



Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Leadership Team

**SPECIAL
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INTEREST:**

- Principal Announcement
- High School Prom
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

To: CTC Parents/Guardians

From: CTC Leadership Team

Re: Trinka Sullivan - Principal Announcement

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The leadership team is pleased to announce effective Monday, May 9, 2016, Trinka Sullivan will step into the role of Principal. Prior to going out on a maternity leave back in 2008, Trinka worked as our Principal for several years. During this time she was a valued member of the leadership team as she familiarized herself with the DIR approach and program. Since returning in September of this year, Trinka has been working closely with our curriculum department and teachers.

Please join us in congratulating Trinka and wishing her well.

Sincerely,

Monica, Lauren, Cathy, Ken & Lisa

CTC Leadership Team

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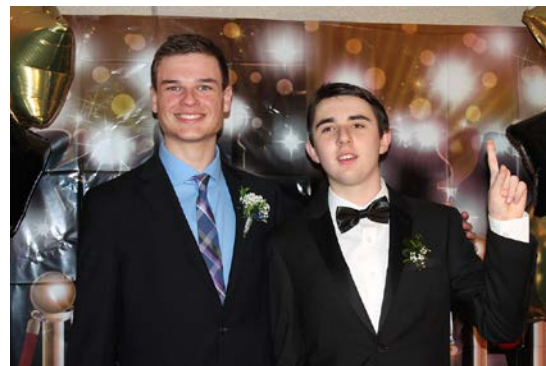
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High School Prom

On Friday, April 29th, Celebrate the Children hosted their first High School Prom. It was a great success as you can see from just some of the pictures taken.



A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMY'S CLASS

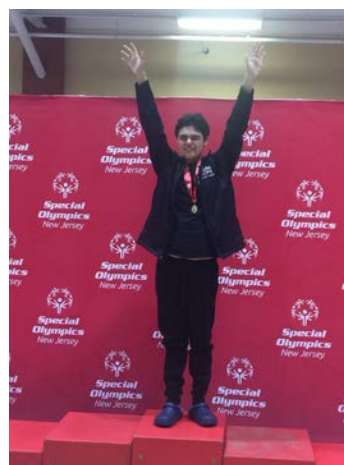
In an effort to branch out our classroom small business, Sour Puss Pickles, we planted a few trays of micro greens. This was our first attempt and we are still unsure as to whether or not it was a success. We planted some hydroponically, and others with soil. They need to be sprayed every 12 hours, kept in complete darkness for the first few days, and put in sunlight for the remainder of their growing time. Right now we are experimenting and are trying some different ways to get the most effective growth. Unfortunately one tray looks as though it may not be growing correctly. Half the class believes it is mold, the other half thinks it is just the hydroponic layer growing up around the plants. Only time will tell!

A PEAK INTO THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Boys Group has been having a great time! We have many participants and we have been able to learn about sports, relationships, and getting to know each other in a relaxed and fun environment. The boys have formed new relationships with staff and peers and are excited to see what each week brings.

NJ Special Olympics Sectional Swim Meet

On May 1st, New Jersey Special Olympics held a Sectional swim meet. Sectionals included all the counties in Northern and Central New Jersey. We had 4 winners from CTC, Alex Feeley who won his 25 yard Backstroke, Matt Ribauda won his 50 yard Freestyle, Darian Dadgari won his 50 yard Freestyle and Ryan Shin won his 100 yard Freestyle and 50 yard Butterfly events. Darian and Ryan's team, Team Hope, also won their 200 yard Freestyle relay.



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 for more information.



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Parent Training Group

May 12th at 1:00 pm

Parent Panel with Author, Anie Knipping



"Hullo, my name is Anie, I'm autistic, among other things, and I wrote/illustrated my book, ***Eccentricity: A Journey Through a Mind***, to show you what it's like to live in my head.

There are visuals of my oversensitive sensory system, the surreal nature of living with Synesthesia, illustrated maps of social/sensory theories I've made to make sense of the world, the history of the people who live in my head, and more.

Because of my unusual position in all this, I felt compelled, nay, duty-bound, to fill the void between the outside world and the various states of mental aberration that I hold. There are times I've felt I was made for this sole purpose, and for the longest time I feared dying with it unfinished.

I fear it no longer. Cheers!" -Anie

Location:
Music Room

RSVP required to:
Student & Family Support Services Jennifer Mandato (973) 989-4033 x 413 or
jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

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

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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.

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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

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

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 6th & 13th

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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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

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SFSS Jennifer Mandato 973-989-4033 x 413 or
jmandato@celebratethechildren.org

CTC Small Group Parent Series

2016 Spring Session

“Growing Pains”

Meets Friday from 11 am-12:30 pm

May 13th

RSVP required to:

Mady Kaplan or Stefanie D’Amore at

973-989-4022 x 421 or 420

Green Vision Donations

can be made by contacting:

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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