The Hagedorn Little Village School *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*



February 2022 Newsletter

Little Village's 2022 Golden Rule Award Dinner

originally scheduled for

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

has been Rescheduled for April 6th, 2022 at 6pm

at the The Heritage Club at Bethpage Park

We hope you can join us in honoring our Golden Rule Award Recipient Adam Haber and our Susan Weschler Memorial Award Recipient Johanna Giaco Keep

see inside for details

Fun Activities Room 6am





The Hagedorn Little Village School Jack Joel Center for Special Children

Save the Date! Rescheduled for Wednesday April 6, 2022



Master of Ceremonies Bruce Beck WNBC

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Featuring Live Music From One of Long Island's Top Bands!

2022 Golden Rule Award Dinner!! The Heritage Club Bethpage, New York

> Golden Rule Award Recipient Adam Haber

Susan Weshler Memorial Award Recipient Johanna Keep

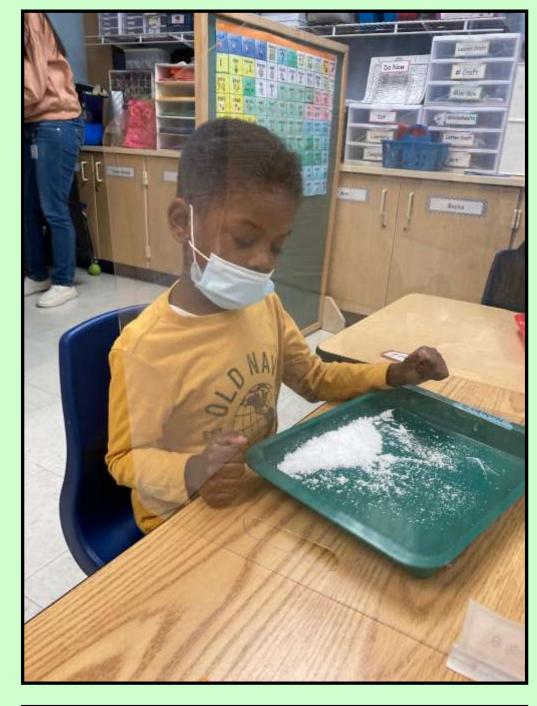


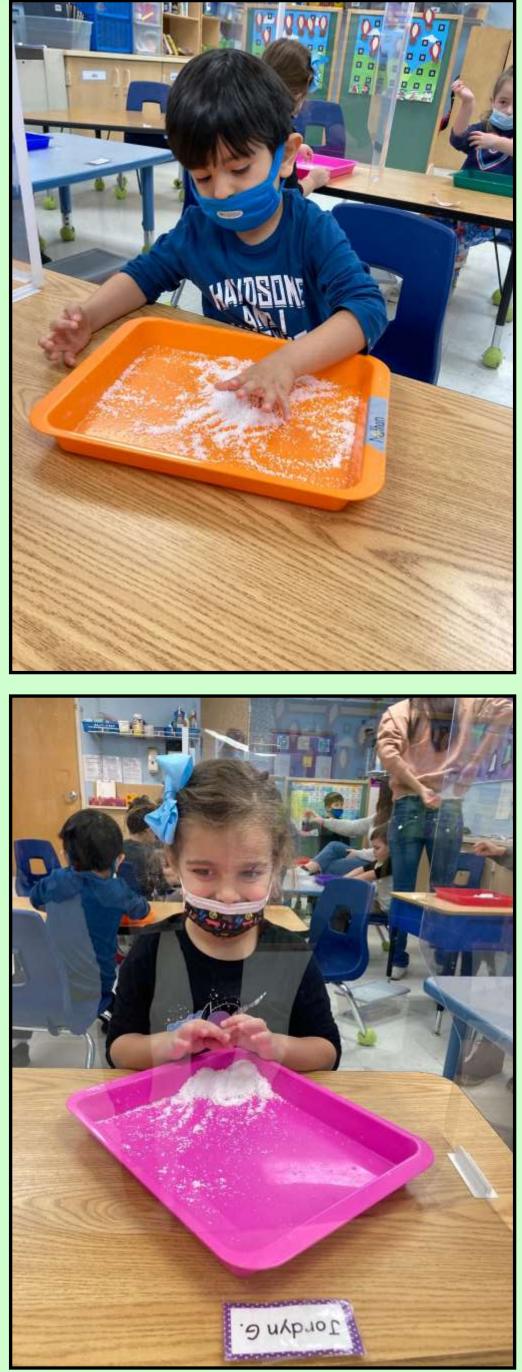


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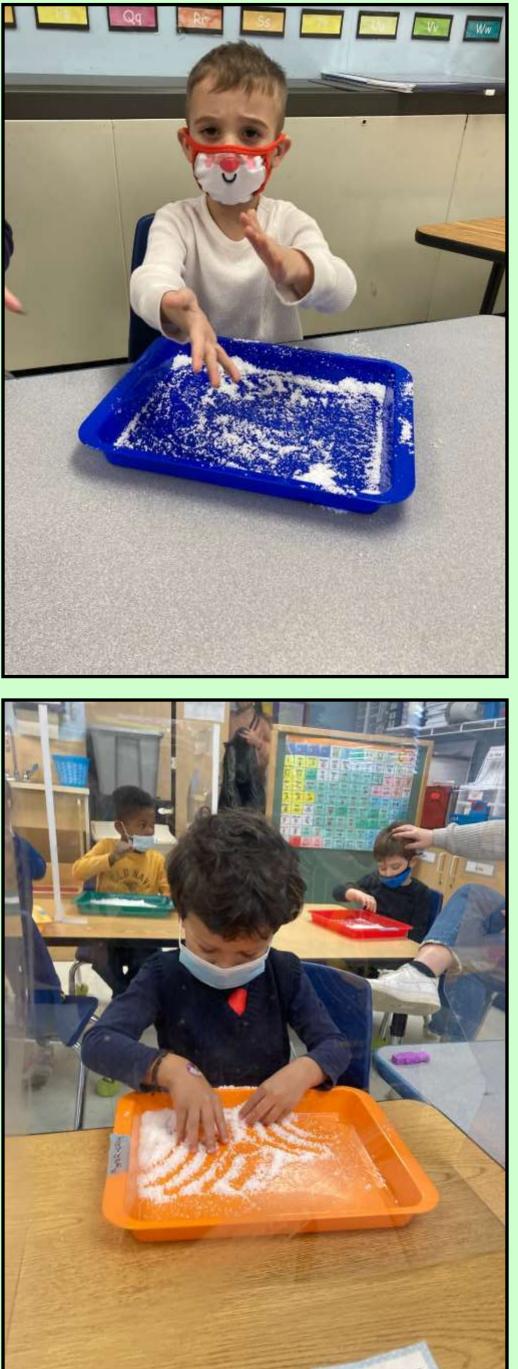


Science Lesson in Room 65 Making Fake Snow!

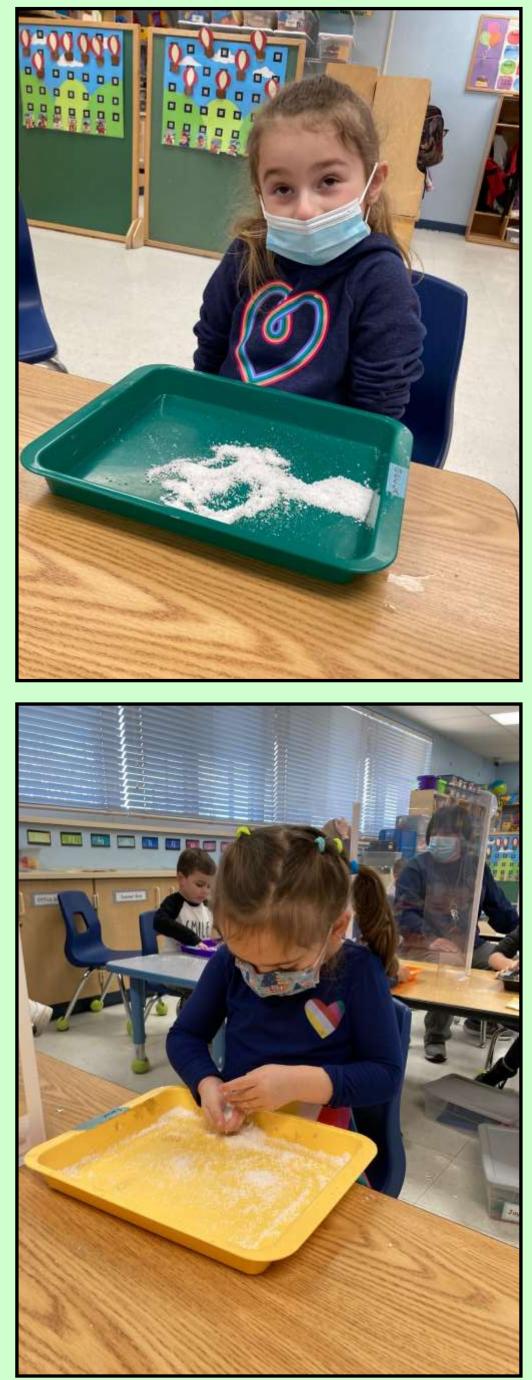














Alumni Hunter Curtis

This is a letter we received from the mom of Hunter Curtis, an HLVS alumni student. We thought we'd share his heartwarming story:

Hunter attended your school when he was 2 and graduated when he was 5. This is his college essay. It shows you how well he did after using all the tools your school gave him to move forward on his own.

Rise Above the Rest

"He Will Never Be a Typical Child". Those were the words of the neurologist to my parents when I was just 2 years old. The car ride home from the neurologist was like a funeral — silent and dark. As hard as it hit my parents, hearing the words your son has autism, it made them extremely determined to help me. They took me to as many places as they could to engage my sensory development like Disneyland, carnivals, and airports.

At two years old I went to a school for children with special needs called The Hagedorn Little Village School. I went five full days for the whole year including summers. I spent three years at this school where I received special education, speech and occupational therapy.

My parents were told when I was three years old, I may never speak as I still had not uttered a word. My first word "shoe" was finally spoken right before I turned four. There was no stopping me from there. This breakthrough was the start of my progressing with leaps and bounds. In one year, I kept getting moved up in classes getting closer to being in a typical class. I graduated The Hagedorn Little Village School and was able to move on to my public school for kindergarten. I had to attend a resource room a few times a week. Going to a typical school was a big step but was quickly countered because, with my form of autism, I would become very hyper and "annoying" to many kids. I did not have many friends and this made me feel isolated. I remember times I would sit by people and not be included like a typical child. This would make me feel awkward and lost like a key trying to find the right lock.

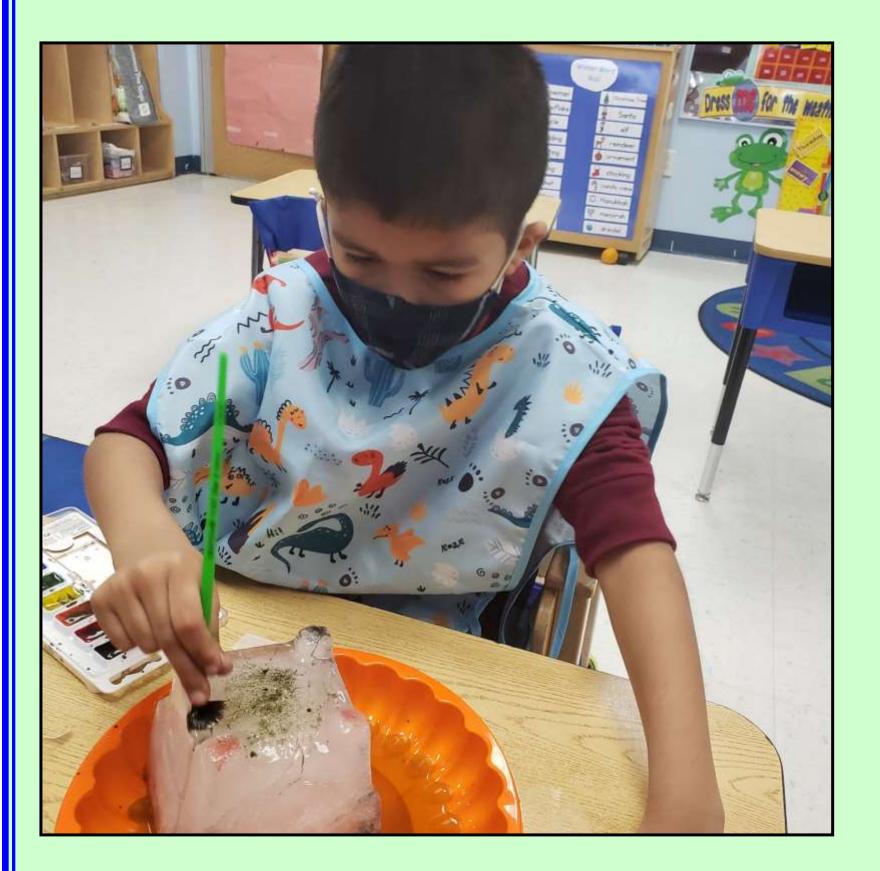
As the years went by, I started to calm down and was rapidly improving. This helped me make friends and I felt good about myself. After 8th grade, I was told I did not need intervention anymore. I started focusing on school and pushed myself to be better. Ever since I was little that is what I strived for. My grades were skyrocketing, culminating in four AP classes my senior year. I joined a competitive soccer team and became the starting goalie. I was thriving. Then one day, three weeks into my freshman year, I dislocated my shoulder and tore my labrum during practice. The only way to fix it was to have surgery. I went through a month of physical therapy, surgery, another three months of physical therapy and finally six months in a shoulder brace. I just wanted to play soccer again. I wondered if I would ever get back to playing the same way. This made me more determined than I have ever been. This determination drove my return to soccer and being chosen as a coach for my travel soccer club; discovering tennis and being chosen as captain of my school team this year; being selected for other leadership roles, and overall discovering myself.

This life that has been given to me has not always been a walk in the park. I have faced hardships like many other students in the world. Just like them I have a story, I have a path and I have a mission. But what sets me apart is the attitude and determination I set for myself. I have been written off many times in my life but these obstacles were only just a stepping stone. This quote by Rocky Balboa summarizes my life. "You, me or nobody is going to hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done".

Room 5 Performs Fun Sensory Activities!









2022 Fashion Show!!





The children and staff of Little Village are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group of supporters and donors. The school relies heavily on the generosity of others to assist the school in securing additional services and products for our students which would otherwise not be available to us.

This month we would like to that the following individuals and organizations for their incredible generosity!

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Thank you to Mark LoBianco of Fantastic Fabrics who donated 10,000 adult sized N95 masks for the Little Village staff.

Mark is an alumni dad whose son Jack attended

Thank

Thank you to Tracey Markland, an HLVS alumni mom and HSBC Bank for donating hand sanitizer to Little Village!

Tracy is the mom of HLVS

Little Village several years ago.

alumnus Brett Markland.

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Thank you again to the Giving Hope Network for your amazing continuous support throughout the years.

We greatly appreciate your most recent donation of 10 iPads for our students!



Thank you to everyone who supported our 2021 Giving Tuesday/ Holiday Appeal campaign. Your generosity will go a long way toward enhancing our school's Playground — specifically our Great Lawn which will provide of outdoor fun and exercise for all of our students for years to come!

Snow Much Fun in Room 221!











The Hagedorn Little Village School Jack Joel Center for Special Children 27th Annual Golf Classic



Save the Date! June 6, 2022



Honoring Phil DelPrete, Co-founder and President of Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace

Cold Spring Country Club • 22 E Gate Drive, Huntington, NY 11743

