

Providing Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for Children and Adults with Special Needs
ECLC—Celebrating More Than 50 Years of Excellence

*Please visit our website at www.eclcofnj.org/ for more information about our school and for ways you can help.
Review our Parent-Student Handbook at <http://www.eclcofnj.org/downloads/2023-2024-handbook-hohokus.pdf>*

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, January 12, 2024

**Physical Education and Physical Therapy Give
Students A Real Fun Workout!**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

[1/15 School Closed Martin Luther King Day](#)

[1/17 Parent Support Group & PTO Meeting](#)

[1/24 "Beyond Graduation" parent workshop \(see flyer\)](#)

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**Students Make Winter Fun by Painting
Pinecones and Snowboxes**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Updated Jan 12, 2024

Happy New Year to families and staff! The number of Covid hospital admissions in our area have increased. The northeastern part of our state has been upgraded to yellow/medium. Everyone should continue to monitor for symptoms of Covid, Flu, RSV as well as other illnesses. We have also seen some “viral illness”. Please monitor your child for illness and test for Covid if they are experiencing symptoms. We have seen and heard of persons who test negative for up to 3 days and then test positive on day 4. If your child tests negative and has symptoms, we prefer them to stay home. With any type of illness, if your child is not able to participate in all school activities, they should be staying home. If they are coughing/sneezing, runny nose-especially with yellow or green mucous, have a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, poor appetite or sore throat, they should stay home. We consider a temperature of 100.4 or higher to be a fever, and they should stay home. Anyone who has had a fever, they should be fever free for 24 hours without using Tylenol or Advil.

We have a limited number of Covid tests available here at school, and you can order 4 tests per household through the United States Postal Service if you didn't order in late November. The website for ordering is <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

Parent Support Group



Topic: Self-Help Skills

Date: Wednesday, January 17th @ 1:00

Location: in-person at the Ho-Ho-Kus
campus or via zoom

Please RSVP to Samantha Schatz via email
at sschatz@ecclcofnj.org and for zoom link



The 100th Day of School is Almost Here!

In celebration of our 100th day of school, we are collecting non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Mahwah Food Pantry. If each ECLC student contributes one item, we will reach our goal of 100. We ask that food items be packaged in boxes, cans, or plastic jars only. Thank you in advance for your support of our food collection!



January 2nd, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back and happy New Year! We hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday break. This year, we would like to start up The Semi-Formal again. ECLC's Social worker, Samantha Schatz and SKIL teacher, Kevin Carney will be organizing this event and would like your feedback.

In an effort to best plan, please fill out this survey regarding your interest in your child attending. We will be holding The Semi-Formal (DJ, Dinner and Dancing) at our ECLC Ho-Ho-Kus campus. **It will be for students 14 and up ONLY.** Since this is a parent funded event, the classes will be involved in fundraisers to offset the cost of the semi-formal bid. Once we receive the surveys back we will have more information to share. Please complete this form and return it as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to getting this started again!

Semi-Formal Survey 2023-2024 School Year

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Would you be interested in sending your child to The Semi-Formal?

Yes _____

No _____

How much would you be willing to pay for your child to attend The Semi-Formal?

Amount: _____

What time would you prefer to have The Semi-Formal start?

3-6 PM _____

6-9 PM _____

Please let us know of any fundraiser suggestions you may have:

Please return to Ms. Schatz

ECLC CPS Presents:

Graduation and Beyond

CPS (Community Personnel Services) Director Mary Griggs and Employment Specialist Janine Brown will provide information for parents on programs available for your child after ECLC. This is open to parents of students of all ages as it is an important process to start navigating at any age. Parents of students in rooms 103, 104 and 204 are strongly encouraged to attend. CPS will discuss Support Coordination programs and how education entitlement and State funding can work together.

Date: Wednesday, January 24th

Time: 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm, In-person at the ECLC Ho-Ho-Kus Campus

Presenter: Mary Griggs, Director of CPS and Janine Brown, Employment Specialist

Please RSVP to Gerald Cortorreal via email at gcortorreal@eclcofnj.org by, Monday 1/22.

ScentsABLE Creations

needs your help!



ScentsABLE Creations workers are expanding their skill set and are venturing into the crayon making world! We are looking for donations of your old and broken crayons. We will be collecting crayons until **January 26th** . Please keep an eye on weekly newsletter for crayon order forms. Thank you for your help!

SAVE *the* DATE

Wednesday March 20, 2024



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for the ECLC Ho-Ho-Kus Annual Dinner and Auction

Macaluso's, 55 Fourth Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

We hope you will be able to join us!!!

**Paperwork and forms to help us solicit gift items
for our Tricky Tray will be sent home soon.**



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Ho-Ho-Kus Campus

Annual Dinner March 20, 2024

YOU ARE INVITED! The Annual Dinner fundraiser is set for Wednesday, March 20th at Macaluso's in Hawthorne. Formal invitations will be mailed out in January.

Meanwhile, we need your help! There are many ways that you can pitch in.

❖ **JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.** We welcome volunteers to help make this event a success.

❖ **ATTEND.** Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome to join the fun and support the event.

❖ **PLACE A PERSONAL MESSAGE IN THE PROGRAM.** You can recognize your child or a special teacher by writing a message and taking an ad in the event program.

❖ **ASK BUSINESSES YOU KNOW TO PLACE AN AD IN THE PROGRAM.** Ads in our program provide positive visibility for businesses and support our great cause at the same time! Maybe your employer or a family member or friend who owns a business would be interested in placing an ad. You can ask people you know and businesses you frequent in your community. The deadline for ads is **2/28/2024**. Attached is a form to fill out and return.

❖ **PURCHASE OR SELL CASH RAFFLE TICKETS.** Tickets are \$2 each. It is a 50/50 cash raffle where three winners are chosen, winning 25%, 15% or 10% of half the proceeds from all tickets sold. Winner does not need to be present to win!!! We will send home the tickets when they are available.

❖ **HELP OBTAIN AUCTION ITEMS.**

- **Contribute a gift item or gift certificate for our tricky tray auction.** Donations can be from you or from the stores where you shop, your vacation destination, favorite restaurants, salon, etc. Businesses like to support the causes of their customers! A donation request letter and form are attached.
- **Get together with friends, family, or other ECLC families to make up your own special gift basket.** We make up baskets from all the gifts that come in, however if you would like to come up with your own creative basket, we welcome your contributions! **Gift baskets must contain new items only.**
- **Let us do the shopping for you! Send in a donation toward the purchase of an auction gift.** We will combine these donations to purchase 'big ticket' items such as large flat-screen TVs, iPads, Vacation, Spa Days, etc. Any amount will help! Just use the tear-off form below to send in with your contribution.

Whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated and will help make this year's fundraiser a huge success! **If you have any questions or want more information, contact our co-chairs Cynthia Chaanine and Lorie Stolbof or Roberta Bitar in the Foundation Office: 973-601-5114**

Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ (cash or check payable to ECLC Foundation) toward the event committee's purchase of 'big ticket' items for the tricky tray auction.

Examples of items I would like to see in the auction are:

Donor Name: _____



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ECLC Ho-Ho-Kus Annual Dinner & Auction

March 20, 2024

DONATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM

Donor Information (please print):

Donor Name (if donation is from a business, please also provide contact name and title)

Address

Phone

E-Mail

Name of the ECLC friend who solicited gift/donation (if known)

Program Ad/Message Opportunities:

Outside Back Cover	\$500	4.5" x 8"	Full Page Ad	\$150	4.5" x 8"
Inside Front or Back Cover....	\$300	4.5" x 8"	1/2 Page Ad	\$100	4.5" x 4"
			1/4 Page Ad	\$ 50	4.5" x 2"

Ads will be printed in black and white, except for 'cover' ads. Final layout and font selection is at the discretion of the publisher.

Message/Text (only information in the message section below and/or attached will appear in your ad):

Digital ad submissions: E-mail ad copy to HoHoKusDinner@eclcofnj.org . Accepted formats: jpeg, tif, pdf. Min. 600 dpi res.

Mailed ad submissions: Enclose sharp printout or business card (no folds or staples), or supply artwork on a flash drive.

Payment and artwork for ads due by **Wednesday, February 29, 2024**

Tricky Tray Auction Prize Donation:

Description of Gift

Gift Value

**Need to have your gift picked up? email HoHoKusDinner@eclcofnj.org or call 973-601-5114.*

ECLC is a registered 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Office Use Only:

- ☐ From F.O.
☐ To F.O.

(See reverse for payment options and additional ways to support this event)

ECLC Ho-Ho-Kus Annual Dinner & Auction

March 20, 2024

DONATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM (continued)

Sponsorship Opportunities:

☐ **Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000**

Benefits include: 10 event tickets, full-page ad in program with premier placement, special mention during opening remarks, premier listing on sponsor board, premier listing on event web page sponsor section.

☐ **Gold Sponsor - \$3,000**

Benefits Include: Six event tickets, full-page ad in program with prime placement, special mention during opening remarks, prime listing on sponsor board, prime listing on event web page sponsor section.

☐ **Silver Sponsor - \$2,000**

Benefits Include: Four event tickets, full-page ad in program, special mention during opening remarks, prominent listing on sponsor board, listing on event web page sponsor section.

☐ **Bronze Sponsor - \$1,000**

Benefits Include: Two event tickets, full-page ad in program, special mention during opening remarks, listing on sponsor board, listing on event web page sponsor section.

Sponsorship commitment due by **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

Additional Ways to Support This Event:

☐ I do not wish to place an ad, sponsor, or donate a prize, but have enclosed an outright contribution of \$_____ (Outright donations of \$100 or more received by 3/08 will be listed in the event program)

☐ I would like to attend this event (Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ 5:30 p.m.)
\$85 per person x _____ # of tickets = \$_____

Total Donation \$ _____

☐ Donate on line at www.eclcofnj.org/dinnerhohokus

By mail to ECLC HoHoKus Annual Dinner, 100 Passaic Ave., Ste. I, Chatham, NJ 07928

☐ Check (payable to ECLC Foundation) ☐ Credit card payment - complete ALL info. below:

Credit Card #

Exp. Date

Security Code

Name on Card

Signature

Email Address

Credit Card Billing Address with Zip Code

ECLC is a registered 501(c)(3) EIN#22-3280013

Contact information: HoHoKusDinner@eclcofnj.org ~ 973-601-5114 ~ www.eclcofnj.org/dinnerhohokus

Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable organization may be obtained from the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey by calling (973) 504-6215. Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement.



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(See reverse to complete your mailing info. and for Program Ad or Auction donations)

2023-24 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

EVENTS TAKE PLACE FROM 7-8:15 PM

ALL
EVENTS
ARE
VIRTUAL

ALL
EVENTS
ARE
FREE



REGISTER TODAY:
SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE NJ.ORG

2023-24
Parent Advocacy
Virtual Conference



October 10, 2023

Exploring the Need For An
Out of District Placement

featuring Hillary Freeman, Esq.



November 14, 2023

Transition Planning:
Keeping the Dream Alive

featuring Jerisa Chiumbu-Maseko,
FLE, MHFA, CMHC



December 12, 2023

Executive Function Skills: The
Missing Link in the Classroom,
the Playground and at Home

featuring Michael Selbst, Ph.D.,
BCBA-D



January 9, 2024

What Happened to My IEP?:
Transitioning to College
with Appropriate
Accommodations

featuring Andrew Meltzer, Esq.



February 13, 2024

Dating, Relationships and
Sexuality

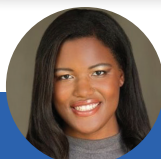
featuring
Bobbie Gallagher, Ph.D.,
BCBA-D



March 12, 2024

IEP Basics: What Parents
Need to Know to Be Full
Participants

featuring
Denise Dimson Rekem, Esq.,
and Judith Weinstock, Esq.



April 16, 2024

Telling Our Stories: Family
Voices & Perspectives

featuring Niya Wright, Joanne DeSimone, MEd.

Iris Mehler, MS., CRC
Alma Schneider, LCSW



May 14, 2024

Financial and Estate
Planning

featuring
Paul Prior, Esq., and
Donald T. Brown,
ChFC, ChSNC, CASL



The Alliance
of Private Special Education
Schools of North Jersey

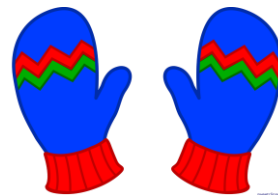
ALL
EVENTS
ARE
FREE

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

REGISTER TODAY AT
SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE NJ.ORG



LUNCHES



WEEK OF: January 15 – January 19, 2024

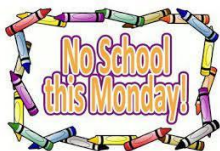




Mon. 01/15

Tues. 01/16

Wed. 01/17

Thurs. 01/18

Fri. 01/19

	<p>Chicken strips and Fries</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <div data-bbox="461 1402 581 1486" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 74px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>PIZZA 2 Slices</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <div data-bbox="714 1398 834 1482" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 74px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>Meatballs w/bread</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <div data-bbox="1003 1394 1123 1478" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 74px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>Sandwich on Roll and Chips</p>  <p>Tuna Salad ____OR Deli Turkey ____</p> <p>\$6.00</p> <div data-bbox="1308 1394 1429 1478" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 74px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
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Check the lunches you would like to order

Student Name: _____ Room # _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY MORNING AT 9:00.

PLEASE ATTACH CASH FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK ALONG WITH THIS ORDER FORM.