

Celebrate the Children

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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 2-3 individual or relay entries/teams! 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) or Daniela Paluso (dpaluso@celebratethechildren.org).

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



OWIEPALOOZA

Many of you know and love our very own, long-time teacher, Margaret Crowley Demsak. What you may not know is Margaret has three young children under the age of four and her second child, Eoghan "Owie", was born in May of 2012 with agenesis of the corpus callosum. This condition has caused him to struggle with several physical and developmental delays.

While his spirit certainly has not been impaired, Owie has been struggling with severe, life-threatening breathing difficulties, bacterial infections, and aggressive viral infections since December last year.

Overcoming his latest battle earlier this month, Owie is home and looking forward to Owiepalooza next weekend. All funds raised will go to improving Eoghan Demsak's quality of life, including the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van and constructing a handicapped accessible bathroom in the Demsak Household.

Owiepalooza will be held May 9th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. It is going to be an outdoor fundraising music festival with three extremely talented bands scheduled to play. Burgers, dogs, soda & popcorn will be served.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please email owiesangels@gmail.com for options and further information on sponsoring the event.

Tickets can be purchased in advance and at the door.

Suggested donation for tickets is \$20/ adult in advance or \$30/ at the door. Children 8-17 are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children ages 7 & under are free!

If you would like to purchase tickets in advance by check, please send your donation, including names & ages of those attending, to:

Owie's Angels
93 Tamarack Trail
Stockholm, NJ 07460
Please make your check out to "Eoghan Demsak"

If you'd like to purchase tickets by Credit Card, you can do so by making a donation to the Owie's Angels GiveForward Page. Please include the message "Owiepalooza" along with the number of tickets you wish to purchase with your donation.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support Owie by making a donation, please visit

<https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/mwt6/eoghan-demsak-fundraiser/updates/116613>.

Please email Jess at owiesangels@gmail.com with questions related to the event.

ROCK OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE AS WE CELEBRATE OWIE TURNING 3 AND RAISE FUNDS FOR HIS FUTURE

OWIE PALOOZA 2015

FEATURED BANDS: THE COMPLEX, THE BUN BOOGIE BAKKI, KHALA

in lieu of birthday gifts, please make a SUGGESTED DONATION of \$20 per person

SATURDAY MAY 9 2:00-6:00 PM
FRANKLIN FIREMAN'S PAVILION
FRANKLIN, NJ

BURGERS, DOGS, SODA & POPCORN WILL BE SERVED
ACTIVITIES, GAMES & MORE FOR ALL AGES!

! INFO, RSVP & DONATIONS: CONTACT JESS: owiesangels@gmail.com / 201-757-7194

SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR INFO: www.owiesangels.com

All raised monies will go to Eoghan Demsak's quality of life, including the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van and constructing a handicapped accessible bathroom in the Demsak Household.
THANK YOU FOR BEING ONE OF OWIE'S ANGELS!

For more info: [facebook.com/owiesangels](https://www.facebook.com/owiesangels)
www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/mwt6/eoghan-demsak-fundraiser

Owie's Angels

A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

TACO TUESDAY was a huge success!! The OT community group sponsored a fundraiser for the Denville animal shelter. The group hosted a delicious lunch of tacos and taco salad. The students did all the cooking and serving for our staff. Over \$150.00 was raised to help the shelter provide for these animals. This was a great experience for our children to give back to our community.



Upcoming Events

On May 9th, the Related Service department is supporting 44 of our students who are taking part in the Special Olympics. The students have been training and working hard to prepare for the big day. Many of our staff throughout the school will be volunteering their time to make this day a success. Please stay tuned for more details on how the day goes in the May newsletter.



On May 14th, we will be hosting a car wash for the staff with proceeds going to St Peter's Orphanage.



A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION BY: WENDY BEFFERT

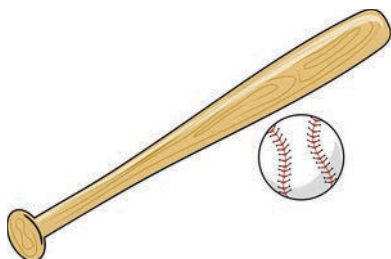
Baseball season is well under way at CTC and students are happy to be outside enjoying the fresh air! Important motor planning sequences are reinforced through this well loved, iconic American pastime. While team work, peer interaction and fun are the hallmarks of this great game, there are many additional motor planning and fitness benefits happening out on the field.

Hand grasp, eye focus, eye-hand coordination, rhythm, timing, upper body strengthening and range of motion are some of the benefits received during batting. Sequencing and bone strengthening are derived from base running. Throwing, catching, attention and patience are all reinforced while playing in the outfield.

Every class begins with an aerobic warm-up followed by dynamic stretching to prevent injury. It is important to remember, children and adolescents should do one hour or more of physical activity each day including aerobic activity, muscle strengthening and bone strengthening activities according to the CDC (Centers For Disease Control).

<http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html>

Our students' time in Physical Education is well spent and goes a long way towards meeting the recommended one hour or more per day of physical activity.

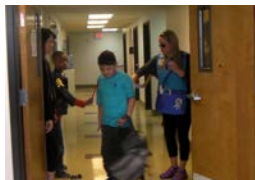


A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM MUSIC PROGRAM

This week in music class we learned about the acoustic guitar. We took a look at all the different parts of the guitar and how they work together to make music. We also watched a short film about a luthier (that's the fancy word for a person who builds string instruments) and watched him transform pieces of wood into a beautiful instrument. And of course everyone had a chance to play!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM TIFFANY & LISA'S CLASS

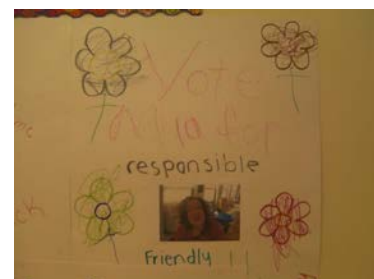
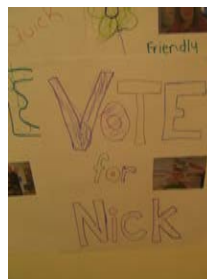


Tiffany's class is full of excitement for the Spring Concert this year! In preparation, the students have been learning all about Hawaii where our scene takes place. During an in-house CBI, we "took a trip" to Hawaii. Each student created a list of items they would have to pack. They also had their own boarding pass, went through airport security, and boarded the plane. They then sat through an in-flight safety video and jetted off to Hawaii.

To follow up on our in-house CBI, we visited the Morristown Airport. The students took an amazing tour of the Airport facility. There they viewed the airport operations building, the snow removal fleet, the airport fire truck, and a private terminal where aircrafts were seen up close. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Concert!

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LAUREN'S CLASS

The students in Lauren's class have been working hard learning about the government. Students were taught what it means to be a candidate and run for office. Students then brainstormed ideas for different roles they could have in the classroom. Jobs included class mayor, class security, and class mail person. Each student then wrote a campaign speech and presented them to the class. After all the speeches were completed, we voted using a ballot and announced our winners!! The students did awesome!!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM DEBBIE'S CLASS

In Social Skills, we have been working on discussing What to do in the event of an emergency? We have taken a look at various types of emergency situations and identified what is and isn't considered a true emergency. We have practiced our home phone numbers, calling 911 and identified supplies needed to make an Emergency Management Preparedness kit for our homes.



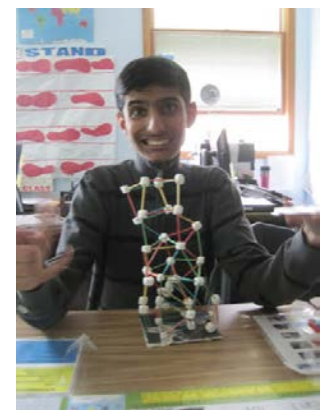
In Life Skills, we have been practicing categorizing grocery store items to identify what goes into the cabinets, refrigerator and freezer. We made ham and cheese sandwiches and practiced wrapping them in tin foil. The best part was getting to eat them afterwards!



In Language Arts I, we celebrated National Poetry month by learning the difference between verse, stanza, meter and rhyme scheme. We have read and interpreted several of Edgar Allan Poe's writings.



In Language Arts II, we have been learning about the tallest skyscrapers in the world. We have studied about the significance of blueprints, framework, and importance of a strong foundation. We even got to read the blueprints for One World Trade Center in NYC. We are currently in the midst of having our own competition to see who could build the tallest and most structurally sound skyscraper out of marshmallows and toothpicks.



In World History, we have been studying Ancient Africa. In doing so, we have learned about many facets of the African culture. We enjoyed making African Djembe drums, masks and necklaces. We are looking forward to topping our unit off with a traditional festival dressed in African garb and sampling authentic cuisine!

THE QUEST FOR THE TABLET



Save the date! Our Spring Concert, *The Quest for the Tablet*, will be held on Wednesday, June 17th. *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 1st
Talent Night
7:00pm
Reservations Required

May 9th
Special Olympics
Hackettstown High School

May 13th
Walk-A-Thon & Field Day

May 22nd
Prep Club
6:00pm

May 27th
Prep Club
6:00pm

June 11th
Speaker Series
Transportation
7:00pm

June 17th
Spring Concert
Save the Date!



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