



The Hagedorn Little Village School

Jack Joel Center for Special Children

October 2019 Newsletter



Family Fun Day!!

On Sunday September 22nd, Little Village hosted another *Family Fun Day* for our children and families. The day was a great success with a special thanks to chairpersons **Melissa Flick, Danielle Holzapfel** and **Kathleen Macchia**.

Many community volunteers and Little Village staff members joined in to help with all the activities. Our students and their extended families had a great day and enjoyed a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts, and music.

Once again, a great time was had by all!



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Room 80 Learning About Apples

The children in Room 80 had a blast learning all about apples! Teacher **Maxianne Russo** and the children practiced balancing apples using different materials after reading the story, *Ten Apples Up On Top*. After learning about the parts of an apple, they conducted an experiment to make an apple volcano. Boy did they have a great time!

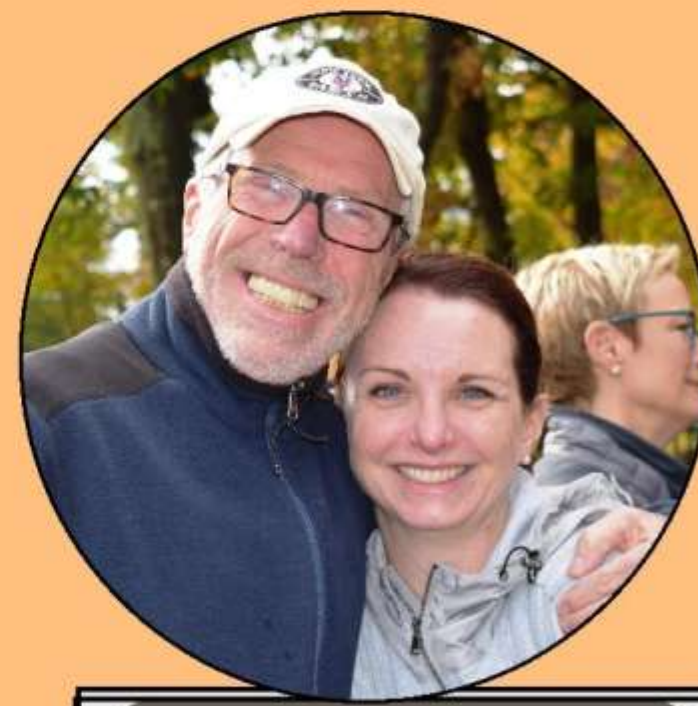


2019 Sleepy Hollow 5K Charity Run/Walk

Sunday, October 27, 2019

9:30 am

Brady Park - Lake Shore Drive
Massapequa Park, NY



Time is Running
Short. Don't Miss Out!
Register Today!

*A great morning of fun
for the entire family!*

For information, contact Jennifer Kirincic at 520-6043 or
by email at Jennifer.kirincic@littlevillage.org

Student Spotlight - Jamel Accius

Jamel Accius is a 10 year old student in Miss Anna's class who has been at Little Village since 2014. According to his mom, Jamel is loving and affectionate and able to make you smile on a sad day.

At home, Jamel enjoys spending time with his older brother and sister, learning new things and playing with his dog Lady. When not busy at home

or school, Jamel volunteers at Nassau Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, where he spends time with the staff and residents and helps to greet visitors. He has an infectious smile and its hard not to smile along with him.



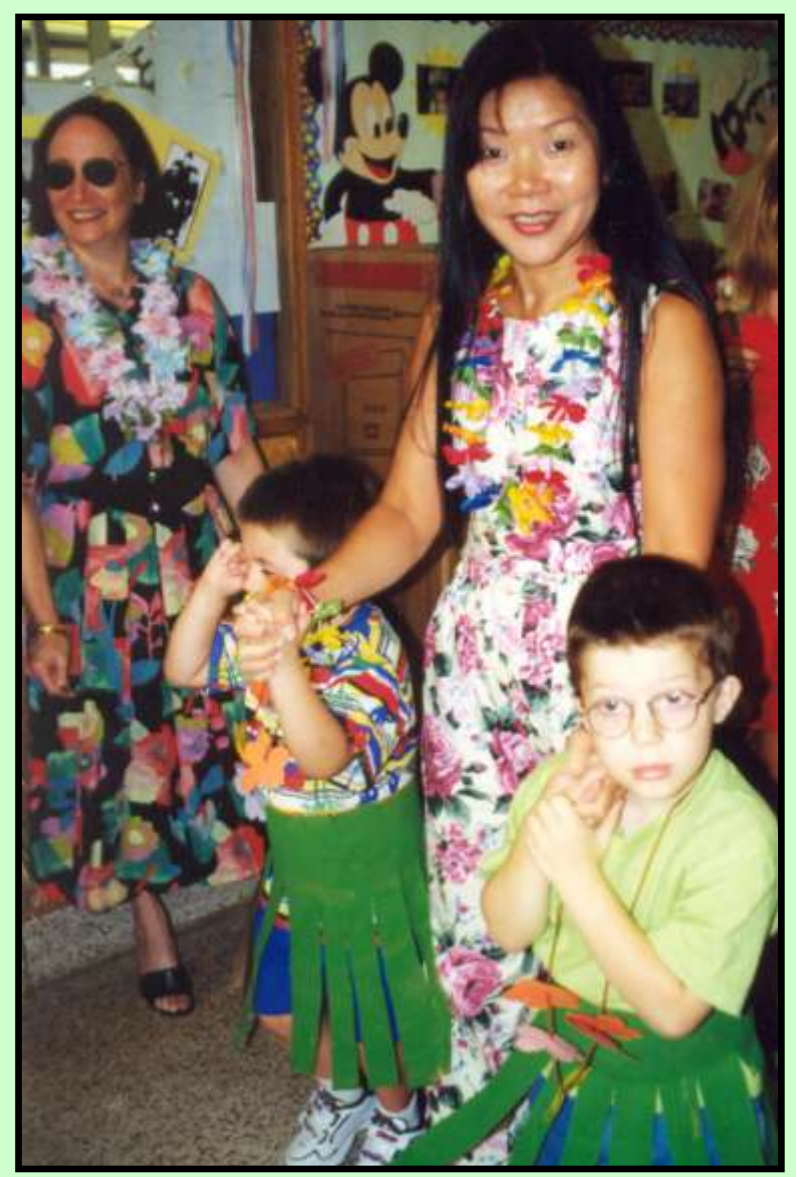
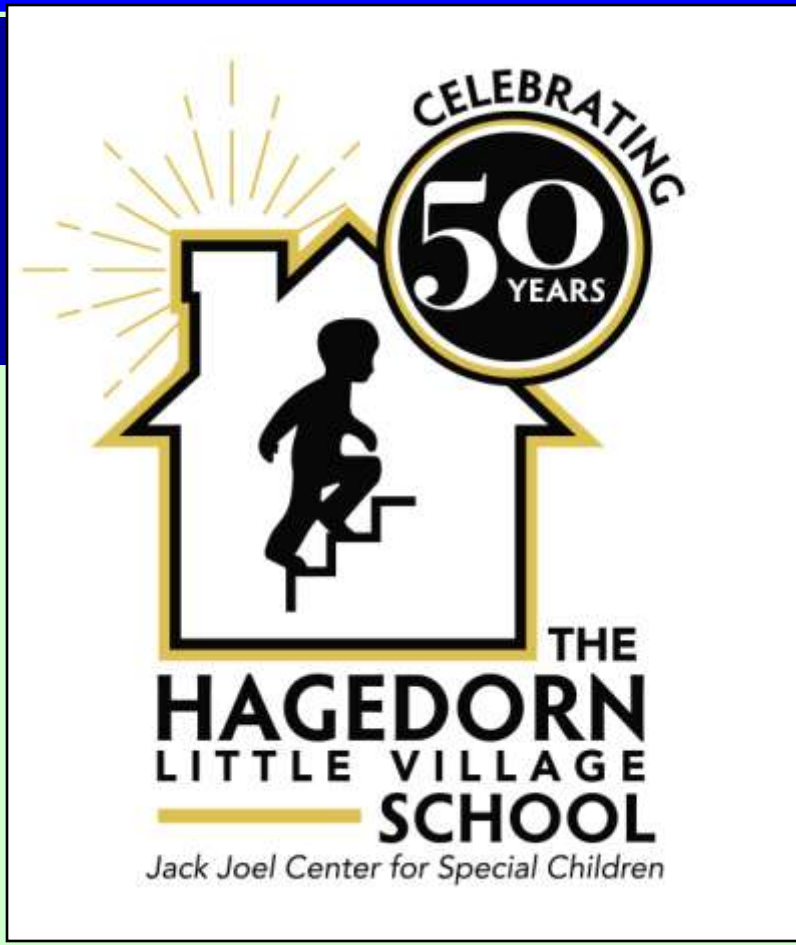
In his class at Little Village, Jamel has many friends and is always a positive role model for his peers. He loves science, STEAM activities and is able to add and subtract using regrouping! If you're up for the challenge, Jamel will have a dance contest with you at any time. He aspires to join the Explorer Program with the Police Department when he is 14.

Jamel's mom says he will always be one of her best friends! We are pleased to say that that is very true for anyone who gets to know him at Little Village as well!





A Brief Look Back in Time as Little Village Begins its 50th Year!



Classroom
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We Love School in Room 10am

The children in Room 10 AM love being in their new class! They have made new friends, and are learning how to play and share. They enjoy sitting in language circle, learning their friends' names, singing new songs and finding out about the calendar. The students are having fun learning about apples and pumpkins. They are doing arts and crafts with glue, bingo markers and water colors, and they really like painting at the easel. Every day with Teacher **Ilene DeMarco** is a fun day in Room 10 AM!!



October is AAC Awareness month

October is AAC Awareness month! Augmentative and alternative communication, or AAC, has been described as various methods of communication that can help people who are unable to use verbal speech to communicate. Here at HLVS we have lots of ways to help our students communicate!

Some students are using the Picture Exchange Communication System, a low tech system that teaches our students to fulfill communicative intent using pictures. Others are using sign language. In addition, we are lucky enough to have a variety of Augmentative equipment that give our children a voice. Some of the students at HLVS have access to iPads loaded with a variety of communication applications that help them make requests, answer and ask questions, participate in simple conversations and better participate in the instructional day. Others are utilizing Eye Gaze, state-of-the-art technology that allows our students to learn using only their eyes to do everything from playing simple games to requesting favorite toys. It is through generous donations from organizations such as **The Giving Hope Network**, that we are able to ensure that all students at HLVS are given a voice!



Training in the Needs of Students With Autism

*For Parents and Professionals Working with Individuals With Autism
New York State Training in the Needs of Students With Autism*

The Hagedorn Little Village School is approved by the New York State Education Department to provide mandated training in the needs of children with autism to new special education teachers seeking certification and new administrators and supervisors of special education programs. The three hour training program has been developed in accordance with the NYS Education Department's Autism Syllabus. This course is open to all who are interested. The training has been designed to educate professionals who assist in the treatment and educational process of those diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

The cost is \$75.00. All participants will receive a State Education Certificate of Completion

Monday October 28, 2019

Free of charge to parents of HLVS students and for staff

As space is limited, please have your registration in 5 days prior to the workshop date.

Please check our website LittleVillage.org for more information, including registration information.

Follow the link for Professional Development. For further information, please contact

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

Upcoming Evening Workshops

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Date: Tuesday October 22, 2019 • Presenter: Patricia Pizza, SAS

Inexpensive Educational Crafts to do with Your Child - Come and enjoy this fun interactive evening. Participate in a “hands-on” workshop of different educational crafts to do with your child. Items will include inexpensive hand-made holiday gifts and cards, edible crafts and more! All activities can be adapted for all development levels and abilities. Bring a smock or wear something that you can get messy in!

Date: Tuesday November 19, 2019 • Presenter: Jessica Resnick, MA, CCC-SLP, TSSLD

AAC from A to Z: An overview of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) - This workshop will focus on the communication needs of children that utilize Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Attendees will be introduced to techniques for using low – high tech Augmentative and Alternative devices. Strategies for the use of assistive technology and implementation of AAC will be demonstrated. Additionally, attendees will learn how to use AAC in everyday life, basics of programming and accessing inexpensive online communication tools.

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 covered include basic principles of ABA such as reinforcement, functions of behaviors, an overview of antecedent and consequential interventions, as well as effective strategies that can be used in the classroom, clinic, and 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.

St. John's University Service Day!

Thank you to the volunteers from **St. John's University** who spent Saturday September 21st at Little Village for St. John's University Service Day. The volunteers were a great help to the school assisting our custodial staff with a variety of important maintenance tasks helping to keep Little Village looking spotless! We greatly appreciate the help and for St. John's continuing to support Little Village!



Room 59 Studying Autumn

Teacher **Alissa Salvaggio** and the terrific Assistant Teachers in Room 59 worked with the children to learn all about the Fall and leaves. The students sequenced how to rake leaves and then raked leaves themselves in their classroom!



Thank You Whelan Foundation!

A special thank you to **Debi Whelan**, President of the Whelan Foundation, for a very generous donation to Little Village. The Whelan Foundation provides funding and support to not-for-profit organizations across Long Island. The children, families and staff of Little Village greatly appreciate your support!



The Little Village Staff Wearing Their Back to School 50th Anniversary Tee Shirts!



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