

**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/2024-2025-handbook-hohokus.pdf>
Weekly Newsletter March 14th, 2025*



Room 201 went to the Farmers Market and found the items they were having for dinner. They located the different departments around the store.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 19th-- PTO and Parent Support Group at 1:00pm

Friday, March 21st – School Spirit Day -- Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Crazy Socks!

Wednesday, March 26th School Spirit Day – Epilepsy Awareness Day – Wear Purple!

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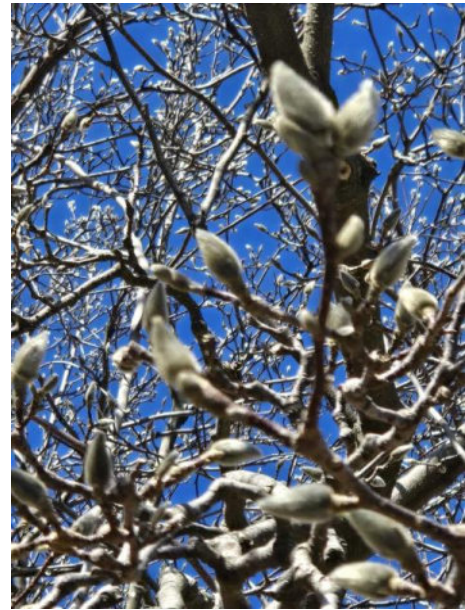
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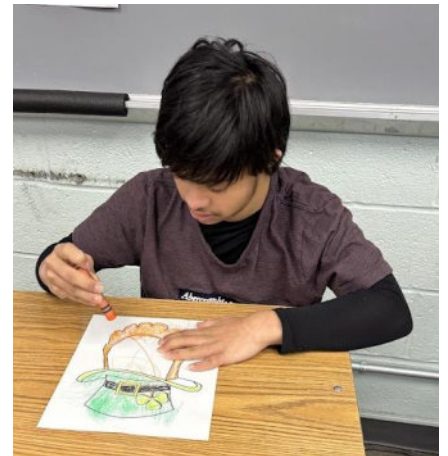
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<https://eclcofnj.wordpress.com>

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Room 102 has been enjoying some early spring weather by taking walks and watching the trees start to bud!



Students in 204 are learning about the history of Ireland and getting in the St. Patrick's Day spirit!





ECLC continues their partnership with the Ho-Ho-Kus Public School by participating in a STEM Program!



Support the Core Classes



Chips for Sale!

\$1 each

In Room 201

Special Olympics

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so excited to share with you that ECLC is participating in a Spring Special Olympics. It is a Track and Field event that includes running, jumping, and throwing activities.

Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to the event.

Place: Passaic County Technical Institute address: 45 Reinhardt Rd, Wayne NJ

Time and Date: Saturday, May 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Special Olympic practices for track events will take place during regularly scheduled Physical Education class times at school.

Please sign below form and return it to school by March 17th.

Please understand if you give your child permission to participate he/she is expected to attend the games on May 3rd.

There are relay teams so please understand that this is a big commitment to the team by signing up.

Please Note. Once you sign this permission form, a sports physical form will be sent to you to be completed. Your child will be an athlete on the Special Olympic Track and Field Team only when the paperwork is completed and submitted to me.

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Yes, my child _____ will participate
In the practices at school and will attend the track and field event on 5/3/25
Print child's name

Print Parent Name

----- Date
Parent Signature

Thank You,
Coach: Zara Dovlatyan PE and Health
Coach: Sharon Luberto PT.
Coach Thomas Murphy

Parent Support Group



Topic: Enhancing communication

Date: Wednesday, March 19th @ 1:00 PM

This will be a zoom meeting

Please reach out to Matthew Kuzdral at mkuzdral@eclcofnj.org for the zoom link

Class of 2025 Rummage Sale

March 31-April 3

We are soliciting donations of small household items for our Rummage Sale. Please send in unwanted items to school during the week of March 17.

No Glass or Clothing please.

Proceeds will go toward graduation festivities.



Family Fun Day

Special Needs Resource Fair

Join us for our special needs resource fair and family fun festival, featuring more than 60 providers:

-  Schools
-  Transition Services
-  Camps
-  Advocacy and Legal Help
-  Recreation Programs
-  Family Support
-  Therapies
-  Financial Planners

 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

 Saturday, March 22, 2025

 UCNJ Union College of Union County - Cranford Campus Student Commons
1033 Springfield Ave Cranford, NJ

Register Now

Registration is **FREE** of Charge

Registration is **REQUIRED**

Questions?

specialeducationalliancenj.org or
Call us at 973-407-0596



There will be fun for kids and families with:

-  Games
-  Door Prizes
-  Activities
-  Favorite Characters
-  Balloon Artists



SAVE the DATES

**3 Great Events
1 Great Cause**

Mark your 2025 calendar and join us as we celebrate our mission, highlight the stories of those we serve, and raise critical funds to support ECLC's family of services.



May 8

ECLC Dinner & Auction



July 16

Golf Outing



October 19

Walkathon

Everyone is welcome! We have an event that suits every interest. Pick your favorite or join us for all three! We can't wait to reconnect with old friends and welcome new ones!

Contact us

Heather Alonge: halonge@eclcofnj.org
Roberta Bitar: rbitar@eclcofnj.org



Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for People with Special Needs





FACES OF JOY - ECLC Dinner & Auction
Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ
May 8, 2025

YOU ARE INVITED! This year, the ECLC Foundation is excited to host a single dinner and auction to celebrate our mission and support all our schools and programs. As our largest fundraiser of the year, this combined event will bring together students, parents and staff from the Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus campuses, clients and parents from our CPS and PRIDE programs in Bergen and Morris Counties, and supporters from all our communities. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8, and join the fun.

YOU CAN HELP!

There are plenty of ways for you to get involved ->

- ❖ **ATTEND.** Invite family, friends, and neighbors – all 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 and reserving an ad message for 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 4/24/2025. Attached is a form to fill out and return.
- ❖ **PURCHASE OR SELL RAFFLE TICKETS.** This year we have two exciting raffles – a 50/50 Raffle in which you have the potential to win a percentage of the proceeds, and our “Golden Ticket” Raffle, offering the chance to win one of three big-ticket items. Winners of each will be pulled at the dinner on May 8th. You do not need to be present to win!!! Buy a ticket for your chance to win and/or ask family members to participate.
 - **50/50 Raffle.** Tickets are \$5 each and three winners are chosen, winning 25%, 15% or 10% the proceeds from all tickets sold.
 - **Golden Ticket Raffle.** Tickets are \$10 each and give you the chance to win:
 - 1st Place: Apple Watch Series 10 Black 46MM GPS & Apple AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation; \$608 value
 - 2nd Place: Billy Joel/Stevie Nicks Concert – two tickets to the Friday, August 8, 2025 performance at MetLife Stadium, Rutherford, NJ; \$450 value
 - 3rd Place: Golf Foursome (includes Dinner) at the ECLC Annual Golf Outing being held on July 16, 2025 at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ; \$700 value

Contact Roberta Bitar in the Foundation Office rbitar@eclcofnj.org or 973-601-5114, if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets.

❖ **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! Send in a donation toward the purchase of auction gifts.** Occasionally, it becomes necessary for us to purchase items to either complete baskets, or ensure we have those “big-ticket” items our guests have come to expect and enjoy. Your contribution would help us purchase these items, if needed. Should additional items not be required, your generous contribution will go directly toward supporting the event and maximizing our fundraising efforts. Any amount will help! Just complete and send in the form below with your contribution.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEER.** It takes many hands to pull an event like this together. If you are interested in helping either prior to, or during the dinner and auction, please contact us!

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 event committee
Chairperson Judy McGrath: Dinner@eclcofnj.org – 973.604.5447**



For more information, to register, purchase tickets, or donate, scan here ->

Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ (cash or check payable to ECLC Foundation) toward the event committee’s purchase of additional auction items, if necessary.

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

Donor Name: _____





FOUNDATION

Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for People with Special Needs



Faces of Joy - ECLC Dinner & Auction

May 8, 2025

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"
<i>(Inside and outside covers subject to availability)</i>			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 Dinner@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 flash drive.

Payment and artwork for ads due by **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

Tricky Tray Auction Prize Donation:

Description of Gift _____

_____ Gift Value _____

**Need to have your gift picked up? email Dinner@eclcofnj.org or call 973.601.5114*

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

Faces of Joy - ECLC Dinner & Auction - May 8, 2025
DONATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM (continued)

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000

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

Sponsorship commitment due by **Thursday April 24, 2025**

Additional Ways to Support This Event:

DONATE: 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 4/25 will be listed in the event program*)

ATTEND: I would like to attend this event (The Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ - 5:30 p.m.)
\$85 per person x _____ # of tickets = \$_____ **RSVP by April 24, 2025**

My Guest(s): _____

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS: You do not need to be present to win! For more information regarding our 50/50 Raffle or Golden Ticket Raffle, email us at dinner@eclcofnj.org.

You can also register, purchase an ad, or sponsor our dinner online by scanning the QR code

Total Donation \$ _____ Donate online at www.eclcofnj.org/dinner

By mail to ECLC 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

Contact information: Dinner@eclcofnj.org ~ 973.601.5114 ~ www.eclcofnj.org/dinner

See reverse to complete your mailing information and for Program Ad or Auction donations

STRIDER BIKE



Strider Bike

WHAT IS IT?

Strider Bikes are balance bikes with no pedals. This allows children to propel the bike with their feet while working on their balance, which is the hardest task of riding a bike. Overtime as the child gains balance, pedals can be added on and the child can be taught how to push the pedals to propel themselves.

BIKING BENEFITS:

- Biking helps with:
 - balance
 - coordination
 - endurance
 - strength
 - habits and routines
 - self-esteem

Biking can be a great way for families to enjoy activities together and give children a sense of independence!



Where it can be found

- **AMAZON**
- **TARGET**
- **STRIDERBIKES.COM**

HELPFUL HINT:

Check local goodwills, thrift stores or facebook market place as families who no longer use it may donate them



Saftey

- Always ensure your child is wearing a helmet
- Knee and elbow pads can help avoid scrapes that may occur during the learning period
- Always supervise the child on the bike when outdoors.

Aging and sizing

- Strider bikes can be used as early as 6 months old! They come in. rocking, toddler, child and adult sizing so individuals of all ages can learn to ride a bike!





LUNCHES



WEEK OF: March 17 – March 21, 2025

Mon. 03/17

Tues. 03/18

Wed. 03/19

Thurs. 03/20

Fri. 03/21

Pasta with Butter OR Marinara



Butter _____
Marina _____

\$6.00

Chicken strips and Fries



\$6.00

PIZZA
2 Slices



\$6.00

Meatballs w/bread



\$6.00

Sandwich on Roll and Chips



\$6.00

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.