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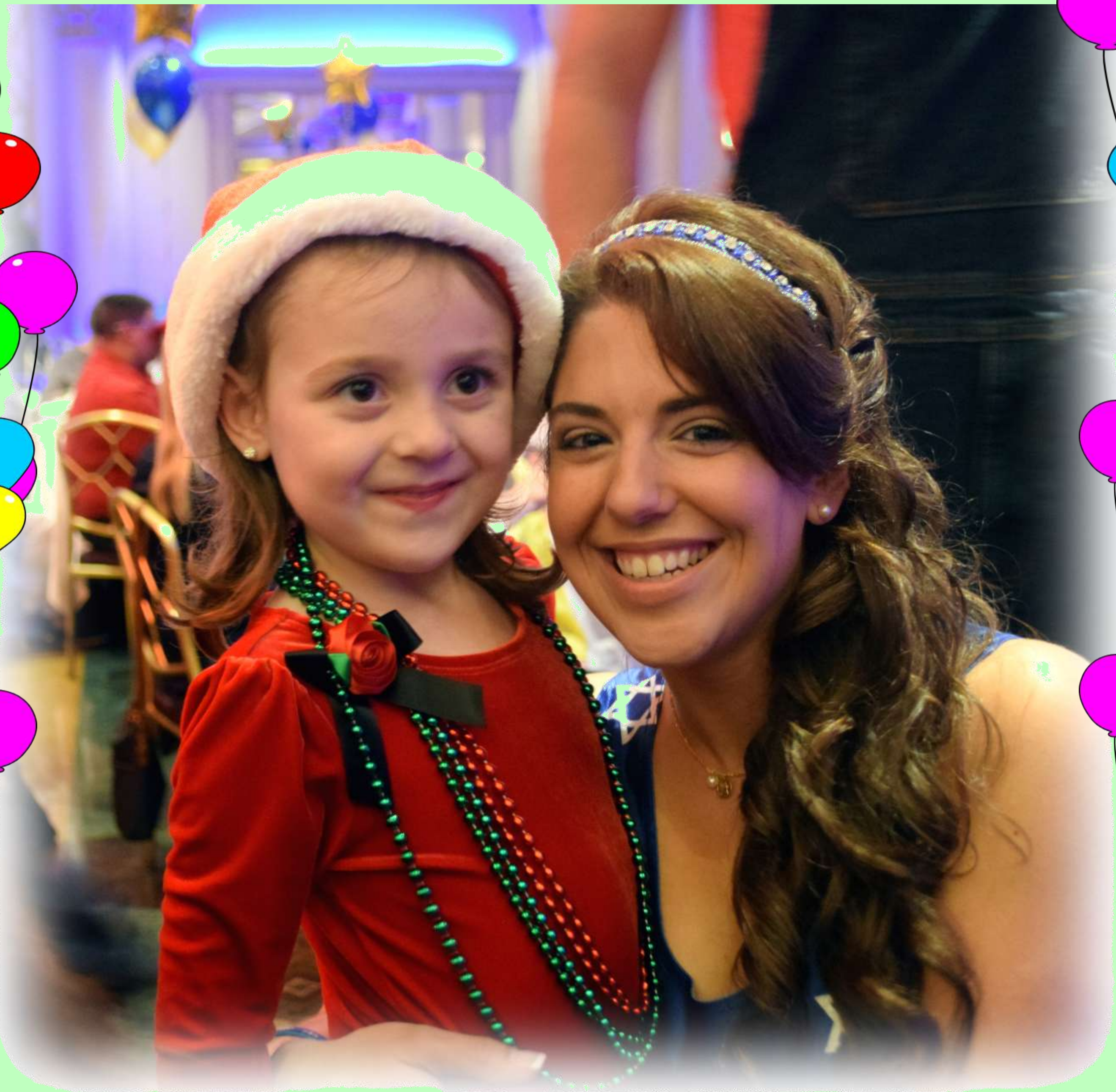
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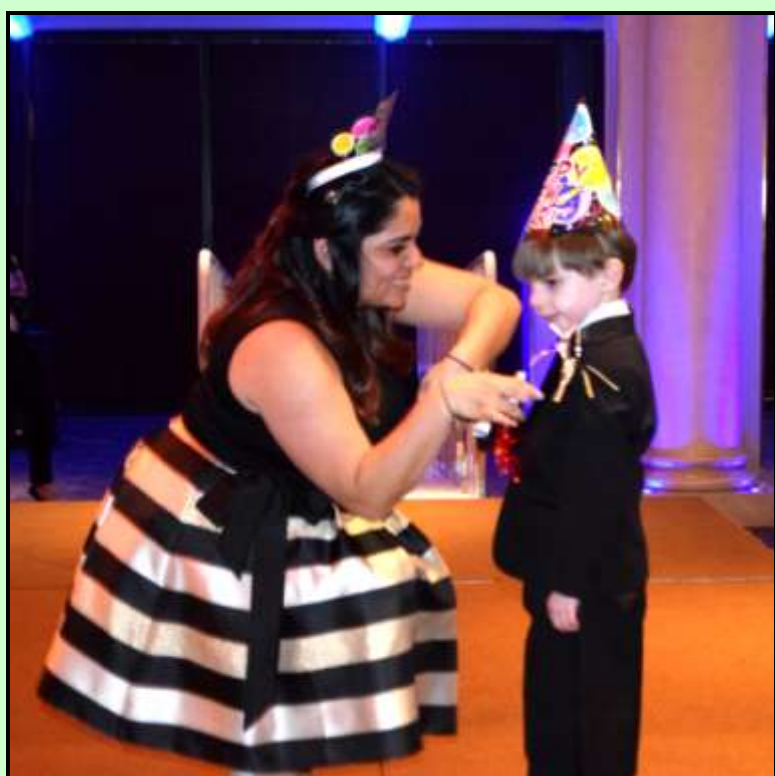
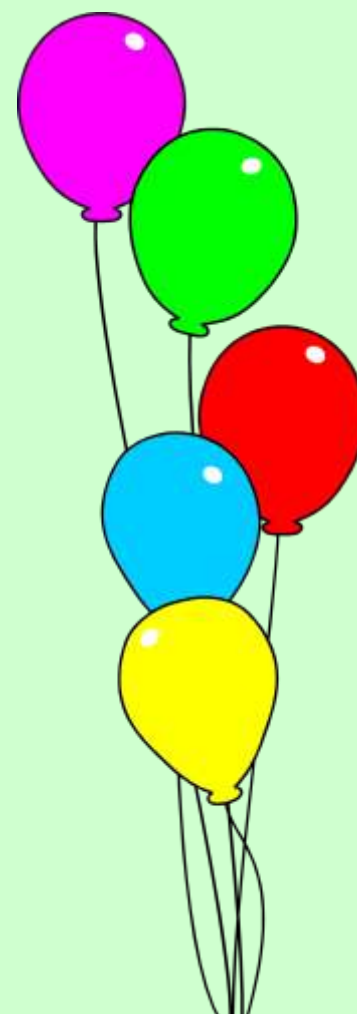
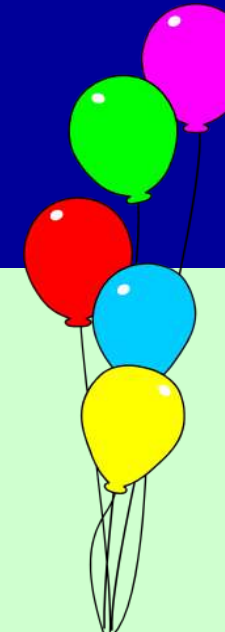
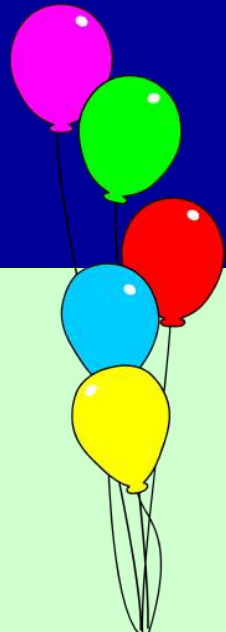
Our Little Villagers Rock the Runway at the 2017 Fashion Show!

Many thanks to Fashion Show chairpersons Judy **Corey**, **Jeannine Eslinger** and **Melissa Flick** and their committee for coordinating such a wonderful evening! Our Little Villagers and staff certainly enjoyed walking the runway.

Thank you to all of our fantastic supporters!



2017 Fashion Show



Brighton Health Plan Solutions Supports HLVS

Little Village would like to thank the volunteers from **Brighton Health Plan Solutions**. Last month, a group of 13 volunteers came to Little Village help with a variety of maintenance tasks including an awesome job repainting portions of our parking lot.

In addition, in recognition of Autism Awareness Month, Brighton Health Plan Solutions held a fundraising event in which they sold awareness ribbons to their employees and raised over \$1,400 which they graciously donated to Little Village. Their employees also wore blue on April 4th in honor of Light It Up Blue Day (which fell on a Saturday) to promote awareness and acceptance of Autism.



Spring is in the Air in Room 6 PM!

The students in **Carol Fagan's** class were excited for spring to arrive as they enjoyed coloring eggs, a bunny toss and hunting for eggs while learning about color, shape and size. As they looked for signs of spring, they learned about the changing weather and our beautiful planet Earth.



Classroom News

Room 14 Takes a Trip to the Moon!

The students in Room 14 have been learning about Space. They learned how astronauts go in a rocket ship to travel to the moon! One day, the children pretended to be astronauts and put on their helmets to take a trip through outer space! When they reached the moon, they found a special "moon pie" that they brought back to Earth. Their teacher **Sam Kirincic** explained to them that they had to wait until they got back to Earth to eat their special treat because the pie would have floated into outer space. When they returned, the students enjoyed their moon pie treat!



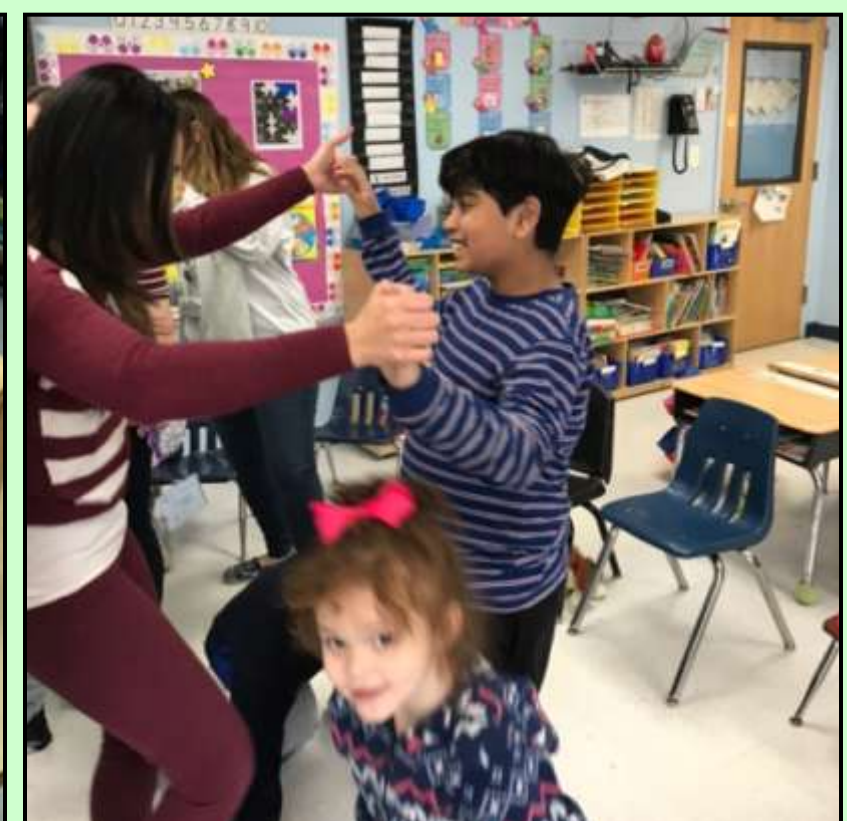
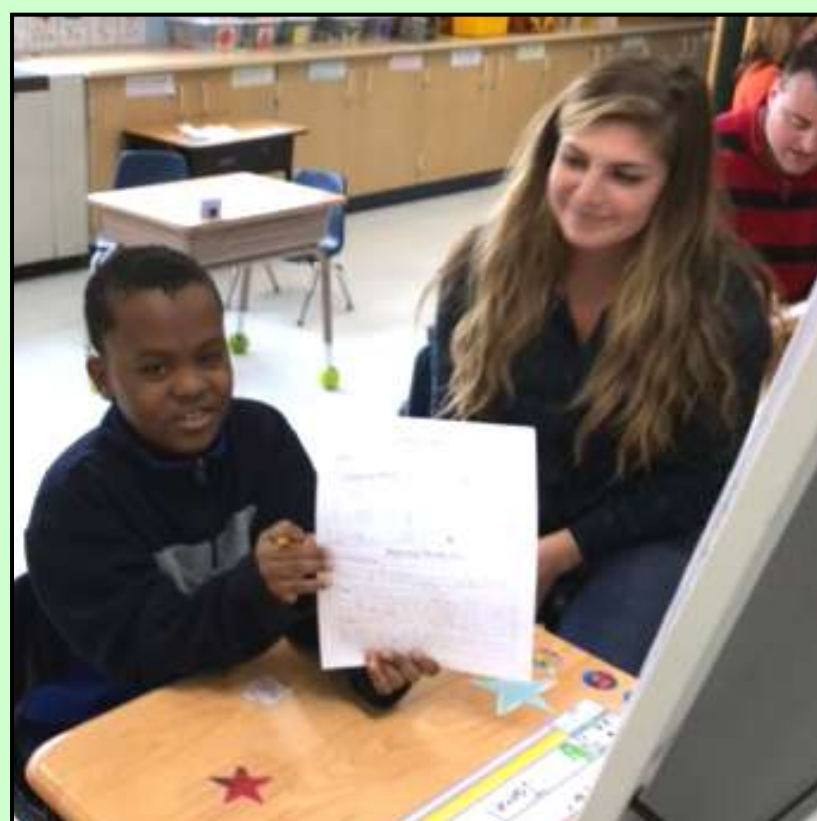
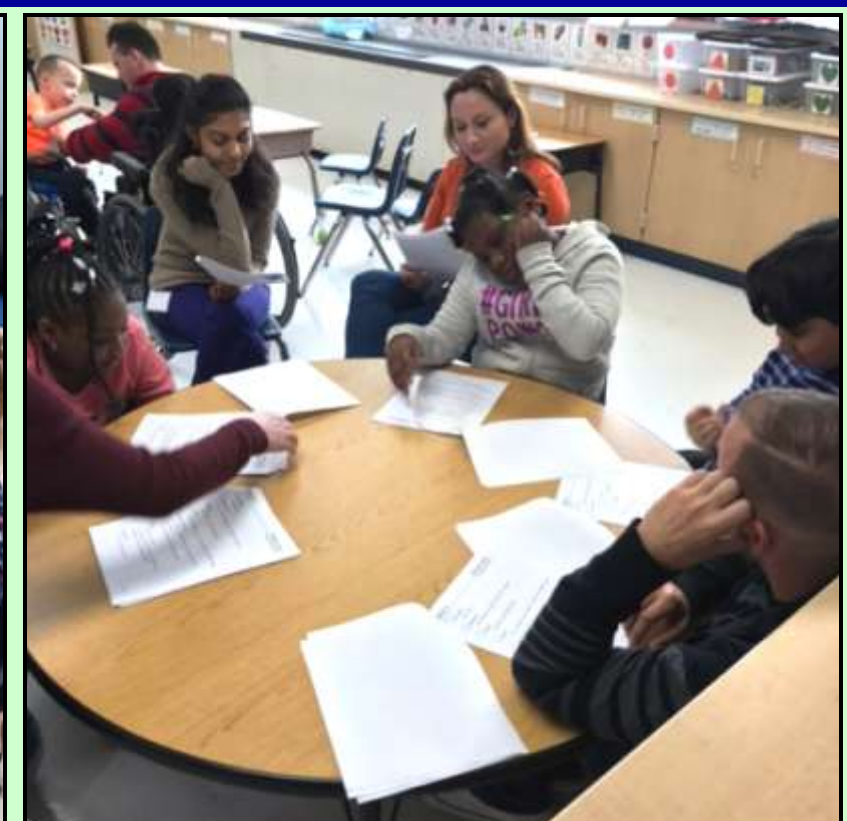
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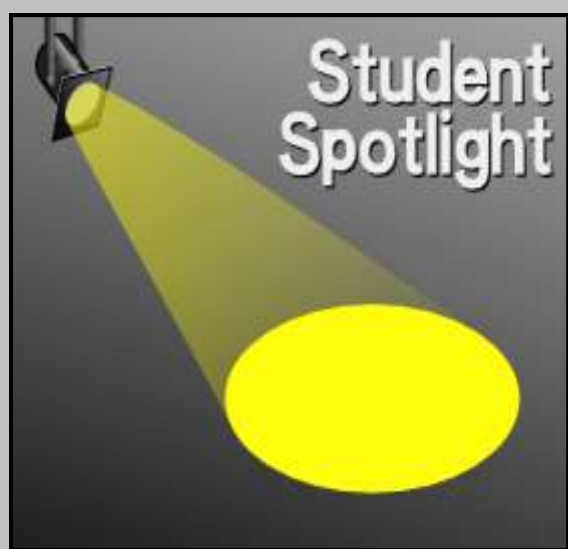
Rehearsals Under Way in Room 8!

The students in Teacher **Gina Barone's** Room 8 have begun practicing for their performance of the play *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Some of the students practiced their lines, while other worked on story mapping.

The children had a great time!





Student Spotlight — Andrew Whitehill

Andrew Whitehill is a sweet, eleven year old boy with a heart of gold. He began attending HLVS in 2013 and quickly endeared himself to the staff.



Andrew loves everyone around him, especially his teacher, **Ms. Shaunna**, and the dedicated classroom assistants and aides in Room 20.

Andrew greets his classmates each day with a big smile that lights up the room. He loves dancing side-by-side with his classmates to his favorite music. He also enjoys playing with a parachute and going down the slide on the playground.

At home, Andrew is the only child of his parents who describe him as “the light of their life”. Andrew’s special hugs warm their heart. Although he began having frequent seizures last year, Andrew continues to try his best in everything he does. He is a New York Rangers fan and also enjoys watching NASCAR racing with his Mom and Dad.

Andrew is graduating in June this year. He will be greatly missed by all his friends at Little Village.



Thank you to Daisy Troop #3105



Thank you to Daisy Troop #3105 who collected over 450 tennis balls that were then donated to Little Village. Little Village uses the tennis balls on the legs of classroom chairs. Pictured are Daisy Co-Leaders **Niki Denn-Simon** and **Gayle Walsh** along with troop members **Isabella Simon**, **Addison Walsh**, **Leah Schreiner**, and **Sophia Santopietro** (troop members **Lexi Chorzepa** and **Halle Hrzich** are not pictured).

A special thanks to **Karen Lofgren** of *Karen’s Sweet Addition* who generously donated 300 of the tennis balls.



Don't
Forget!

To follow
Little Village on Facebook
and Instagram!

On Friday, May 5th, Little Village staff hosted another Babysitting Night for our students and their families. For what has become a twice a year tradition, parents were able to drop their children and siblings at school for a couple of hours of free time!

Thanks to all of our **staff, family members, and friends as well as OT students from Stony Brook University** for volunteering their time to give our parents a much-deserved night out!

Babysitting Night!





MacArthur High School Holds 4th Annual Lacrosse For Autism Event



Little Village would once again like to thank the student body, staff, and families of **MacArthur High School** for their support. On Saturday, April 15th, **MacArthur High School** held their 5th Annual “Lax For Autism” game. In the past, proceeds from this event have been donated to support Little Village. A special thank you to **John Nessler** pictured far right, **Vin Causeman** with his son and Little Village alumnus **Ryan** (pictured center) and **Joseph Gallagher** for their support.

Pictured third and fourth from left are **Patti Pizza**, HLVS Principal and **Wendy Sciubba**, HLVS Educational Supervisor.



Finding Fossils in Room 59

The children in Teacher **Erik Fucaloro's** Room 59 are learning about dinosaurs and finding out what it would be like to be a paleontologist. The students became scientists for the day and practiced excavating fossils. It was a fun, safe activity and the students learned a lot about how hard paleontologists have to work to find dinosaur bones.



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Preschool Inclusion At The Hagedorn Little Village School

The Hagedorn Little Village School is pleased to announce that our Preschool Inclusion Programs are continuing for the 2017-2018 school year.

We offer two full day Inclusion Classes (M-F 9:00am - 2:30pm) running from September through June comprised of 8 children with IEPs and 10 children without IEPs. Each class is taught by a Special Education Teacher, a General Education Teacher and includes 2 Teacher Assistants.

Please note: At this time, we are only accepting children without an IEP.

We offer:

- An academic curriculum in accordance with NYS Preschool Learning Standards
- Emphasis on "Hands On" Activities
- Two Outdoor Playgrounds
- Phys Ed with a Certified Teacher
- Group Movement Therapy with Licensed Creative Arts Therapists
- Two full time nurses on site
- Optional Early Drop-off and After School Club available



ENROLL NOW!! LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Registration Fee of \$45.00 waived if \$100 deposit received by 4/30/17
Tuition Rate \$675 per month

Please call Wendy Sciubba at 516-520-6072 (or email her at wendy.sciubba@littlevillage.org) for information or to register your child(ren).

Classroom News

Room 223 Hosts a "Muffins for Moms" Party

The children in Room 223 had fun using tissue paper to create colorful flowerpots. Teacher **Judy Stillwell** and her assistants had the students plant flowers in pots to be given to their moms at a special "Muffins for Moms" party.



Congratulations Ariana Grieco!



On Saturday April 15, 2017, Little Village Alumni **Ariana Grieco** was crowned New York State Miss Amazing Teen Queen!

The third annual pageant was held at the *Peter Norton Symphony Space* in Manhattan. In the talent division, Ariana performed a musical theatre routine to "Poor Unfortunate Souls" from *The Little Mermaid*. For her evening wear, she wore the dress that she wore when she accompanied Little Village Alumni Brett Weisbrott to Calhoun High School's Senior Prom 2016.

Miss Amazing, Inc. is a national organization dedicated to providing girls and young women with disabilities the opportunity to develop self-confidence in a supportive environment. The organization hosts state-wide pageants that are free for girls and young women with any type of disability, ages 5 and up. Participants take part in interviews, crafts, activities, hair and makeup, evening wear, and more. All activities are designed to help participants build self-confidence, social skills and a sisterhood of Miss Amazing participants and volunteers in an environment that celebrates their unique talents and abilities.

Everyone at Little Village congratulates Arianna and wishes her all the best in the future!



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26th Annual Golf Classic June 5, 2017



**Non-golfers, please join us
for cocktails and dinner!!**

**Contact Jennifer Kirincic
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For more information**

Thank You Brownie Troop 3233!



**Brownie Troop 3233 from Seaford
earned their first aid patch by
collecting first aid items to donate
to Little Village!**

Classroom News

Room 65 pm is learning all about space! Teacher **Jillian Risorto** and the students in Room 65pm traveled in a space ship to the moon and went on a space walk. They made telescopes to look at the stars and a space ship for cooking!

The children had a blast learning about outer space!!



Save the Date!

2017 Sleepy Hollow 5K Charity Run/Walk
Sunday, October 29, 2017 9:30 am
 Brady Park - Lake Shore Drive Massapequa Park, NY



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