

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

### October 2020 Newsletter



### Welcome Back To School!!

After a long and difficult break, our Little Villagers Return to School! And we're thrilled to have them back!



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Safety of our children and staff is our Number One Priority! See some of the changes we've made to ensure the best environment possible.



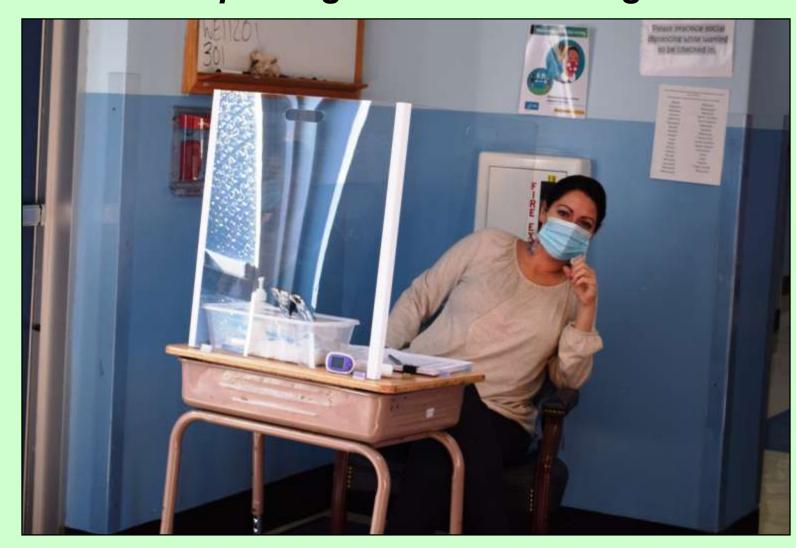
Added a third OT/PT therapy center to ensure social distancing



Morning planning discussions and prep time respecting social distancing



Masks in place for bussing



Screen guards in place for staff entry and safety checks



Desks spread out throughout the classrooms to ensure proper separation



Remote therapy sessions via Zoom

#### Thanks For the Memories, Anne!

After 37 years with Little Village, Anne Partridge has decided to retire. For anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing or working with Anne, you quickly realize you have met a truly special person. Anne's position as a Social Worker does not begin to define who and what she is. Anne is one of the most caring, generous and upbeat people that Little Village has ever had.

Aside from her specific Social Work responsibilities, Anne volunteered on the School's annual Golden Rule Dinner Committee, the Sleepy Hollow 5K Committee, and our annual Golf Outing Planning Committee. She also helped organize and lead our June graduation ceremony every year. This was one of her favorite events, making sure everything from graduation pictures to the songs the graduates sung was inspiring.

One of Anne's other passions was for the parents that she supported. Whether during individual counseling sessions, or during the many support groups that she lead, Anne provided immeasurable support, compassion, and guidance to so many of our parents over the years.

As a final demonstration of Anne's love and affection for HLVS, see the letter below Anne sent to Executive Director Jon Feingold. We wish Anne much happiness and good health in the future!

She will be dearly missed!

August 8, 2020

Dear Jon,

Time flies when you're having fun! Unbelievably it has flown by. The school year, '83-'84, when I first met Caryl and Barbara, the founders of this awesome place, seems like yesterday.

My LOVE for our wonderful Little Village family continues to grow and will continue. My heart and soul will remain here even though I am choosing to retire this summer.

The Keith Hughes playground, named after one of our angels, and created after a fund raising Spinathon, holds many memories. Moms, from my original mothers' group, dedicated trees in the names of my two angel grandchildren who died 16 years ago.

To celebrate my retirement I shall make a donation to help rejuvenate the playground. It would be a great honor for me if others would join me in this endeavor.

With Deep Gratitude and Love,

Anne





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Date changed to April 22, 2021

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

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The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children's* **5O**<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

GOLDEN RULE AWARD

#### TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

LittleVillage50.org



#### **Live Entertainment**

from Broadway's Original Cast of Jersey Boys, The Midtown Men

### Master of Ceremonies

renowned comedian Joe Piscopo



#### Thank You!

Little Village would like to thank two special organizations that have helped the school tremendously during the current pandemic.

#### **Microsoft**

We are honored to be part of Microsoft's not for profit Giving Database Program. Jerelyn Zontini, HLVS Alumni Parent and Microsoft Long Island Community & Events Manager, nominated Little Village for a very generous grant. We are incredibly thankful to Jerelyn and Microsoft for their kindness and support of Little Village.

#### VitaQuest International

Vitaquest International and its CEO, Keith Frankel, have been loyal and generous supports of Little Village throughout the years. Recently, VitaQuest donated a large quantity of hand sanitizes and masks to support our ongoing efforts to keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

### Legal and Financial Planning Zoom

On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Little Village will host a Legal and Financial Planning Seminar via Zoom. Andrew Cohen, Esq. and Mitch Weisbrot, CLU, Little Village Alumni fathers, will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safe-guarding assets and benefits for your special needs child. Their personal experience and professional expertise enable them to help other parents navigate the confusing and emotional aspects of estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion include:

- Government benefits for individuals with disabilities
   How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
  - . Establishing guardianship
  - . Estate planning and wills
  - Special needs trusts how they work and why they're useful
     Strategies for funding trusts

Please join us for this interesting and very informative presentation.

Kindly email Janet Mouliere at <u>janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org</u> if you are able to attend the zoom presentation.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Kirincic at Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!



## The Hagedorn Little Village School Jack Joel Center for Special Children 26th Annual Golf Classic





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