

# Celebrate the Children

## CTC PTO WALK-A-THON & FIELD DAY

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- PTO Walk-A-Thon
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

A very special thank you to the CTC PTO members for organizing and coordinating the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon and Field Day! It was a fun filled day of fresh air, exercise, socialization and school spirit. Proceeds from this year's walk-a-thon will go directly to The Great Outdoors Fund which will provide our children with outdoor recreational equipment and more.

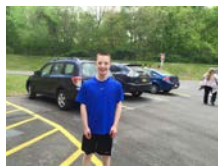


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### CONGRATULATIONS, NICK!



Remember this guy?  
Time Magazine  
(May 2006)

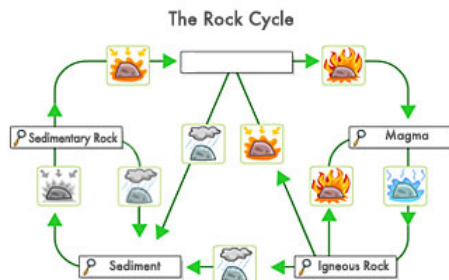
Congratulations, to our very own, Nick Furth for being accepted into Morris County Vocational Technical School! Next year, Nick will be splitting his time with CTC and Vo-Tech, where he will be studying Computer Aided Drafting & Design (CADD)!

We are SO PROUD OF YOU and SO EXCITED for you as you embark on this new journey!



### A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM RON'S CLASS

Ron's Science classes went to see Disney's Monkey Kingdom, an educational documentary on the Toque Macaque Monkeys. We did a number of lessons before and after the movie including making our very own Banyan tree with a variety of animals interacting in its Banyan tree ecosystem. Ron's biology and Outdoor Education classes have been working hard on the garden filling out soil in their plots and spreading mulch out for our plots and our neighbor's plots. Ron's Outdoor Education classes have been learning about bear safety and the three kinds of bear encounter. Ron's science classes enjoyed a large scaled rock cycle in which the students were the rocks and underwent changes such as heat and pressure, melting, and weathering. Ron's Consumer Math class has been working on forming their own hypothetical small businesses. They have been balancing their assets and liabilities as well as completing a years worth of quarterly statements.



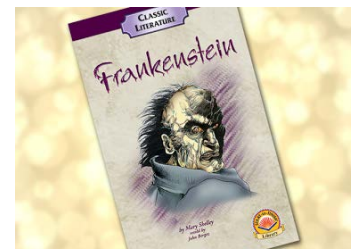
## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LAURA/JACKIE'S CLASS



Ms. Laura/Jackie's class was filled with the aroma of tea as mothers gathered with their children Friday, May 8th, for a Mother's Day Tea Party. The social event was to "celebrate mothers" in a relaxing atmosphere and for a day of pampering! Invitations were sent out and all the moms graciously accepted and attended the celebration! A variety of teas were offered along with other freshly brewed options. The tea party was not only about drinking tea but socializing, enjoying each other's company, and saying thank you to the moms for all you do while sipping tea and eating tasty healthy treats. To make the tea party more authentic, individual flower center pieces and decorated hats were made by the students and gave the party an elegant feel. The camera was ready as we took pictures of each mom and their child in a homemade photo booth! The photo was mounted and sent home as a Mother's Day memento. The student's worked hard planning this event together. They gave their ideas and voted on the décor, food & beverage options, and entertainment. They practiced and sang, "Mommy Loves Me" to their mothers while using sign language throughout the song. A great time was had by all!

## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMY'S CLASS

This year in Language Arts, Amy's class has used a program called Start-to-Finish.com. It is a large library of adapted novels that can be read aloud to students, via Smart Board or iPad. In the program, all characters have different voices and there are pictures to go along with each chapter. Students are able to read a variety of types of literature this way. They have the option to read classic novels, biographies, fictional stories, teenage appropriate topics and more. This program has been very successful because it incorporates both visual and auditory aspects of learning. Each student has his or her own login information in order to gain access to their accounts. After each chapter, they have a comprehension quiz to reinforce their understanding of the material covered. Their scores are all kept in their individual accounts in order to evaluate their progress throughout the school year. This program is very motivational for students and they love reading all of the stories!! Students are now able to read literature like their peers, at a pace and level that helps them to understand and enjoy the books.



## A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM FC DEPARTMENT

### “TYPED WORDS, LOUD VOICES”

Some of our students submitted entries to be considered for inclusion in a book by Amy Sequenzia, which is coming out and available for purchase on amazon.com on June 9th. Two students submissions were chosen and will be part of the book. Congratulations to Sagarika Vaidya and Keir Keebler for having their words published for the first time!!!

Here is a short preview of what is to come:

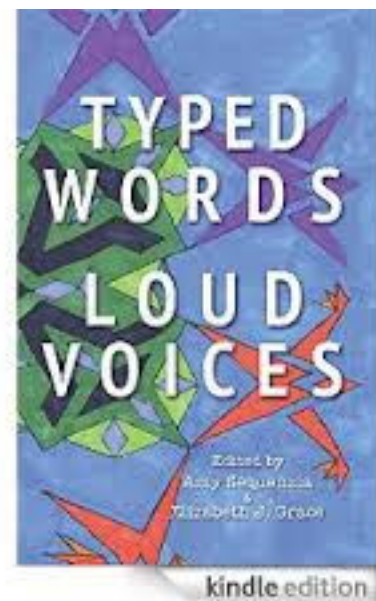
"I'd like coffee, please." "No. I don't believe you. How do I know it is really you who wants coffee and not your friend there subliminally transmitting that to you by touching your shoulder?" Imagine a world where you had to prove you knew your own mind even to get a cup of coffee, where it was generally assumed that you could have no thoughts of your own, so if you did express your thoughts, it must be some trick. What would you do? Would you give up, or demand to be heard? Sadly, this world is not imaginary for many of the writers in this book, who have chosen the path of demanding to be heard. Their best (and sometimes only) mode of communication is sometimes called "discredited" because it was "tested" in ways that make no sense. *Typed Words, Loud Voices* is written by a coalition of writers who type to talk and believe it is neither logical nor fair that some people should be expected to prove themselves every time they have something to say. Read our arguments and hear us. Help us change the world.

"Getting your attention that I want to "voice" something is my first challenge. ... However, if you calm your leap to judge, you may find that since we know we take more effort to "listen" to, we make sure you "hear" something memorable..." - Devva Kasnitz, PhD. CUNY-Disability Studies

"This groundbreaking book is a must read for anyone who truly cares about equality and it gives you a new perspective about what it means to have a 'voice'." - Matthew Wangeman, MCP. NAU - Disability Studies

"Ibby, Amy, and the other authors here speak from the heart, because they live it, all day, every day. I've learned from them in ways that can't be measured over the past couple of years - their words and thinking have literally changed my life. They'll change yours, too. Read this, now." - Phil Smith, Professor, Eastern Michigan University.

Pre-order your copy today, don't miss out on learning from the experts!!!



## 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 1 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 Jenna Hammond ([jhammond@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:jhammond@celebratethechildren.org)) or 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!**

If you would like your child to surf at the event, please visit [Surfer's Healing's Surf Camp Registration Page](#).



Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 8pm EST  
at

<http://www.surfershealing.org/camp-schedule>

**\*\*THIS WILL FILL UP IN MINUTES\*\*  
BE PREPARED TO REGISTER PROMPTLY AT 8:00PM ON 5/21**

## 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, May 16<sup>th</sup> and 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)



## 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

May 16<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)

May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Science Fair & Pot Luck Dinner  
6:00pm

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

May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day  
School Closed

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

June 1<sup>st</sup>  
PTO Sponsored  
Jenkinson's Aquarium Assembly  
1:00pm

June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Family Picnic & Egg Drop  
Harbor Hills Day Camp  
10:00am

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

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Spring Concert  
Baker Theatre  
Dover, NJ

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

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



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