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


Weekly Newsletter – Friday, February 9, 2024

### 100th Day of School Celebration Brings Donations to The Center for Food Action

![Image of students holding canned food items]

### UPCOMING EVENTS:
- **2/14 Friendship Dance for Core & W.E. Classes**
- **2/14 Special Persons’ Breakfast for Lower School Classes**

Follow us on Twitter                 Watch our videos on YouTube                  Like us on Facebook                  Read our blog at                  Follow us on Instagram
Giving to Others Brings Joy and Happiness!

201 Makes a Cinnamon Bun in a CUP!

Say Hello to Ms. Darly Numa – New Occupational Therapist
Bright Smiles, Warm Hearts: February Tooth-Brushing Tips for Your Child

Tip #1 → Use the right tools: Amazon offers great 3-sided toothbrush alternatives that are soft, gentle, and easy to use ensuring thorough cleaning of all the right spots!

Tip #2 → Make it fun! Play their favorite song or use a timer to make teeth brushing a fun activity, ensuring a clear start and end point.

Tip #3 → Consistency is key: establish a routine to help your child feel more comfortable and confident.

Tip #4 → Use visual aids: step-by-step picture cards break down the routine into manageable steps. Below you’ll find an example that you can cut out and use with your child!

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**Step 1: Gather supplies.**

**Step 2: Open toothpaste.**

**Step 3: Squeeze toothpaste on brush.**

**Step 4: Wet toothbrush.**

**Step 5: Brush front, top & bottom.**

**Step 6: Brush back, top, & bottom.**

**Step 7: Rinse mouth with water.**

**Step 8: Spit.**

**Step 9: Rinse toothbrush.**
Let’s show our school spirit on Friendship Day! Please support our students who participate in Special Olympics by purchasing a headband, sunglasses, or hat.

Headbands-$2.00  Sunglasses-$2.00  Hats-$5.00

Name ________________________________________________________________

Item(s) _____________________________________________________________

Amount of payment______________________________________________ (CASH ONLY)

Return to: Sharon Luberto Assistant Coach
Bake Sale
Feb 14th

Please Help Special Olympics raise money by sending in money for your child to buy Special Friendship treats.

Prices will vary from one to two dollars.

Thank You So Much!!!!!!
Fundraiser

Please help the Special Olympic track team with our T-shirt fundraiser. The Deadline for ordering has been extended to February 15th.

Our athletes count on your support for new equipment and assistance with our overnights and other gatherings.

All sizes available in both youth and Adult (S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL)

Cost $20.00

Name_____________________________________________________________________________________________________

# of items, Sizes and style____________________________________________________________________________________

Amount included (check payable to ECLC Foundation)______________________________________________________________

Please return to Sharon Luberto PT Assistant Special Olympic track coach
Ms. Johnson’s class is collecting pop tabs to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald house. Thank you for your help!
SAVE the DATE
Wednesday March 20, 2024

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 were just mailed out. 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:

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Donor Name: ________________________________
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

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

Program Ad/Message Opportunities:

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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.

(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, prominent 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:

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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.

(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

REGISTER TODAY:
SPECIALEDUCATIONALLIANCENJ.ORG

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 Chiambu-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, MSEd.
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

REGISTER TODAY AT SPECIALEDUCATIONALLIANCENJ.ORG

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE
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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.