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THE HAGEDORN LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWS

Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Many thanks to the Valentine's Day Bake Sale chairpersons *Kimberly Arezzi, Melissa Flick, Debbi Maran and Barbara Pieloch* as well as the committee for once again hosting a wonderful bake sale! The treats get more delicious every year!



Valentine's Day Bake Sale



Little Village Featured on Radio Broadcast

On Saturday, February 20th, **Jon Feingold**, Little Village Executive Director and **Kimberly Arezzi** (pictured on right), an HLVS Parent were featured on the radio program "**The Non-Profit Voice.**" The show was broadcast on 103.9 FM and on LInewsradio.com at 8:00 am.

The Nonprofit Voice airs every Saturday and features front runners from Long Island's dedicated nonprofit agencies which serve children and adults with Down Syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities.

Thank you to **Ron Gold** of Marketing Works for inviting us on the show.



Room 64 is Learning About Dental Hygiene

The students in Room 64, along with Teacher **Shari Orinstein**, have been learning about taking care of their teeth and going to the dentist. The children really enjoyed pretending to be dentists.



Remembering A Good Friend of Little Village

Father Tom Hartman



It is with much sadness that we say good bye to **Monsignor Thomas J. Hartman**. Father Tom was a great friend and supporter for many years. We honored his kindness and compassion by presenting him the school's Golden Rule Award in 1996. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.



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598 BROAD HOLLOW ROAD, MELVILLE NY 11747

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- CASINO GAMES
- BIG TICKET AUCTION ITEMS
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Read Across America & Little Village Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday



Room 220am Learning About Friendship

Teacher **Denise Zahakos** and the children in Room 220am have been learning about Friendship. They enjoyed painting a group friendship heart made up of their individual paintings.





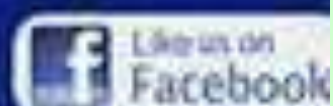
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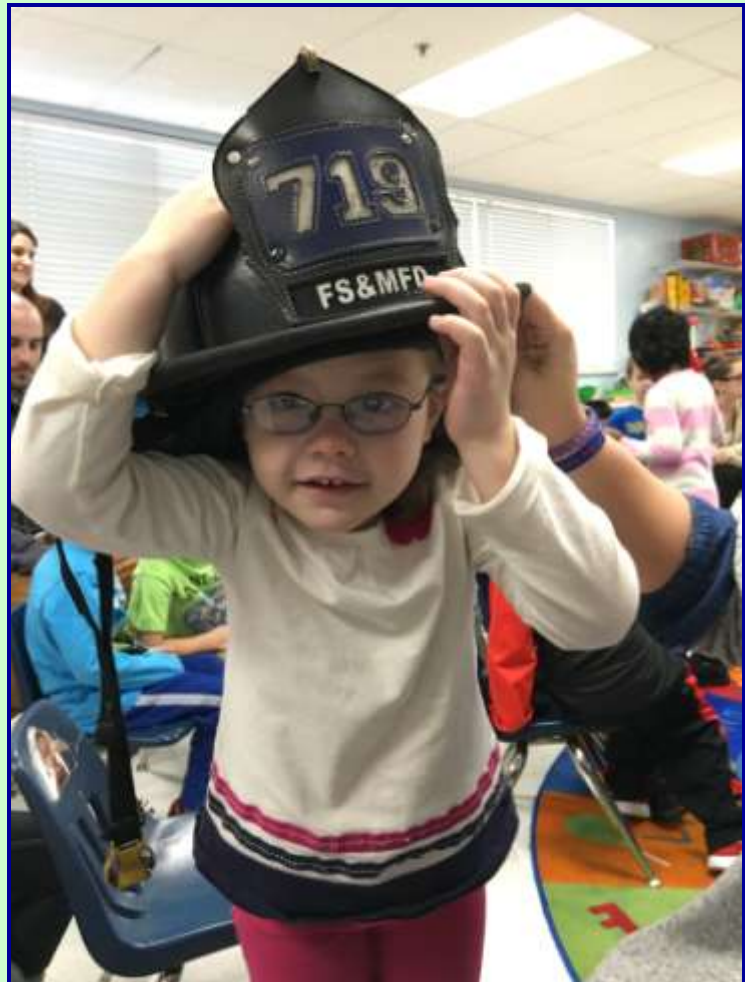
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Room 14 Learns About Firefighters

Firefighter "Tommy" visited with teacher **Meaghan Flannery** and the children in Room 14 during Community Helper week. Tommy explained how firefighters help keep us safe! The students all had a chance to try on his equipment!



Alumni News—Samantha Lademann



Recently, a young woman who attended Little Village in the early 80's reconnected with us. **Samantha Lademann**, who has Cerebral Palsy, graduated from Little Village in 1987.

Samantha has recently gone through major orthopedic surgery and lost over 100 pounds. She is now walking independently without the aide of any assistive device. She fondly recalls her days at Little Village. "I have very clear memories of coming into her (**Dr. Barbara Feingold's**) office on a "tummy board" (for flexing pelvic adductors) and being allowed to sit in her fancy desk chair and spin around in it as a reward for doing well in PT." She remembers her Physical Therapist **Chris Capobianco** and Teacher **Joyce Blau** (who are both still working at Little Village).



Maryellen April '87
Words alone
can't describe how
& (and Mommy) feel
about you - for all
you have done &
how you have helped
me a just for being
you - you're a wonderful
person.
Please don't forget
me - I will always
remember you. Come
over & see me anytime
you want.
Love you -
Samantha.

Samantha in 1987 and a note she sent to her Speech Therapist Mary Ellen Schaefer

Samantha wanted to share her story "to inspire someone else and perhaps provide hope to another patient be it another adult, a teen, or even the parents of a little one recently diagnosed w/ CP who might be wondering what the future could hold for their child years down the line. I wanted them to know there is hope and help out there and that a Cerebral Palsy diagnosis is not the end of the world - while every case is different, their child can still go on to have a great and fulfilling life... My work isn't done. I know I still have work to do but I WILL get there of that I'm certain. Sure, some days are harder than others and it's definitely not always easy but I've made the conscious choice to "work for it". I will not be a victim of Cerebral Palsy, RSD circumstances or anything else. Instead I choose to be grateful and appreciative of the blessings in my life. I am happy, Life is good!"



Samantha (left) in a recent photo

We wish Samantha all the best going forward. She is truly an inspiration to all of us.

Save the Date - ASHA Conference May 6, 2016

The HIPS to LIPS CONNECTION: *Preparing the Body to support Feeding and Motor Speech Therapies*

The Perception-Action Approach

"What you want at the lips you control through the hips"-Leslie Faye Davis, MS, CCC, NDT Instructor Emeritus

Presenters:

Ilene Sperling, MA • CCC Lisa N. Scher, PT

This program is offered for 0.6 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area)

Registration 8:00am • Conference 8:30am - 4:00pm

For information contact Jessica Resnick or Kimberly Neary 516-520-6076 or email ashace@littlevillage.org



Room 11 Learns About Community Helpers

Teacher **Irene Dorotheos** and the children in Room 11 had a blast learning about community helpers! The students participated in many fun, hands-on activities including dressing up in a real police officer's uniform and pretending to be dentists. They learned how to take care of their teeth through a science experiment. By using a toothbrush and toothpaste the students were able to make a stained hard boiled egg sparkling clean again, just like when we brush their own teeth!



COMING SOON!

The 2016 Little Village Fashion Show

***The Inn at
New Hyde
Park***

**April 14, 2016
at 6pm**



**Contact
Janet
Mouliere
at 516-520-6067
for information
or tickets**



Celebrating Chinese New Year

Room 65am



The students in Room 65am celebrated Chinese New Year. Along with their teacher **Trish Testani**, the children read books about China, experimented with Chinese foods to see which would sink and float and learned how to use chopsticks!



Room 62

The students in Room 62am, along with their Teacher **Tara Priest**, celebrated the Chinese New Year with a special visit from **Ms. Chang** who read to the class and handed out Red Envelopes for Good Luck! The children learned about other Traditional Chinese customs and made cool green dragons out of egg cartons! The students also made cold sesame noodles as part of their cooking class that week.



Free Financial Planning Seminar For Parents of Special Needs Children

On Monday, April 18, 2016 **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
- Special needs trusts – how they work and why they're useful
- How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
- Establishing guardianship
- Estate planning and wills
- 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.



Celebrating Chinese New Year



The children in Rooms 82 (**Teacher Katy Marascia**) and 13 (**Teacher Mary Beth O'Donnell**) had a great time celebrating the Chinese New Year together. The red dragon was created by two of our very talented Assistant Teachers pictured to the left, **Maureen** and **Caitlin Lawrence**.

The children all had a blast!



25th Annual Golf Classic
Cold Spring Country Club - May 23, 2016
Register on-line at fundraise.littlevillage.org
Sponsorship opportunities available!



Help support our *special children* by joining us for a beautiful day of golf at the Cold Spring Country Club with awesome views of the Oheka Castle.

Breakfast, lunch, cocktails, and dinner all included. Live auction and great prizes awarded during dinner!

For information, please contact
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