



Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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BOWL-A-THON SUPER HERO STYLE

Celebrate the Children will host their 5th Annual Bowl-a-Thon NEXT Sunday, November 23 from 12-2 pm at Circle Lanes in Ledgewood, NJ. The event will include bowling, a costume contest, music by 105.5 WDHA and more! The event over the past four years raised enough money to buy a NEW CTC SCHOOL BUS and offer 12 After School Program scholarships to our students! This new bus will enable our students to take advantage of an array of new opportunities within the community as well as transport them to their numerous job sites! This year we are hoping to raise enough money to finish our stage and round out our Performing Arts program at CTC! Don't delay, REGISTER TODAY! Please contact Katie McColligan at 973-989-4033 ext. 150 or kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org if you have any questions!



Sunday, November 23rd
12:00pm
Circle Lanes
Ledgewood, NJ

TOP PRIZES!
Mac Book AIR
iPAD AIR



THE GREAT BULLETIN BOARD COMPETITION

Our classrooms and departments have been hard at work designing their bulletin boards outside of their rooms. Their hard work, dedication and competitive spirit has not gone unnoticed. But which is the best one? Who will decide? FACEBOOK!

We need your help, Facebook friends! We have posted the pictures to Celebrate the Children's Facebook page and the bulletin board with the most LIKES (Votes) WINS!

Cast your VOTE by "Liking" your favorite bulletin board on Celebrate the Children's Facebook page by Wednesday, November 19th at 3:00 PM. The classroom/department with the most "Likes" (Votes) will win a FREE LUNCH for staff!

Let's show our classrooms and departments some love for their hard work! Encourage your family and friends to vote! Please note, LIKES MUST be made on Celebrate the Children's Facebook page; shared likes may not be visible to us. Be sure to LIKE the individual photo and not the entire album. Deadline to vote is Wednesday, November 19th at 3:00 PM.

Log on to our Facebook page and see all 26 Boards!



FOOD DRIVE

Now that holiday season is quickly approaching, what better way to celebrate than giving back. In collaboration with the Denville Food Pantry, Celebrate the Children is running a food drive until November 21st. At the conclusion of the drive, students from Amy's class will drop off the donations to the pantry!

Currently, the only items needed are: Canned yams/sweet potato and canned veggies, Instant mashed potatoes, Gravy/Chicken broth, Quick bread or Corn muffin mix, Canned fruit, Bread crumbs/Stuffing, Cranberry sauce/Apple sauce, French's fried onions, Brownie/cake mix, Canned Pumpkin, Evaporated milk, Jello/Pudding mix, Pie crust, Coffee/Tea, Sugar, Root Vegetables - Onions, potatoes, carrots, and Gift cards are also accepted and very much needed.

Please drop off your donations to the main lobby at Celebrate the Children anytime between now and November 21st.



PARENT SOCIAL GROUP

The *CTC Parent Social Group* will be meeting Monday Dec 8th at 6:30pm at the Tabor Road Tavern. PLEASE RSVP Tami Hrycak if you plan on attending thrycak@ctcpto.org.



Tabor Road Tavern
510 Tabor Road
Morris Plains, NJ

A PEEK INTO THE RELATED SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Lisa Bruno, MS, OTR for receiving an award of merit from the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association. She received this award for her notable professional contributions towards the practice and development of occupational therapy.



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS

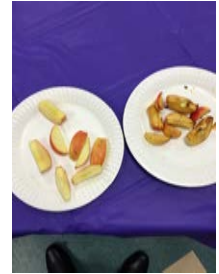
Our class has been learning about the scientific process and different ways we can do a science project. Each student cut up apples and made a before and after chart. The students used observation to determine the color of the apples and then colored them in on the chart (the skin was red, the inside yellow). We left the apples out overnight and looked at them the next day and observed what happened to the apples. We cut a fresh apple and compared it to the ones left overnight. The students determined the apples left out were brown and wrinkled compared to the fresh yellow apple. The class colored in their before and after observations of their apple.

Our class also observed Veterans Day by looking at the uniforms of the different branches of the services and learning the names of these services. We then played a matching game by finding different characteristics of each uniform and matched it with the correct branch of service. The class was introduced to the meaning of the red poppy as a symbol of remembrance for the Veterans who have served our country. The students painted their own poppy and added a sign saying "We Remember".

We have also been learning vocabulary and symbols of the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving.

We have looked at Indian Corn and recreated it with our own painting. We have also laced the different shapes of a cornucopia, turkey leg and pumpkin. The class is learning songs about the first Thanksgiving as well as the Pilgrims and Native Americans. Additionally, we have been talking about different foods that may be served at the holiday dinner. The class has prepared their own cornbread and pumpkin pie and will be trying pumpkin butter on cinnamon crackers. We will also be making apple turkeys to take home as a decoration for the table.

The class has also been learning about what nocturnal means, "sleeps all day and is up all night". We have discussed different animals that are nocturnal, one of course, being the OWL! We are making beautiful paintings of the owl sitting on branches in the moonlight to hang on our brand new bulletin boards along with very cool leaf paintings on fabric with a toothbrush! Come check out our new beautiful bulletin board!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LAUREN'S CLASS



Lauren's class had a blast this week making crafts and decorating our new bulletin boards! Last week we took a field trip to Michael's Arts and Crafts and the Christmas Tree Shoppe to purchase our craft supplies. Students were given one item to locate in each store along with a visual to help each of them locate their item. After locating their individual items, students were responsible for paying for their item at the cash register. This week we worked on creating our crafts and coming up with a theme for this month, "Bring your passions to the table!" The students loved seeing their work come alive and were proud to show off what they had accomplished.

WHY ARE WE USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND WHY SHOULD YOU FOLLOW US?

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States and now affects 1 in 50 children. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, Diabetes and Cancer combined.

We are at an important time in the field of special needs intervention as many people are beginning to recognize the need for approaches that look at the overall development of a child and target areas such as abstract thinking, problem solving, independence, self-esteem, emotions, language, and social interactions in a natural and supportive setting. At this time, the demand for this type of intervention is much greater than what clinicians and educators are able to supply. Therefore, it is crucial that we share the amazing programs we have to offer and the "how to" with others.

To fulfill our mission, we need your help and ask you to participate with us in the development of work, in the sharing and building of materials, and in the structure and growth of our organizations: Celebrate the Children and Profectum. Like us on Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter and spread awareness of progressive programs that support families and help individuals reach their highest potential and find success in society.

Please share our pages and posts with your family and friends! ☺

REMINDERS

Attention parents and staff! When calling yourself or your child out of school for the day, please be sure to dial the main number and hit option #8 for our attendance line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16th
Profectum Conference
John Jay College, NYC

November 23rd
Bowl-A-Thon
Circle Lanes
Ledgewood, NJ

November 24th
PTO Meeting
10:00am
CTC

November 24th & 25th
Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 26th
Early Dismissal

November 27th & 28th
School Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

March 5th
Speaker Series
SCARC Guardianship Services
7:00pm
CTC

March 27th
Annual Benefit
SAVE THE DATE!

June 11th
Speaker Series
Transportation
7:00pm
CTC



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