



The Hagedorn Little Village School

Jack Joel Center for Special Children

January 2020 Newsletter



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Little Village Students and Families Enjoying the Elks Club Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14, 2019



Free Financial Seminar for Parents of Little Village Students

On Monday, April 6, 2020 **Andrew Cohen**, Esq. and **Mitch Weisbrot**, CLU will present a Legal and Financial Seminar at Little Village. The presentation will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safeguarding assets and benefits for your special needs child. Andrew and Mitch are Little Village Alumni fathers. 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

The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. and will run approximately 1 1/2 hours. If you are interested in attending this free seminar, please contact **Janet Mouliere** at 516-520-6067 or email her at Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org.



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 | 6 P.M.

The Hagedorn Little Village School,
Jack Joel Center for Special Children's 50TH Anniversary

GOLDEN RULE AWARD *Gala*

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

LittleVillage50.org



Live Entertainment

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

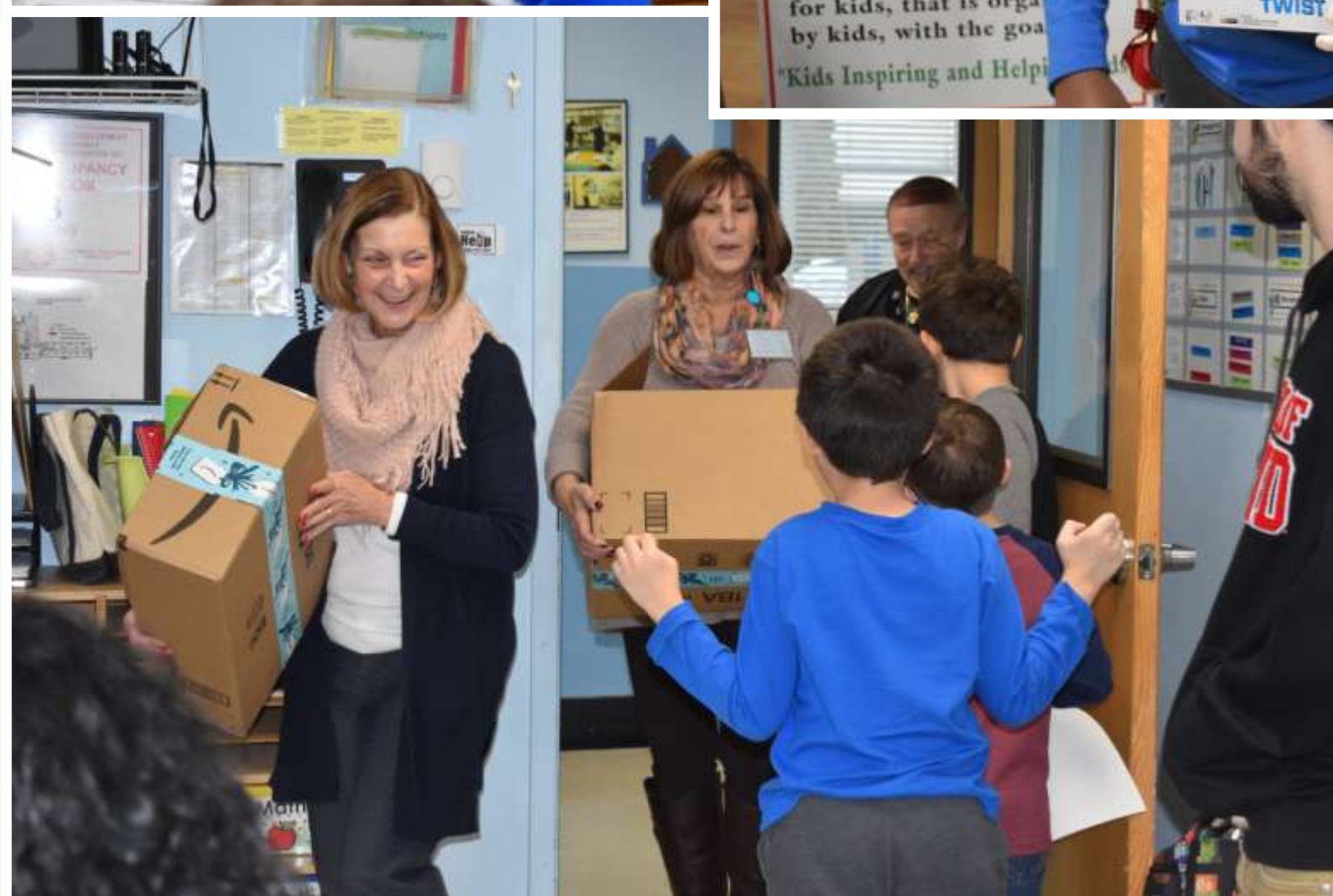
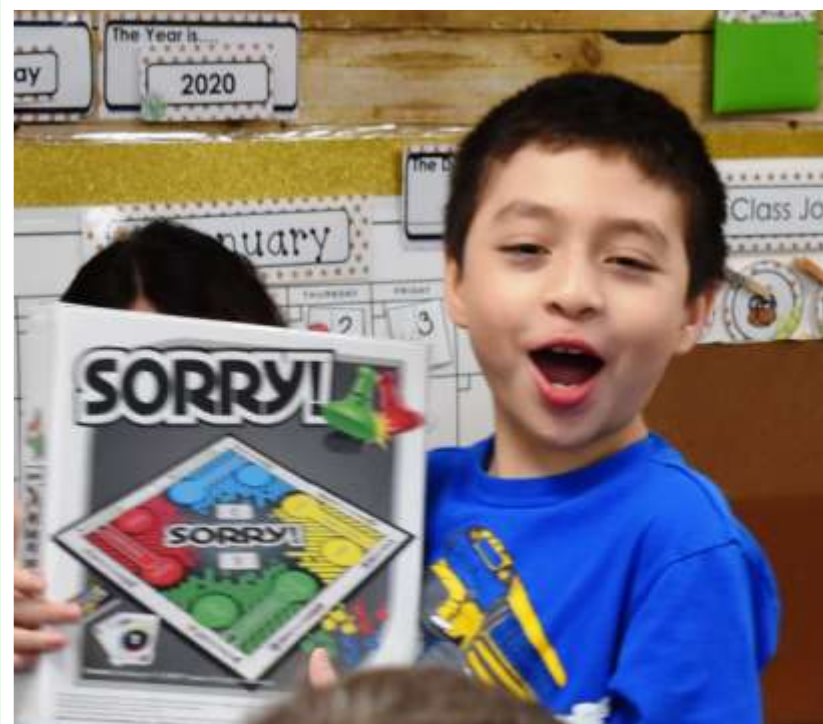
Master of Ceremonies

renowned comedian
Joe Piscopo



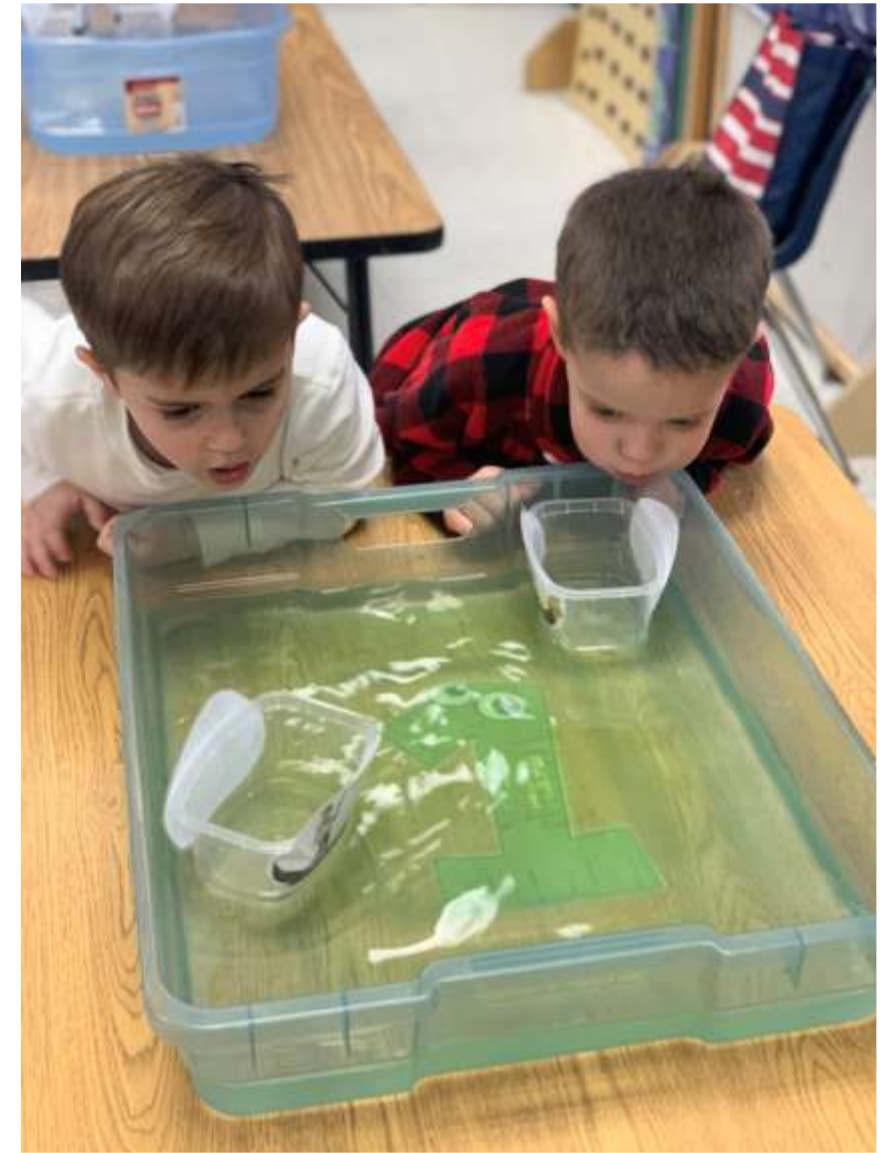
Viet Nam Veterans & Little Saint Nick Foundation Visit Little Village

This year we were extremely fortunate to have the **Nassau County Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America #82** to visit us again during the holidays! In conjunction with **Little St. Nick's Foundation**, each child at Little Village received a gift from Santa. Additionally, the Vietnam Vets generously donated money collected from members of their Chapter. We were able to purchase educational toys to address the academic and social/emotional needs of our children with the money. Pictured below is **Steve Bonom**, the President of the Chapter. He came to help distribute some of the toys that were purchased. We are extremely appreciative of their generosity and continued support of HLVS!



Ciao Italy!

Some of the preschool students "packed" their suitcases and flew to Italy for the week! The children learned about the food in Italy, visited some of the famous places and even learned some words in Italian. They ended the unit with a collaboration day. The children had the opportunity to visit an Italian restaurant, "paint" like Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, watch Mount Vesuvius erupt and ride a Gondola. *Ciao Italy!*

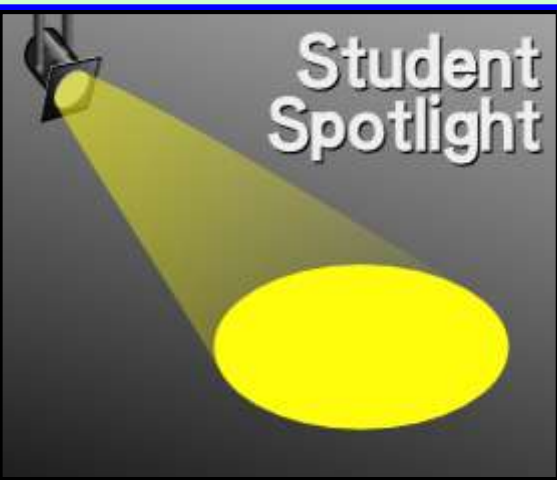


Winter Babysitting Night



On Friday night December 13th, Little Village staff hosted another Babysitting Night for our students and their families. Once again, parents were able to drop off their children and siblings at school for a couple of hours of free time! Thanks to all of our many staff members, volunteers, family members and friends for helping make the night a great success!





Student Spotlight - Andy and Christian Gadowski

Christian and Andy Gadowski are brothers who attend Little Village. Andy, age 9, is in **Miss Anna's** class. She says that Andy shares his interests in Minecraft and

animation with his friends and will help them when they have difficulty, especially with fractions! Andy has made great strides in reading this year and has jumped three levels since September. We are all so proud of his accomplishments!



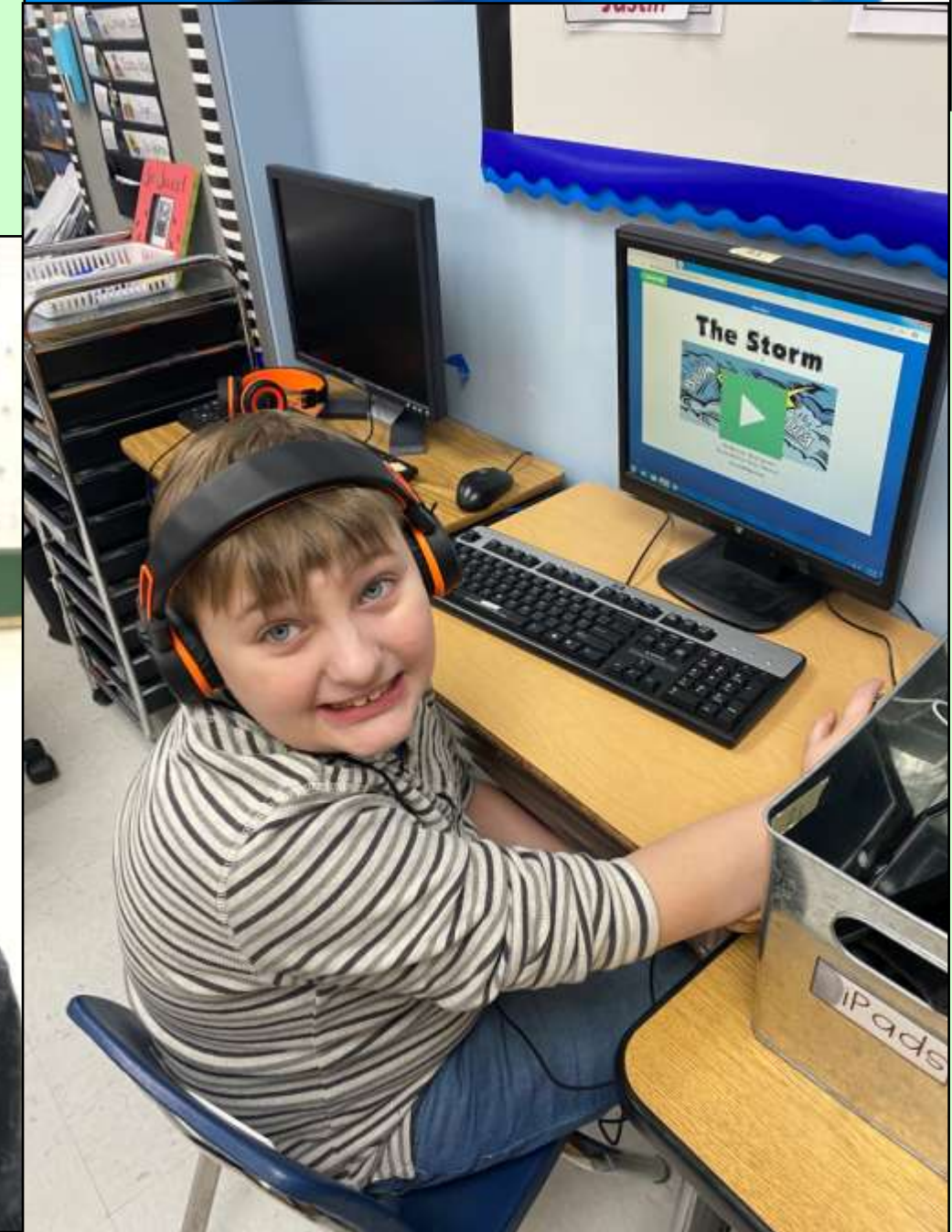
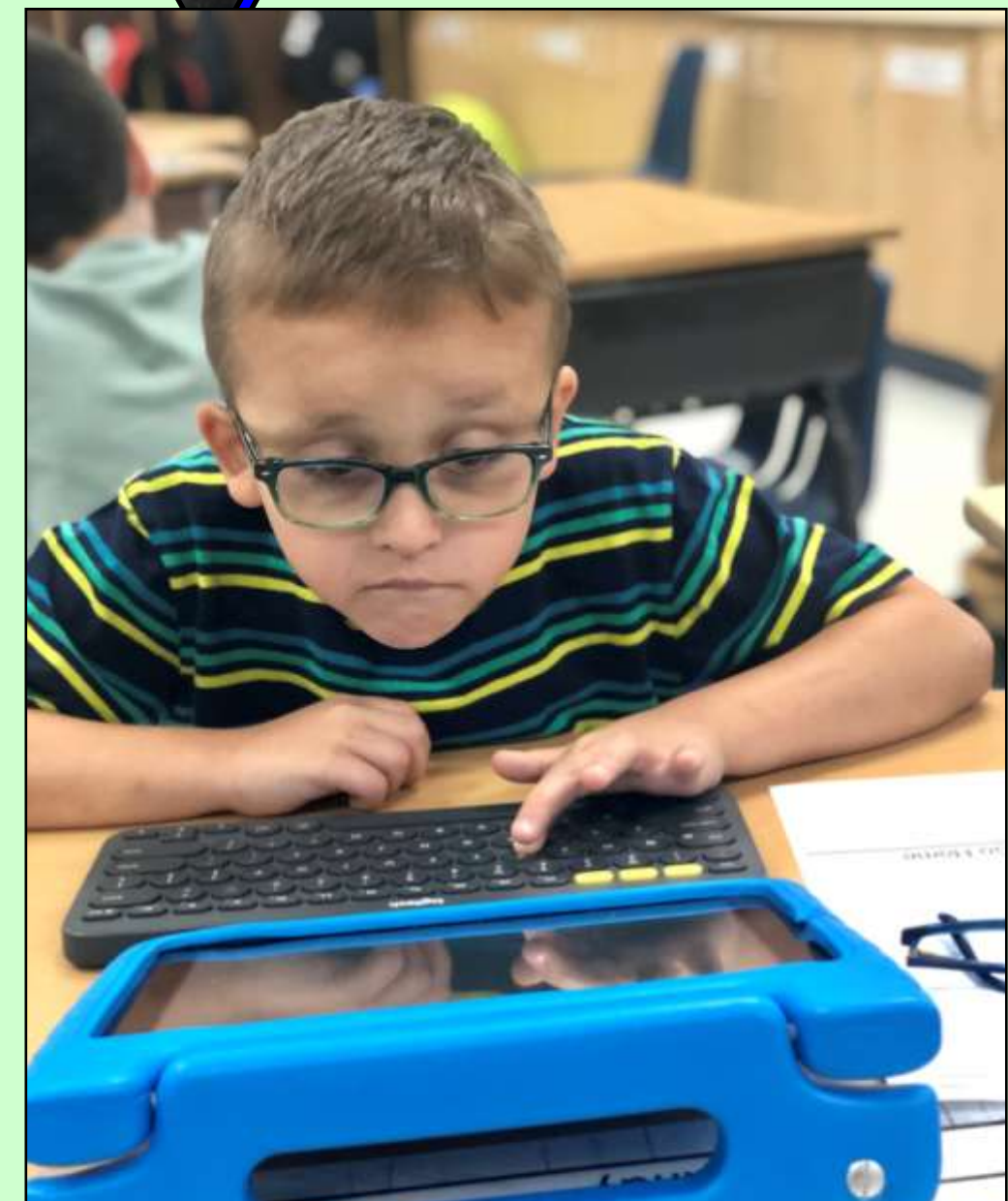
Christian is 11 and in **Miss Carlyn's** class. Christian enjoys using the classroom computer to read books as well as to play educational games. He especially likes books on RAZ Kids and News2 You. Christian also really enjoys solving math problems and has made great progress in multi-digit multiplication this year.

His teacher Ms. Carlyn can always count on Christian to be a helper and to keep the class on schedule! We will miss Christian when he graduates this

coming June.

When the boys are at home, they both enjoy playing Roblox and swimming in their pool together. Mom and Dad are busy taking Christian bowling and Andy to karate! Mom told us that Andy is happy that Christian is graduating but he will miss him on the bus.

Mom and Dad are forever grateful to Little Village for all the strides that both boys have made and will continue to make in the future!





Giving Hearts

*Celebrating the generosity
and
uniqueness*



of The Hagedorn Little Village Family

December 2019 marked the tenth annual “Giving Hearts Collection” at The Hagedorn Little Village School. Created and run by, Susan Lasher, Coordinator of Movement Therapy Services and head of the HLVS Morale Committee, donations are generously given by school employees to assist fellow staff members in need during the holiday season. “The ability to receive is a gift to those who want to help. At HLVS, we are truly a family and when one of us needs assistance, we make sure that person knows they are not alone,” says Lasher, who began the program after a generous outpouring of support following a personal family crisis in 2009.

To date, the “Giving Hearts Collection” has helped over a fifty HLVS staff families and hopes to continue the spirit of giving for years to come.

MacArthur High School Students Perform For Little Village

Thank you to the **MacArthur High School Guitar Ensemble and Chorus** for continuing their tradition of visiting Little Village and performing for our students for the holidays! The children and staff had a great time!



Rolling, Rolling, Rolling in Room 62

The children in Room 62 have been very busy learning about how objects move, with a focus on things that can roll.

Teacher **Ann Puleio** has been teaching about wheels, balls, and other round objects. The children have used these special rolling items to move from place to place, to make great art projects, and to just have some fun!





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

Save the Date!
June 1, 2020

Honoring
Doug Solow
with the
*2020 Drew Weidhorn
Humanitarian Award!*



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

Look for upcoming mailings ▪ For information, contact Jennifer
Kirincic at 516-520-6043 or email her at jennifer.kirincic@littlevillage.org



2019 Golf Classic Memories!



Science Lessons in Room 223

Teacher **Jennifer Finley** and the students in Room 223 have been learning about how objects move. They made bubbles and a pinwheel move with wind power. They also explored objects with wheels and had a car race! The kids had a great time!



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Instagram, Facebook & on the web
at www.littlevillage.org*



Fun Learning Room 6pm

After a fun visit from the fire truck, the children in classroom 6pm created an edible fire truck using graham crackers and frosting. Teacher **Kristen Allen** and the children were excited to get the opportunity to visit with the fire fighters and sit inside the truck!



Upcoming Evening Workshops

For information, contact **Eileen Townsend Williams** at 516-520-6026 or by email, Eileen.Williams@littlevillage.org

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2020 • Presenter: Lauren Sciubba, MA

An Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis - This workshop will give participants an introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis. Topics include basic principles of ABA such as reinforcement, functions of behaviors, overview of antecedent and consequential interventions, and effective strategies that can be used in the classroom, clinic, & home

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2020 • Presenter: Fern Sandler, Ph.D.

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder, and what it is not - Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder

Date: Tuesday March 25, 2020 • Presenters: Melissa Brown, MA, CCC-SLP, TSSLD & Amanda Kiefel MA, CCC-SLP, TSSLD

Language Basics - This workshop is designed for parents and professionals and will provide an overview of language development. Participants will gain an understanding of pragmatic development, language content and form and the integration of these concepts to develop effective communication. A variety of techniques to facilitate interactions, communication and language development will be explored

