

After the Bell

School-age Newsletter

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Editors Note

I hope everyone is having a smooth transition into the new school year. I am excited to be the new Editor of our "After the Bell" Newsletter. Once a month, parents will receive a newsletter via

email, letting all of you know what is going on at each program, upcoming events, schedules activities, and school closings. This months issue will give you an opportunity to learn more about

the staff members who are taking care of your children each day. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at ZHershman@countrychildrenscenter.org. Thanks!

-Zach

School-Age Program Director



My name is Brent Morton and I am the Director of our School-age programs and I am proud to be a part of CCC for the past 8 years. I am a married father of 3, twin boys Hunter and Shane who are three years old and Haley who is 15 months. I love spending time with my family, fishing, playing guitar and watching sports. As the director I am always open to questions, comments and suggestions about how to improve our programs. Please give me a call or email me anytime.

Bedford Hills Elementary School



My name is Tiffany J. Baffi and I am the BHEs Site Director for the after school program. I have been working at CCC for almost 4 years in several capacities: I have been the Site Director for 3 years at the BHEs B/S program, was the site director for 4 years at John Jay Middle School A/S program, CCVC, and during the summer at our adventure camp, I am the Health Director. I hold a B.S. in Behavioral Sciences with a specialty in Community Health Services. I am a NYS certified teacher's assistant, I have worked with the special needs community, Special Olympics coach, Special Education, Youth Counselor, office assistant & manager, religious education teacher, baseball team manager, district-wide sub, & a volleyball coach. TBaffi@countrychildrenscenter.org



My name is Fran and I have worked for Country Children's Center for 6 years and have watched a few children go from Kindergarten and leave for Middle School. What an honor it is for me to have that privilege. Never have I met nicer parents and their children that continue to impress me with their talents. Looking for a fantastic new year with a new Director and so many great kids.



My name is Coralyn and I started working for CCC in 2009 after graduating from SUNY New Paltz. I have been an assistant teacher in the before and after school program, the Intergenerational Program's art teacher, the director of the Katonah Elementary after school program, and the summer camp's art and photography teacher. However, since the birth of my daughter in June of 2011, I've been working for CCC only part time. I also teach art part time at St. Patrick's Parochial School.

Increase Miller Elementary School



My name is Greg and I am the site director at Increase Miller. I have been the site director for four years and I am enjoying the job every single day. I attend Manhattanville working on my masters in education. When I am not at work or studying I enjoy going to concerts, listening to music, playing video games and watching wrestling. My favorite band is Phish and I am a Mets and Giants fan!! I am praying that R.A Dickey wins the CY YOUNG AWARD because he deserves it. I am looking forward to this year and hoping for a really good one.



My name is Victoria Van Demark and I am a senior at John Jay High School. The Country Children's Center has always been a part of my life. I started nursery school with CCC, I went to the CCC after-school program, and now am enjoying working there. I was at Increase Miller last year and this year as well. I also worked as a counselor at the CCC summer camp. I'm looking forward to a great year!

My name is Marie Racioppo and work as a School Library Media Specialist at Kennedy Catholic High school and also work part time in the children's room of the John C.Hart Library. I Love working with children and love reading. I also attend Flea Markets, go antiquing, and love to walk in Rockefeller Park.

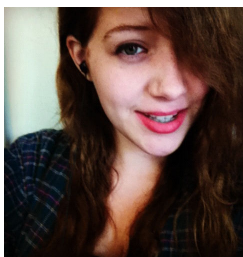
Katonah Elementary School



My name is Zach Hershman and I was once a child who attended CCC. I have been working for the center since 2007, where I started out as a counselor at our Summer Adventure Camp. In 2010 I graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BA in Psychology and double minored in Sociology and Theater. I have worked at the after school program at Meadow Pond and our Farm preschool. I now open up the White House each morning, work on the newsletter, CCVC, I am the Assistant Director of our Summer Adventure Camp, and am the Site Director at the Katonah Elementary after school program. I really enjoy being a positive role model to children. Some of my hobbies are playing baseball, skiing, singing, listening to music, eating sushi, going to the beach, and reading. I am an avid Yankees, Jets, and Knicks fan.



Hello, I am Julianna. This will be my third year working at Katonah Elementary School and I am very excited about the new school year! I recently graduated from Purchase College with a Bachelor's degree in English. As an English major, reading has always been one of my favorite hobbies. I hope to get the children involved at K.E.S. in various reading and writing activities. Some other hobbies of mine include hiking, photography and knitting. I hope everyone has an excellent school year!



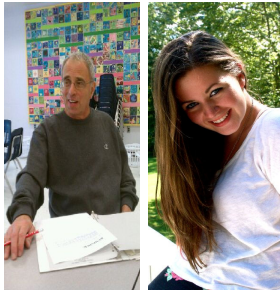
My name's Megan! I am a junior at John Jay High School in Cross River. I've lived in Westchester my whole life and went to CCC most of my childhood- so I had a love for the program. I love all things art. Its a major past-time of mine to explore all types of art, and you can always find me doodling on my notebook in class. I hope to make a lot of art this year with everyone. We're off to a great start so far and I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Lewisboro/Meadow Pond Elementary Schools



Hi, my name is Jeffrey Ho. I have been working at the center and the after-school programs for 18 years. I enjoy working with your children, and continuing to provide a nurturing and positive social environment for all the families in Lewisboro and Meadow Pond. I am also the director of our Summer Camp.

My name is Bruce and I am happily married and live in north Salem as do my two wonderful grandchildren who are 8 and 11. I have worked at CCC for the past four years and prior to that volunteered at a boys home in Pennsylvania. I retired from business in 1996 and enjoy every minute with my grand kids and CCC.



My names Diana Cody, I'm 20 years old & this is my second year at LES CCC. I live in Katonah & am currently enrolled in Westchester Community College. Outside of CCC, I am the Special Projects Manager at Indie Lee & Co., an all-natural skin & beauty line out of Vista, NY. I love art & photography & spend most of my free time doing both- something I look forward to sharing with the kids at the LES/MPES site.



My name is Catherine and I grew up and currently live in North Salem with my family. I graduated from CUNY Hunter College with a Bachelors Degree in English Language Arts. I have also completed a Child Development Associate program. Currently I am taking prerequisite classes at Westchester Community College to pursue a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy. I enjoy being with my family, reading, and taking pictures. I have always loved working with children because I love their curiosity and their creativeness. I love watch children grow and being able to facilitating learning opportunities and new experiences.

West Patent Elementary School



Hello! My name is Michele and this is my third year working for the Country Children's Center. In the past I have worked at our Bedford Hills after school program as well as our summer adventure camp. This year I am the site director at our West Patent after school program. In addition to working for the Country Children's Center I also work as a teacher's assistant at a pre-school. I have always loved working with kids and I am looking forward to a great school year!



My name is Tara Jencik, I am 24 years old and currently a nursing student. I have been babysitting and caring for children since I was 16 years old. I have met some great families along the way and I hope to get to know yours.



Hi I'm John Cody, I'm 16 years old and I go to John Jay High School and work at the Middle School program. I live in Katonah with my parents and my sister Diana, who also works at CCC. My hobbies include puppetry, animation, and classic video games. I've had the opportunity to learn a lot about these fields, and I hope to share some of that knowledge with the kids. That's about it!



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CCVC

CCVC (Country Childrens Vacation Club) is offered during the school year on conference days, holidays, snow closings, and vacation days based on the Katonah-Lewisboro School District and Bedford District calendars.

Upcoming CCVC dates to remember:

- 10/5/12: Theater and Improv. Games with a special viewing of *The Lorax* (2012)
- 11/6/12: Trip to the CCCeader Theater at our Bedford Hills site.
- 11/12/12: Trip to Westmoreland Sanctuary. (10am-12pm)

* Please make sure to sign up in advance so we can have an accurate head count*