

# The Hagedorn Little Village School

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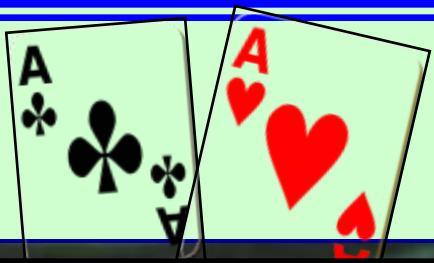
January 2017 Newsletter

## Magic Al is Always a Hit at Little Village

Thank you once again to **Magic Al** for bringing smiles to our children's faces and making the holiday season even more fun and magical for our students!







# CASINO NIGHT



Many thanks to Casino Night Chairpersons **MaryAnne Hyland, Toni Anne Smith** and all the committee members for making this year's event such a great success! An extra special thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters, especially our Gold Sponsors: Angela & Paul Adimando, Marni & Brian Froelich, Theresa Macaluso, Merrick Collision & Towing, Morici & Morici, LLP, Westbury Fire Department; and Silver Sponsor UBS for their generous support of Little Village!



## MacArthur High School Guitar Ensemble Performs For LVS

Thank you **MacArthur High School Guitar Ensemble** for entertaining our students!







## Room 20 Makes Pizza

Teacher **Shaunna Gilheany** and the students in Room 20 had an enjoyable cooking activity.

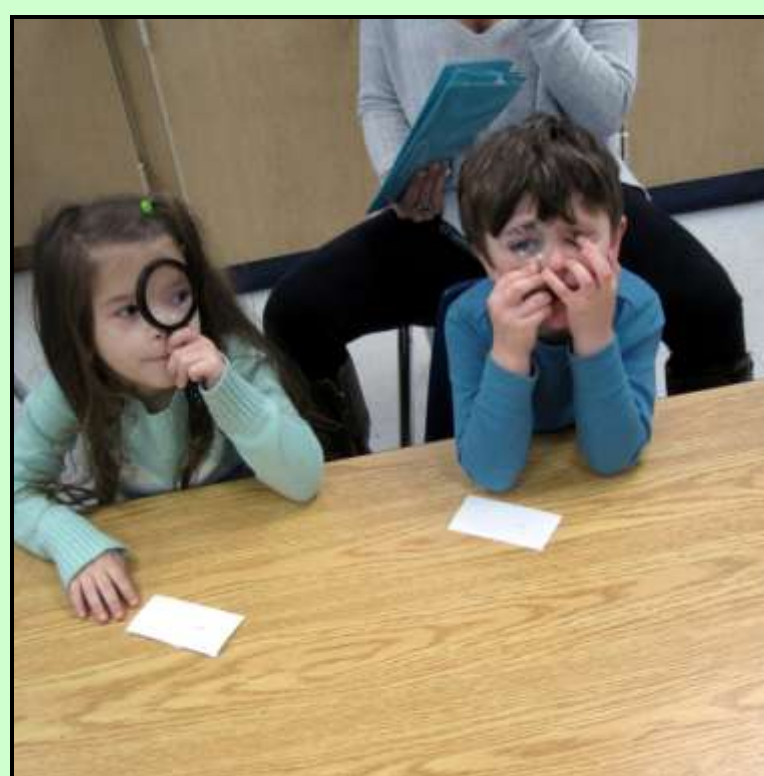
They made delicious pizza!



## Learning About the 5 Senses

Teacher **Shari Orinstein** and the students in Room 64 have been learning how they use their 5 senses to explore the world around them. They learned about sight and how they see colors,

clouds, light and the moon with their eyes. They enjoyed using binoculars and magnifying glasses to help them see. Using their sense of hearing, the children identified familiar sounds. They tasted a variety of foods and enjoyed the sweets the most. Lastly, the children sorted good and bad smells in their environment and used their hands and fingers to recognize objects by their tactile characteristics.





# BABYSITTING NIGHT

On Friday, December 2nd, Little Village staff hosted another Babysitting Night for our students and their families. Once again, parents were able to drop their children and siblings at school for a couple of hours of free time! Thanks to all of our **volunteers, family members and friends as well as OT students from Stony Brook University** for volunteering their time during the holiday season!



## Special Visitor in Room 60

### Classroom News

Teacher **Amanda Brower** and the students in Room 60 had a special visitor come to school. Ms. Amanda's brother came in to teach our children all about being a fire fighter! He showed them all of his equipment and how it is used. He even let the children try everything on! Everyone had a great time. Thank you Ethan!





# *2017 Golf Outing - Save the Date!*

## *June 5, 2017*



**Pine Hollow**  
Country Club

Look for future mailings. Contact  
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## *Giving Tree & Giving Hearts Collection*

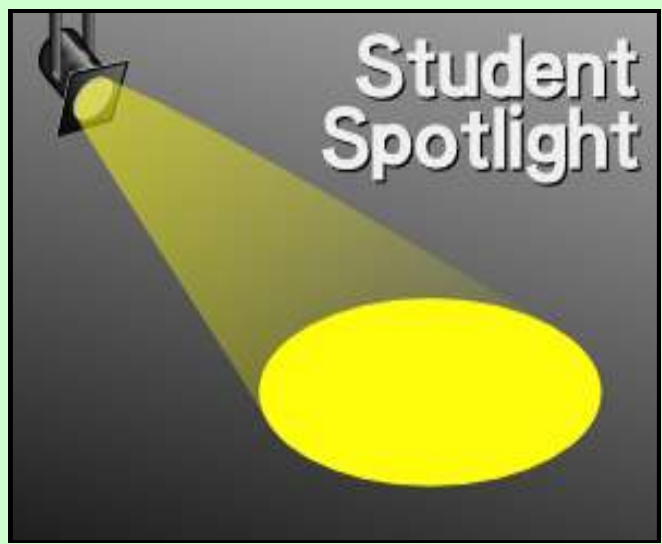
*Celebrating the generosity  
and uniqueness of  
The Hagedorn Little Village Family*



For the last 6 years, we've been sharing our story of the *Giving Hearts Collection*. This effort, led by Little Village Movement Supervisor **Sue Lasher**, has helped dozens of Little Village staff families who have faced difficult times. This unique program is a way for Little Village staff to help each other and extend kindness and generosity to those around us who might be in need during the holiday season. **Thank you Sue and all of our terrific staff** for this amazing demonstration of giving and caring.

**The Giving Tree** is another way Little Village staff help families in need. The Giving Tree contains leaves with gift ideas on each leaf. A staff member takes a leaf and buys a gift and the gifts are subsequently donated to our students' families that are in need. In addition to Little Village staff, parents and friends of Little Village also contribute to this great cause. This year, we provided holiday gifts to more than 20 families.





# Student Spotlight—Kahlen Smith

This month we have a bit of a twist for our *Student Spotlight*. Our January child spotlight , **Kahlen Smith**, has decided to write her own story in her own handwriting. We hope you enjoy her effort.

My name is kahlen Smith. I am in  
the third grade in room 8. When I grow up, I  
want to be a nurse.

My favorite book is The Chronicles of Narnia.

At Little Village, my favorite activity is going to the gym  
with all my friends to play.



**Kahlen** (second from left) with three of her friends from Room 8



# Remembering Joseph Hoehn

Teacher **Amanda Brower** and the children in Room 60 were honored to receive a collection of stories in memory of **Joseph Hoehn**. The students and staff enjoyed reading the books together knowing how much they meant to Joe.

The books were donated by two childhood friends of Joe’s mom (**Nancy Moravec** and **Jessica Lanzilotta**). Included on the back of each book is a picture of Joe and a favorite saying. Books were donated to each classroom that Joe was in at HLVS. Pictured below are the children from Room 60 (center) along with two of Joe’s former teachers **Tom Sharp** (left) and **Shari Orinstein** (right).





# Mr. and Mrs. Claus Make a Visit

Santa came visiting at Little Village on Thursday, December 8th. A special thanks to **Samuel and Joan Hyndman**, grandparents of alumnus student **Jack Cohen** (pictured centered below) who also came to Little Village this year to help Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you Jack!!



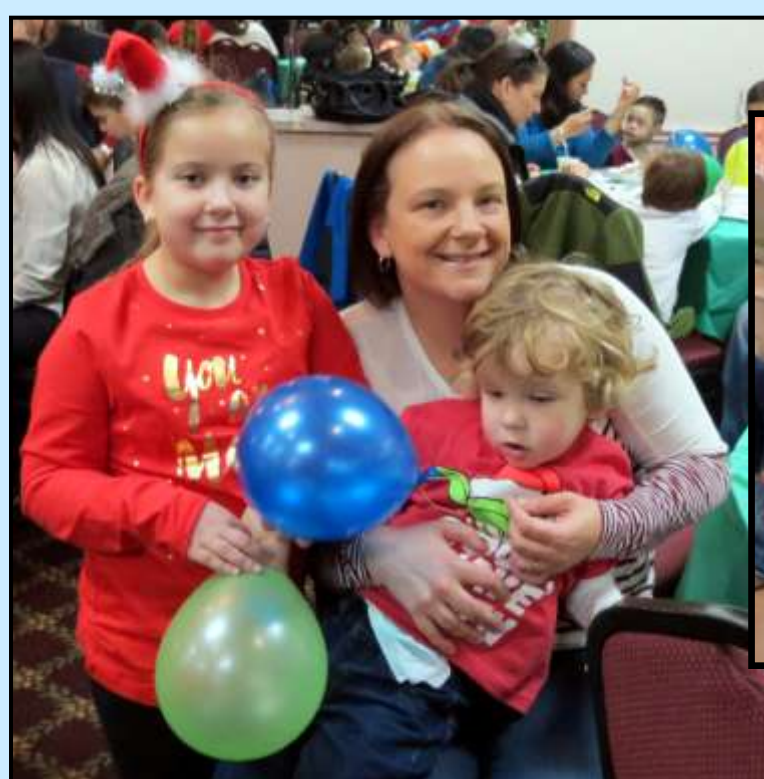
**Long Island  
Network Exchange**

Thank you to the **Long  
Island Network Exchange  
(LINX)** for their contribution.

Members of LINX elected to collect funds at their annual holiday celebration to donate to Little Village. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by all of our students and families!

## Massapequa Elks Lodge Holiday Party

A very special thank you to **Gina Munsey** and the **Massapequa Elks Lodge #2162** for inviting our Little Villagers to a wonderful holiday party! Our children were treated to a special luncheon and were delighted when Santa arrived!





# *The Annual Little Village Fashion Show*

Save the  
Date!

Coming  
Soon!



**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Crest Hollow Country Club**

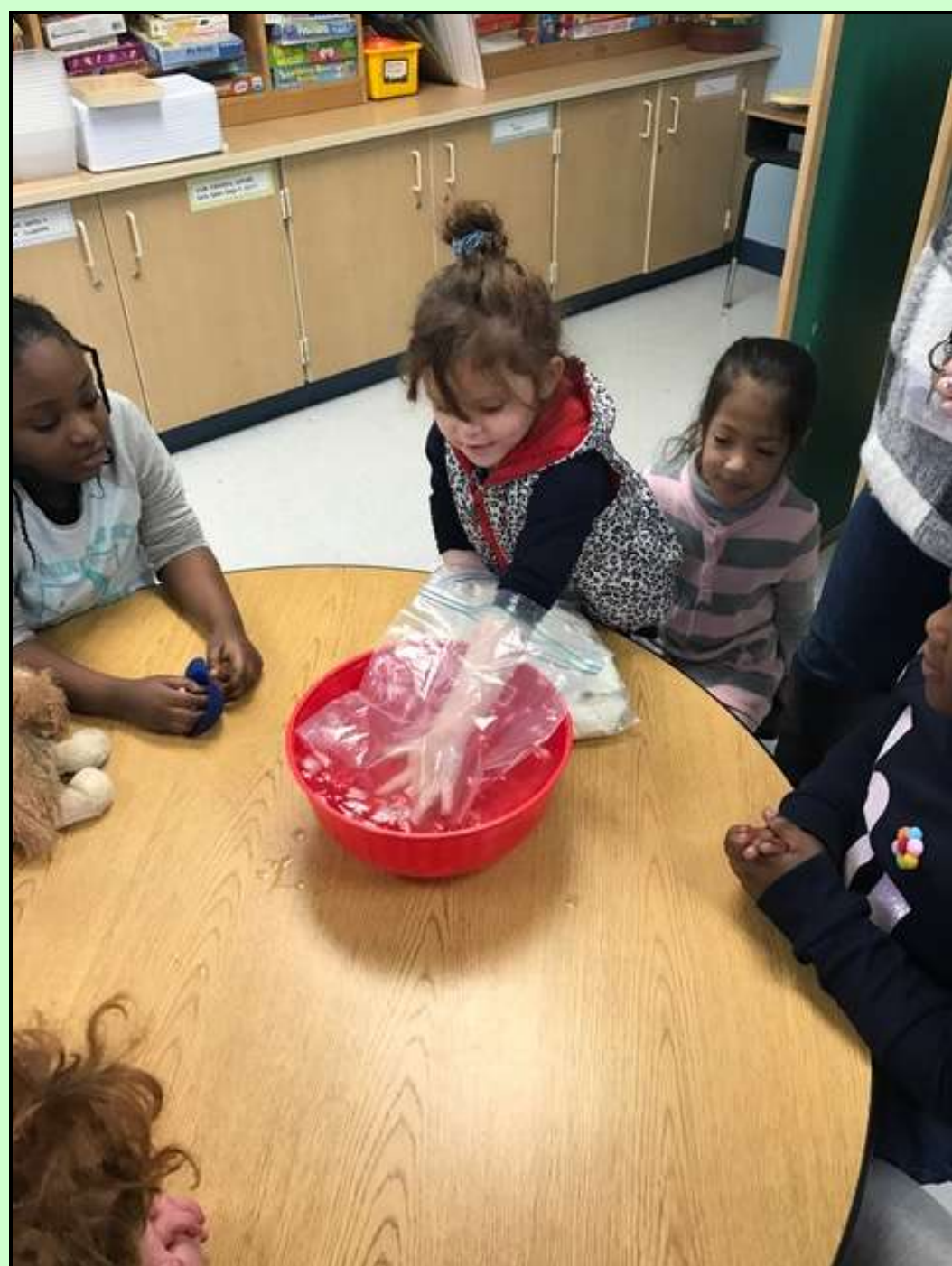
8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY

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



## **Room 8 Learns About Arctic Animals**

Room 8 learned how arctic animals stay warm in the winter. The students along with their Teacher **Gina Barone**, tried dipping their hand in ice water, before trying the "blubber" glove which was made from shortening. The class was excited to see how warm their hand stayed in the "blubber" glove!





## “Festive” Sweater Day

Once again, Little Village staff got in the holiday spirit by holding a “festive” - *not ugly* - sweater contest. More importantly, everyone was treated to some very special holiday goodies. **Patti Pizza** and **Tricia McCarthy** did the baking and everyone enjoyed the delicious cookies, cakes and assorted treats.



## Holiday Fun in Room 14!





# Little Village's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Happy  
Thanksgiving

