



February 2016

# THE HAGEDORN LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWS

## *Little Village Remembers Co-Founder Caryl Bank*

Recently, The Hagedorn Little Village School family suffered a great loss when co-founder Dr. Caryl Bank passed away. In 1969, Caryl, along with co-founder Dr. Barbara Feingold, opened Little Village with one classroom and 3 children. Today, Little Village provides services to over 1,500 families each year.

Caryl was an innovator in the field of special education. She dedicated her life to helping children and their families. Caryl possessed an incredible energy, passion and drive for her work. She was an inspiration to many of us; and friend, mentor, and family as well. Thanks to her life's work, thousands of children have reached milestones they and their families never imagined possible. We are proud to carry on the work that Caryl inspired, in the school that she helped to create. She will be dearly missed!





# *Fond Memories of Caryl Bank*





# *2016 Golden Rule Award Dinner!*

On Thursday evening, January 21st, Little Village honored our 2016 Golden Rule Award Recipient **Peter Egan** (Nixon Peabody, LLP and alumni parent) and the Susan Weshler Memorial Award Recipient **Vincent and Carole Diorio** (Academy Mortgage Corp. and Little Village parents) at the Fresh Meadow Country Club.

We would also like to thank our Grand Sponsor, Academy Mortgage Corporation and our three Cocktail Sponsors, LNK International, Package All Corp. and Thomas Moore of KDL&M. Lastly, we would like to recognize and thank our Golden Rule Award Dinner Chairperson, **Laurie Benjamin**, and Journal Chairperson, **Neil Levy** for all of their efforts and an outstanding evening.

***Congratulations to all of our honorees!***



**Golden Rule Award Recipient  
Peter Egan and Little Village  
Executive Director Jon Feingold**

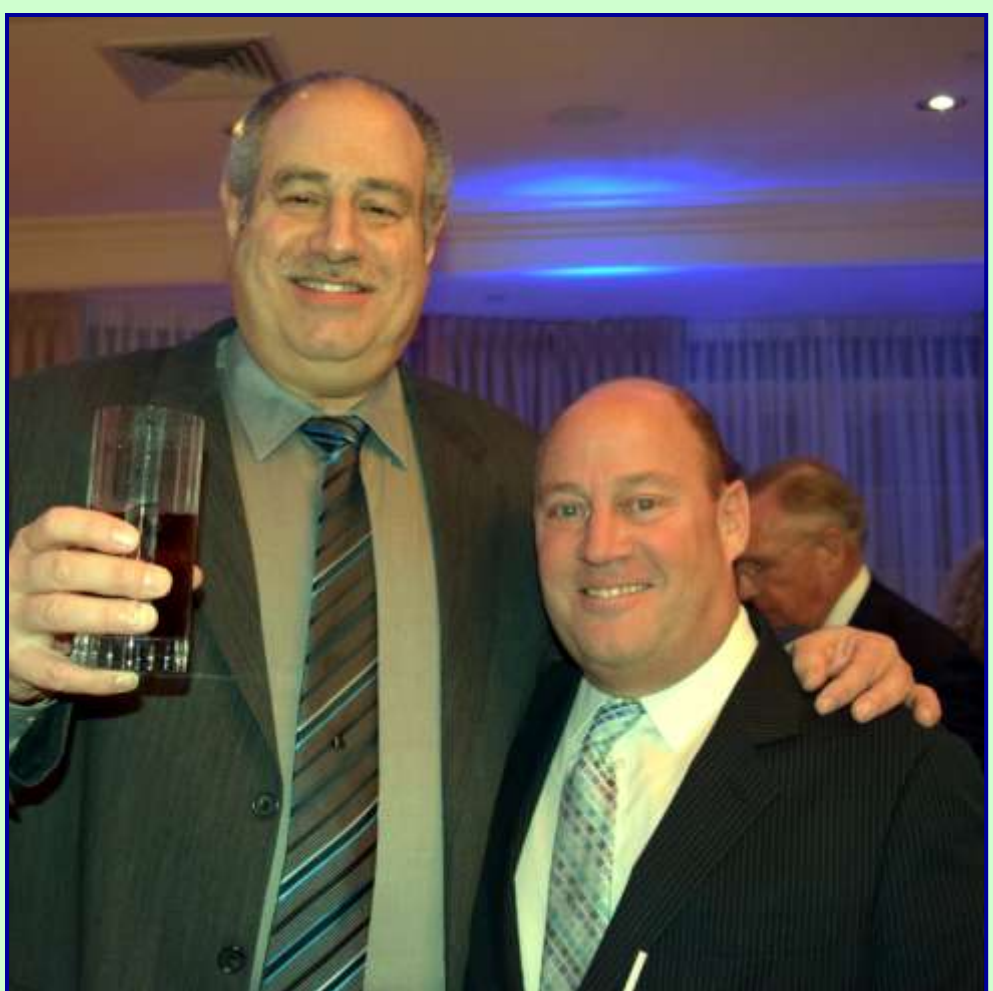


**Susan Weshler Memorial Award  
Recipients Vincent and Carole Diorio  
with daughter Ali**





# 2016 Golden Rule Award Dinner!







## Room 60 Learns About Winter Weather

Teacher **Amanda Brower** and the children in Room 60 learned about different types of weather and seasons. They created their own winter wonderland by making snow. They mixed hair conditioner and baking soda together and had **SNOW** much fun building snowmen!



## The 2016 Little Village Fashion Show



Contact Janet Mouliere at  
516-520-6067 for Tickets or  
Information



*Inn at New Hyde Park*  
**April 14, 2016**

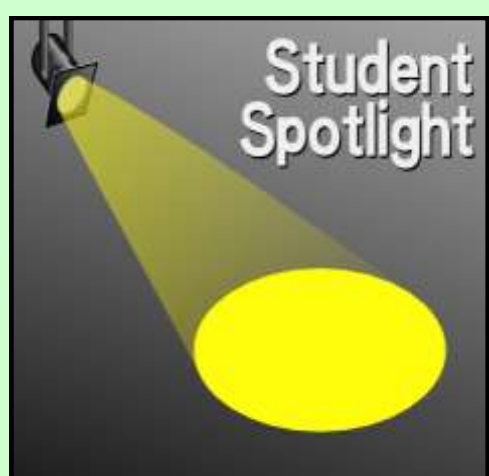






## Room 24 Learns About the Solar System

The children in Room 24 have been learning about the solar system! Teacher **Kim Luti** and the students made a solar system that was hung in the hallway. The students helped paint each planet and glued it onto the solar system and learned a few facts about each planet.



## Student Spotlight — Chase Mitchell

**Chase Mitchell** is 4 years old and has attended Little Village since September 2014. When Chase started at Little Village, he was not able to walk and had limited expressive language. During his time at school, Chase has grown into a very verbal child who has many friends.

Chase has a great sense of humor and enjoys telling jokes to his teachers and peers. He is often seen running down the halls with his walker. Chase has recently begun to ambulate using crutches and we are all so proud of him! Chase loves to play sports with his family and golf is his favorite.

Chase will be going to Kindergarten in his home district next fall. We will miss him!!







## Generous Donation

Little Village would like to recognize and thank **Kathleen Griffith** of “*Cuz Kathleen Cares*”. This is a wonderful charity that was created in honor of her cousin who has Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Thanks to a generous donation, Little Village was able to purchase several adaptive scooters that our OT/PT staff use to provide different therapies to our students. We are very grateful to Kathleen and so appreciative of her donation.



## BINGO Night at Little Village

A special thank you to **MaryAnne Hyland**, **Stephanie Schmidt** and the Bingo committee for hosting another successful Winter Bingo night. Many thanks to **Matthew Schmidt** for doing a great job as our host and “number caller”. Our guests enjoyed a fun evening!



## Little Village To Be Featured on Radio Broadcast

On Saturday, February 20th at 8am, Little Village School will be featured on the radio program “*The Nonprofit Voice*.” The show will be 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. We hope that you are all able to tune in.







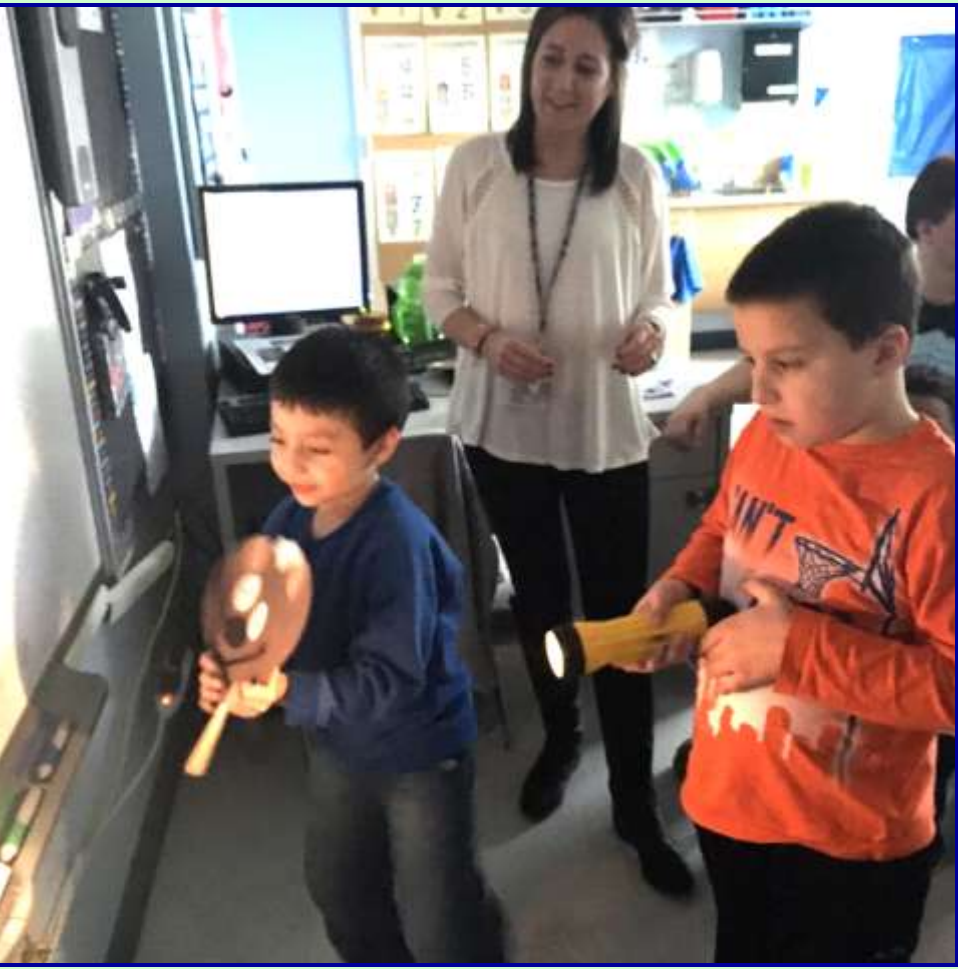
## Room 25 Makes Snow...

The children in Room 25 have been learning about winter weather. The students and Teacher **Denise McGowan**, made snow in their classroom! They had a great time while learning.



## ...While Room 21 is Ready For Spring!

The students in Room 21 and Teacher **Erin Gruosso** have been learning about animals that hibernate in winter. On Groundhog's Day the children learned about groundhog Phil and how he didn't see his shadow. The children made their own groundhog craft and worked together to make shadows! **We are ready for Spring!**







## Room 63pm Learns About Winter!

The children in Room 63pm have been learning all about winter. Along with their Teacher, **Lisa Castillo**, they learned about winter clothing and how to play in the snow.

When it was really cold outside, they brought some winter fun into their classroom!



## 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
- 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](mailto:Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org).



## Classroom News



# Room 6pm Celebrates Winter!

Teacher **Rebecca Sblendorio** and the students in Room 6pm had so much fun celebrating winter with a snowman toss beanbag game. Thanks to 220am for sharing their "snowman board". The children all had a great time!



## 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](mailto:ashace@littlevillage.org)





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



## **25th Annual Golf Classic**



***Save the Date!***  
***Cold Spring Country Club***



# **May 23, 2016**

***Cold Spring Country Club***  
***East Gate Drive, Huntington, NY 11743***

**For information, contact Jennifer Kirincic at 516-520-6043 or  
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