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

## August 2017 Newsletter



On August 9th, Little Village held it's second *Special Olympics Young Athletes* celebration. We are extremely thankful to Tim Flynn, father of HLVS student, Brody Flynn for helping to organize this event for the second year. We would also like to recognize HLVS Supervisor Regina Brennan and Gym Teacher Kathi Sylvester for organizing the events and activities and helping make this a very special event and wonderful day!





### **Family Bowling Day**

Our Little Villagers and their families had a great time bowling at Farmingdale Lanes thanks to Lori Hughes and Kristin Maisano, Family Bowling Day Chairpersons. Nicole Lopez generously donated a very delicious bowling themed cookie as a special treat for the children! We hope everyone had a great time!



### **Thank You Praetorians LEMC of Long Island!**

Little Village would like to thank Bill Walsh, (pictured third from the left) President of the Praetorians LEMC LI (Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club of Long Island) for a very generous donation to Little Village. Bill is the grandfather of Little Village student Liam Walsh. Also pictured are Tricia McCarthy (left) and Nancy Rodriguez from HLVS.

Thank you all for your support !



### NOW ENROLLING!

Preschool Inclusion At The Hagedorn Little Village School



The Hagedorn Little Village School is pleased to announce that our Preschool Inclusion Programs are continuing for the 2017-2018 school year.

We offer two full day Inclusion Classes (M-F 9:00am -2:30pm) running from September through June comprised of 8 children with IEPs and 10 children without IEPs. Each class is taught by a Special Education Teacher, a General Education Teacher and includes 2 Teacher Assistants.

> At this time, we are only accepting children without an IEP

ENROLL NOW! LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Tuition Rate \$675 per month

Please call Wendy Sciubba at 516-520-6072 (or email her at <u>wendy.sciubba@littlevillage.org</u>) for information or to register your child(ren).

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### Giving Hope Network!

HLVS received a generous donation from the Giving Hope Network of the Tobii-Dynavox EyeMobile Mini eye gaze device. This device will allow children to access communication just by using their eyes. This will open the doors of communication for children who could not access devices by any other means.

Thank you GHN for helping to give our children a voice! Through this generous donation, HLVS will continue to provide state of the art communication options for our children.



### **From Sea to Shining Sea**

The HLVS Express returned to Little Village and our kids travelled America from New York to California or Sea to Shining Sea! Thank you to our teachers and assistants who did a beautiful and creative job decorating the route!



























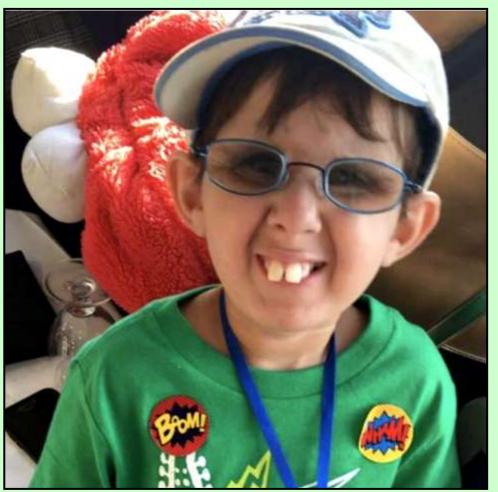
### Student Spotlight

### **Student Spotlight - Jake Lazazzaro**

Jake Lazazzaro is a charming eleven year old boy who began attending HLVS in the summer of 2014. He quickly endeared himself to the staff and can now be found giving smiles, high fives and warm greetings throughout the building.

Jake loves his teacher, Miss Amanda, and the dedicated classroom assistants and aides in Room 60. In school, he enjoys making puzzles, playing "Duck, Duck, Goose" and dancing with his peers to his favorite music.

At home, Jake loves acting silly and telling his family funny jokes. He also likes playing with his dog, Coco, giving him bones and going to the park together where Jake can ride his bike. Some of his other favorite things include shopping at the mall and visiting a local animal farm where he can feed the goats and watch a parrot show.



Jake is saying good-bye to HLVS in August and will be greatly missed. We wish him the best on all his future adventures!





### **Everyone Loves Ice Cream**











### Mr. Met Visits Little Village

Little Village students were excited to have a visit from Mr. Met. The husband of one of our teachers was kind enough to volunteer and entertain our kids!



### Classroom News

### Room 62's Road Trip

On their "road trip" across America, Teacher Anne Puleio and the children in Room 62 went to visit their favorite characters at Sesame Place in Pennsylvania! The children played with Sesame Street toys, made fun crafts of the characters, and watched Ernie sing about his "One Fine Face" on the Smartboard. The kids made adorable t-shirts to wear during the school parade at the end of the Summer.







# In learning about the United States of America. The children took turns putting up landmarks on a map of America, as well as taking turns holding the flag to recite the pledge of allegiance!



### Classroom News

### **Snow in August?**

The summer theme at HLVS this summer is "From Sea to Shining Sea!" Each class is exploring different regions of the country, then sharing what they have learned with

their friends in other classes. Teacher Rachel Lewis and the children in Room 81 had a great time learning about Alaska! They made "pretend" snow as a science experiment. They certainly enjoyed this "hands-on" exploration activity!



**26th Annual Golf Classic** September 25, 2017

Join us for cocktails and dinner as Little Village presents the first annual

### Drew Weidhorn Humanitarian Award to Missy Weidhorn

Contact Jennifer Kirincic 516-520-6043 or Jennifer.kirincic @littlevillage.org for more information or to purchase tickets -RSVP Required

> Evening Program: Cocktails • 4:30-5:30pm Dinner, Video • 5:30-6:30pm Presentation of the Drew Weidhorn Humanitarian Award • 6:30pm Live Auction • 6:45



Friday, November 17, 2017 Verdi's of Westbury Westbury, NY



**7pm-12am** For more information contact Janet Mouliere at 516-520-6067 or email at Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org





### **Thank You!**

Little Village would like to thank the Members Handicapped Children's Fund, Bob Brooks and Michael Pistillo for their very generous donation and all of their past support!



### Mr. Anthony of the Nature Company Entertains and Educates Our Little Villagers



### Classroom

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### **Room 59's Science Lesson**

Room 59 has learning been about different

regions of the United States of America. This week, they talked about the southern part of the U.S.

The students learned about different states, landmarks, types of weather and attractions located in the south such as the Alamo, Disney World, Cape **Canaveral and the Mardis Gras in New** Orleans.

The students, with the guidance of **Teacher Erik Fucaloro** learned that southern United States is prone to having hurricanes. They learned how to stay safe during a hurricane and what the eye of a hurricane looks like. They also had a lot of fun performing an experiment with water and food coloring, making the eye of a hurricane. The did a great job, learned a lot and had fun as well!







Room 81pm's Trip Across America

Teacher Jillian Risorto and the students in Room 81pm have been learning all about America while virtually traveling from "Sea to Shining Sea". They started their "road trip" in New York City where they took a taxi ride, visited Central Park, and learned about

the Empire State building. They then traveled to New Jersey and learned about dinosaurs at the Field Station **Prehistoric Theme park.** 

After learning about New Jersey, they joined the students from Room 10pm to "visit" Georgia where they learned about the state bird, flag, and fruit and made decorations for the school's Train Ride Across America. The kids then traveled to Florida where they learned how to follow a map to find Disney World, Lego-Land and SeaWorld. Lastly, they visited California where they studied geography and learned about the Santa Cruz Mountains and went for a hike to look for redwood trees! It has been so much fun traveling and learning this summer!



### **Summer Student Spotlight - Matthew Jerabeck**

Matthew Jerabek has been attending the Little Village summer program for the past 6 years!

He enthusiastically enters the building every morning with a huge smile and is so happy to be at school. Matthew was recently inter-



Student Spotlight

Patti and Matthew at the Special Olympics Young Athletes celebration

viewed by Patti Pizza, Little Village School Principal, about his favorite things at Little Village. "I love Miss Amanda! I love learning new things, playing board games with my friends, collecting the mail and going on the elevator to bring the mail downstairs. I had fun making an American Flag in our cooking lesson. We spread frosting

on graham crackers and put blueberries and strawberries on them."

Matthew's last comment was "I want to stay with Miss Amanda forever!" This is Matthew's last summer at HLVS, as he will be turning 12 in January. We will certainly miss him next summer!

## **Puppet Shows**

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Thank you to Adrenatine Entertainment who performed several shows for our students. The shows were awesome and all of the kids had a great time!

