6 (no rain date)  
Where: Main St/Broadway, Denville  
The Denville Rotary Street Festival event will have live music, a chili cook-off, beer garden, 50/50 ticket sales, rides, gourmet foods such as roasted spit-fired BBQ beef and fresh seafood served at an outdoor café, and many other crowd-drawing activities for the whole family. Come and join the fun!

Denville Sunrise Rotary Club

## The Great Denville Duck Race

June 18<sup>th</sup> Gardner Field  
Race Starts at 11 am  
Fun activities throughout the morning.

## Graduations

June 20 @ 10 am  
Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10 am  
12<sup>th</sup> grade & the Adult Program  
Both will be in the gymnasium

## Memorial Day Holiday Break

May 27-31

## Last Day of School

June 21st

## Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:  
[greenvision@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:greenvision@celebratethechildren.org)  
or call 973-989-4033 x 145

## New Jersey Performing Arts

**Center: From the Inside Out** This groundbreaking program offers a class in improvisation for teens diagnosed with Aspergers' Syndrome and/or Autism. Explore relationships and social cues in classes that focus on ensemble and team building. Improvisational games used in this class will teach students skills such as accessing emotions and storytelling. This program provides a safe and fun environment where students can explore and challenge themselves. Ages: 14 - 18 August 8 - 12, 2016 • 9:30am - 3:30pm Tuition: \$750 / No auditions are required.



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A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

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