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The Hagedorn Little Village School News



Drew Weidhorn

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of a great friend, Board of Trustee member and inspiring philanthropist, **Drew Weidhorn**. Drew passed away on May 15th after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his lovely wife Missy and three wonderful children Samantha, Robbie, Ricky and wife Megan.

Drew was most recently recognized in January 2017 as Little Village's Golden Rule Award honoree. Drew was an extraordinary man who loved Little Village and generously and continuously supported our students and families. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Drew with Little Village staff members at the 2017 Golden Rule Award Dinner



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Letter From the Executive Director

June, 2017

Dear Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that another school year is drawing to a close. This year we will see approximately 140 of our students graduate from The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children* and move on to the next phase of their education. I know I speak for all of our staff when I say that we are so proud of our students' accomplishments!



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Drew Weidhorn

This year at Little Village, we enjoyed many exciting events and programs thanks to our outstanding Parent Association, our community of supporters, and the generosity of many individuals and organizations that share in our mission. In August we were proud to be the first school on Long Island to host a Special Olympics Young Athletes culminating event. We opened our first full day Inclusion class in September, and in November we were recognized with the Long Island Corporate Culture award. Our Parent Association has been busy organizing and planning events year round. This year we added two new fun events – our first Family Bowling Day and our first Paint Night. Our staff and volunteers continue to give selflessly of their time so that our families can enjoy babysitting nights at our school.

This year at our Golden Rule gala, we were pleased to honor Andrew Cohen, Esq. with our Susan Weschler Memorial Award in recognition of his many years of service on behalf of the special needs community. We awarded the Golden Rule Award to Board Member Drew Weidhorn in recognition of his kindness and generosity in support of Little Village and other worthy organizations. Sadly, Drew passed away on May 15th. He will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him!

Thank you to all of the many organizations, Board Members, Committee Members, individuals, and volunteers that continue to devote their time and resources to the students and families of Little Village. Our students could not continue to thrive without all that you do to support our compassionate and dedicated staff. I hope you all have a great summer!

Kind Regards,

Jon Feingold, Ph.D.
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**Attention: Our 2017 Golf Outing has been rescheduled for
Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Pine Hollow Country Club.
Contact Jennifer Kirincic for information at
(516) 520-6043 or jennifer.kirincic@littlevillage.org**

2017 Golden Rule Award Dinner

On Thursday evening, January 19th, Little Village honored our 2017 Golden Rule Award Recipient **Drew Weidhorn** and Susan Weshler Memorial Award Recipient **Andrew M. Cohen, Esq.** at the Fresh Meadow Country Club. Sadly, after a long and difficult battle with cancer, Drew passed away on May 15th. He will always be remembered by those he touched, especially all of his friends at Little Village.

We would like to thank our Grand Sponsors, Package All Corp. and Vitaquest International LLC; our Dinner Sponsor LNK International, Inc. and lastly, we would like to recognize our Golden Rule Award Dinner Chairperson, **Laurie Benjamin**, and Journal Chairperson, **Neil Levy** for all of their efforts in making this a memorable evening.



Little Village Dedicates Boardroom to Co-Founders Drs. Caryl Bank and Barbara Feingold

On Thursday evening, February 2nd, Little Village dedicated its Boardroom to two amazing women, Little Village co-founders: the late **Dr. Caryl Bank** and **Dr. Barbara Feingold**.

The event was attended by supporters, family and friends dating back four decades.

A plaque commemorating Caryl's accomplishments was also unveiled during the ceremony.



The Children and Staff of Little Village





Spread the Word to End the Word

Rockville Centre Mayor **Francis X. Murray** hosted nearly 20 South Side Middle School students with intellectual disabilities at Village Hall in March and proclaimed the date to be “*Spread the Word to End the Word*” day in Rockville Centre. The purpose for the assembly was to make people aware of the hurtfulness that comes with the word “retard,” even when it is uttered in casual conversation or in jest.



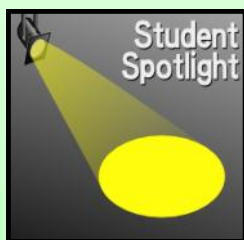
**Johnny at the
2010 HLVS
Graduation**

Little Village alum **Johnny Kilduff** accepted the proclamation to end the "R" word on behalf of his class. Johnny, who graduated from Little Village in 2010 attends South Side Middle School in Rockville Centre where he is in the 7th grade.

All of the children in attendance participate in the school's Best Buddies program. Best Buddies is an organization that dedicates itself to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of people with intellectual disabilities.



We could not be more proud of Johnny and his accomplishments!



Student Spotlight - Preston Remy

When **Preston Remy** walks the hall of Little Village, everyone looks. Since September 2013, the staff notices his tall stature, big personality, and giant smile.

According to Erin **Gruosso**, his classroom teacher, Preston has made great cognitive gains this year and his dynamic nature and fun disposition makes him a pleasure to have in class. Ms. Gruosso loves playing tag with him out on the playground (you should see his stride!) and she relies on Preston to know exactly what the class schedule is each day. His sense of humor brings a smile to everyone's face and he is most known for his dance moves (especially to Gloria Estefan's Wepa).



Preston's love for dancing carries over to his home. His parents report that Preston also enjoys playing the keyboard (he will listen to a song and plunk out the notes) and loves to stay at hotels. He is a fashion guru who finds pleasure in shopping for new clothes and putting together outfits. Most importantly, he loves taking the tags off. He is not a fan of ice cream and is definitely not a cat person!

Preston's energy and enthusiasm are contagious. As he dances his way into his final year at Little Village, his smile definitely shows he is enjoying every step along the way. Well, so are we Preston, so are we...

Around Little Village



Celebrating Grandparents Day!



Little Village Parent Association



Winter Bingo

Chairs: **MaryAnne Hyland & Kristin Maisano**

Little Village is extremely fortunate to have an amazing **Parent Association**. Our PA does many things for Little Village and among them is running many different fundraisers throughout the school year.

As you can see, they've been very busy between January and May. We truly appreciate the efforts of all of our PA members but would like to recognize PA Officers:

MaryAnne Hyland, President; **Debbi Maran**, 1st Vice President; **Melissa Flick**, 2nd Vice President; **Lori Hughes**, Recording Secretary and **Judy Corey**, Corresponding Secretary.

Thank you to all PA members!



Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Chairs: **Vanessa DiPasquale**,



Paint Night

Chairs: **Lori Ann Hughes & MaryAnne Hyland**



Fashion Show

Chairs: **Judy Corey, Jeannine Eslinger & Melissa Flick**



Staff Appreciation Day

Chairs: **MaryAnne Hyland, Kristin Maisano & Debbi Maran**

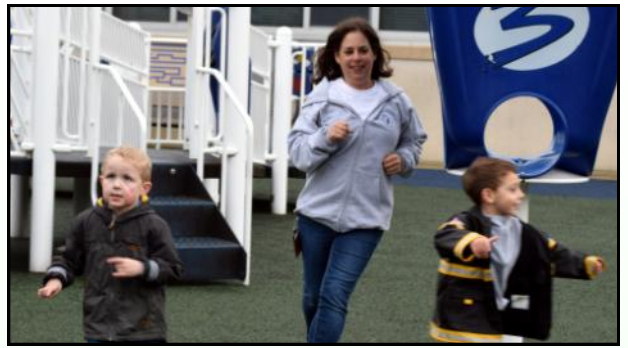
Science Fair

On Tuesday, May 16th, all of our pre-school classes participated in an Outdoor Science Fair! Different discovery stations were set up in the playground area and the classes took turns visiting each one. They conducted experiments on a variety of topics such as: experimenting with bubbles (shapes, sizes and colors), chemical reactions, and measuring the cause and effect of inclined planes on a moving vehicle. Our "Little Scientists" thoroughly enjoyed these fun, enriching activities! Special thanks to **Pamela Trugman** for organizing this event which we hope will become an annual tradition!



2017 Babysitting Night

On Friday, May 5th, Little Village staff hosted another Babysitting Night for our students and their families. For what has become a twice a year tradition, parents were able to drop their children and siblings at school for a couple of hours of free time! The children, along with our staff and other volunteers had a great night!



Meet Little Village's Newest Board Members

Adam Haber joined the Little Village Board of Trustees on April 24, 2017. Adam has had a long career in finance. He traded commodities for over two decades on several different New York exchanges, is a principal in the real estate merchant banking firm ScanlanKemperBard (SKB) and is an active Angel Investor and advisor to several start-up companies.

Adam has been a trustee on the Roslyn School Board since 2009. He also serves as a board member of All Hands Volunteers and the Lloyd Magothy Water Trust, and as a board advisor on S.T.R.O.N.G.

Adam has a Bachelor's Degree of Science with a concentration in Finance from SUNY Albany and a Master's Degree in Political Science from LIU Post. Adam was appointed to the NIFA Board on July 22, 2015 by Governor Andrew Cuomo at the recommendation of NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. He stepped down at the end of April 2016 to run for NYS Senate District #7.



Robert F. Taglich joined the Little Village Board of Trustees on March 7, 2017. Bob is the co-founder and senior director of Taglich Brothers, Inc., a New York City based securities firm which he co-founded in 1992 with his brother, Michael Taglich. Taglich Brothers, Inc. focuses on public and private micro-cap companies in a wide variety of industries.

Bob is currently a board member of BioVentrix, Inc., a privately held medical device company whose products are directed at heart failure treatment.

Robert Taglich brings extensive professional experience which spans various aspects of senior management, including finance, operations and strategic planning. Mr. Taglich has more than 30 years of financial industry experience.



Our Children and Events January Through May 2017

Valentines for Veterans



Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day



Bake Sale



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St. Patrick's Day



Playground Fun!



Book Fair



**Save the
Date!**

2017 Sleepy Hollow 5K Charity Run/Walk
Sunday, October 29, 2017 9:30 am
Brady Park - Lake Shore Drive Massapequa Park, NY



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For information, contact Jennifer Kirincic at 520-6043 or by email at Jennifer.kirincic@littlevillage.org

“Until no child needs us, we need you!”

There are many easy ways for you to support The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children* without the hassle of checks and mailings. You can call the school and make arrangements for your MasterCard, American Express or Visa credit card to be debited according to your wishes: One Time, Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually. Please contact **Tony Mazur** in the HLVS Accounting Department at 516-520-6030 to set up a schedule.

If you prefer to make your contribution online, please visit our web site at www.littlevillage.org and see the “To Contribute” page and look for the red “Donate Now” button. Donations can be one-time or recurring, be dedicated “on behalf of”, “in honor of” or “in memory of” and may be made in any amount.

***The children and staff of Little Village thank you
and greatly appreciate your support!***





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Save the Dates!

2017 Golf Outing (Rescheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017)

Pine Hollow Country Club

Little Village 5K Run • Sunday October 29, 2017 • Brady Park

Casino Night • Date to be Announced

Golden Rule Award Dinner • Thursday, January 25, 2018 •

Fresh Meadow Country Club

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