

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**This
Sunday!**

BOWL-A-THON SUPER HERO STYLE

Celebrate the Children will host their 5th Annual Bowl-a-Thon THIS 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! Registration is available at the door! Please contact Katie McColligan at 973-989-4033 ext. 150 or kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org if you have any questions!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bowl-A-Thon
- Around Campus
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**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!

Thank you for all of your support and votes for your favorite bulletin board! We are happy to announce the winner of the Great Bulletin Board Competition is..... Drum roll please..... SFSS (1st Floor)'s "Giving Tree" with 256 LIKES as of Wednesday afternoon!

In the true spirit of "giving" the SFSS department would like to "give" their free lunch to the second place winner, with 185 LIKES, "Bring your Passions to the Table" by Lauren Babcock's class.

Thank you so much, SFSS! That was very kind of you!

All bulletin boards are amazing! Congratulations to all for a job well-done!



A PEEK INTO THE SFSS DEPARTMENT

SFSS has launched into November with an interactive character building initiative. The Giving Tree is a bulletin board that allows an opportunity to build self-esteem, lift your spirits and spread kindness.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are constantly reminded to show gratitude for our good fortunes and to give to those who are less fortunate. It is a time to reflect and "give thanks," but how often do we truly take the time to step back from the day to day stressors to acknowledge the positive aspects of our lives? Life can get stressful and it's very easy to become consumed in the negativity. Unfortunately, negativity is contagious. We become so consumed in our own troubles and we often forget to slow down, think about the positives in our lives and "pay it forward."

As our students and children teach us everyday, there are many different ways to express love and kindness. It's important to take a moment each day be grateful for what we have and tell the people in our lives how much they mean to us.

SFSS's interactive Giving Tree provides a place for self-reflection and self-care by providing student developed positive affirmations, "the leaves", to be taken as needed. So, you take what you need! In addition, you can spread kindness and pay it forward by giving a positive affirmation on the tree.

The Giving Tree is there for all who need: staff, students, parents and guests.

FOOD DRIVE



A very special thank you to all of our families and staff who participated in CTC's food Drive for the Denville Food Pantry! Today, students from Amy's class collected, packed and delivered approximately 300 food items to the pantry as part of their community-based instruction outing.



RDI PARENT TRAINING

RDI and DIR have the same goal of addressing developmental goals and objectives for students. RDI was designed as a parent based intervention. RDI has hundreds of very specific, systematic, developmental goals that fit nicely within DIR's developmental levels. The main difference you will likely see and feel, initially is that RDI begins with a more structured, parent or guide led approach. Our goal in RDI is to create opportunities for the child to become regulated through co-regulating with a parent or guide.

Once the child is able to actively and competently engage in the back and forth set up by the parent or guide, more responsibility is transferred to the child to maintain that coordinated activity. Aside from the initial way an RDI activity is set up, it is often difficult to discriminate between RDI and DIR once an activity is in motion.

For more information on RDI, visit www.rdiconnect.com

**Contact Laura Hynes to register
Or for more information**

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**Wednesdays 12:00-1:30
January 14th- February 4th**

**Fridays 11:30-1:00
January 16th-February 6th**



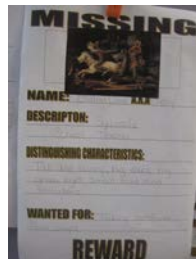
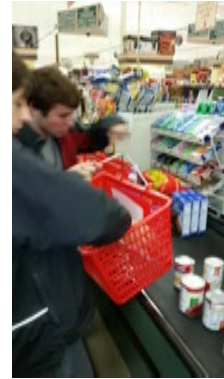
A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM DEBBIE'S CLASS

In Homeroom, we've selected and sorted items we purchased from Shop Rite for our CTC Thanksgiving Food Drive. We've also been discussing and role-playing what it means to be a BULLY or become the victim of BULLYING and what we can do about it.

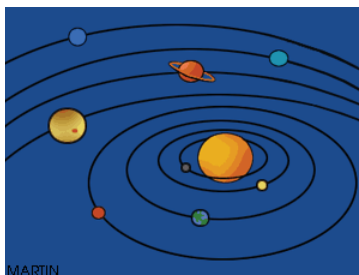
In Language Arts, we have been reading and learning about Myths & Legends (The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The N.J. Devil, Loch Ness Monster etc.) and compared and contrasted them. We've also read several of Aesop's Fables such as (Mercury & the Woodsman), acted them out and discussed the Moral behind each story; *Honesty is the Best Policy!*

In World History, we have been learning about and experiencing the *Wonders of Ancient India*. We have connected our senses to India through foods, sights (Taj Mahal), smells (curry spice) and sounds (music). We've sampled an Authentic Indian dessert, listened to music, witnessed a traditional marriage ceremony, drawn Mehendi Henna art on our hands, created Rangoli patterns and Diwali Festival of Light candle holders. We are excited to continue to discover even more about India!

In closing, we have recently been very busy preparing activities and games for our upcoming Thanksgiving Festival. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM JAMIE'S CLASS



This week in Miss Jamie's class we explored the solar system. We had a blast making a human model. Each student became a planet and we mapped out the distance from the sun in footsteps. We explored outside to find things in our environment that are similar in touch to the surfaces of the four inner planets. The students enjoyed feeling these things to help make the planets come alive!

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 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

December 2nd
Parent Training
Planning for Adult Life on
Self Directed Services
11:00 am
CTC

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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