

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CTC Alumni Day

We hosted our first ever Celebrate the Children Alumni Day on May 20th! We welcomed back former students to talk about their experiences at CTC and how what they learned is helping them as adults. Current CTC students asked some great questions! Thank you Simon, Mike, Joey, AK, Jon and Alec for making today great!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CTC Alumni Day
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

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Save The Date:

Friday, June 10, @ 10 am

Family Picnic & Egg Drop @ CTC

More Information To Follow

Spring Concert June 16th @ The College of St. Elizabeth @ 5:30PM

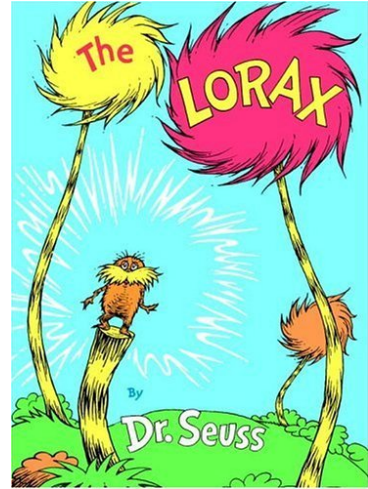
Contact Kristin Polster with any questions

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A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM KELLY'S CLASS

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Kelly's high school environmental science class has been studying environmental issues around the world. As an introduction to the topic of the importance of preserving our environment, we analyzed the message that Dr. Seuss wished to promote when he wrote his book, The Lorax. We related the story's message to the need to preserve natural resources in our own environment. We discovered what constitutes a renewable resource and a non-renewable resource. We looked at areas in the United States where natural resources have become limited, due to issues such as pollution and deforestation. We then looked globally at the problem of lack of natural resources when we discussed the environmental issues that affect Mumbai, India. From this study, we discovered the issues related to pollution and overcrowding and brainstormed ways that these issues could be mitigated.



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM JACKIE'S CLASS

May has been a very busy month in our class. We have used our weekly CBI trips to explore some local parks and do some hiking. In the pictures below, you can see us at Tourne Park in Denville, where the staff and students hiked up the steep mountain, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery deep in the woods of a park in Byram.

Our school garden is overflowing with delicious radishes and hearty romaine lettuce and endive, which we have been using in salads, and sharing with staff around the building.

We made these amazing bird feeders that we are going to fill with birdseed and send home for each student to hang in their yard.

Finally, our class decorated some rubber ducks and we are ready for the Denville Duck Race on June 18th. Ready, set, go!



Tourne Park



Byram Park

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!

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 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

The St. Luke Parish Special Needs Ministry
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That All May Be One

265 West Mill Road
P.O. Box 416, Long Valley, NJ 07853

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

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

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

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 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!

Upcoming Events

Hosting Opportunity: A professional from CTC UK will visit for two weeks this summer and is looking for a host family. Please contact Kmcolligan@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

**Enjoy your
Memorial Day Holiday Break**
Closed May 27-31

Last Day of School
June 21st

Early Dismissal
June 20th & 21st

Family Picnic & Egg Drop
June 10 @ 10 am @ CTC,
More info 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 18th Gardner Field
Check in 10 am
Judging 10-10:45 am
Race Starts at 11 am

Fun activities throughout the morning.
Ducks can be purchased for \$10.

Graduations

June 20 @ 10 am
Pre K & 8th grade
June 21st @ 10 am
12th grade & the Adult Program
Both will be in the gymnasium

Spring Concert

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

St Luke Parish Special Needs Ministry Presents

Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could

June 5 @ 3pm
265 West Mill Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853

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 required.

Green Vision Donations

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