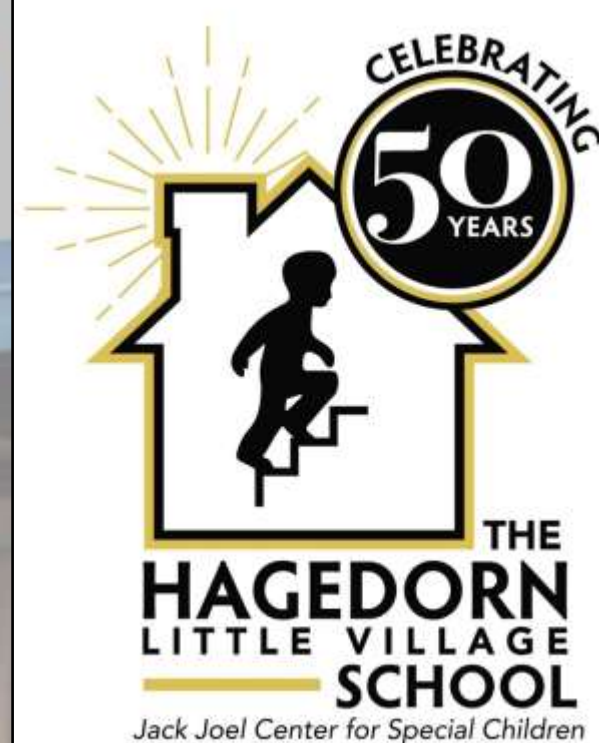


The Hagedorn Little Village School

Jack Joel Center for Special Children

July 2021 Newsletter



Congratulations to Our 2021 Graduates



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Little Village Board of Trustee Member Appointed to New York State Judgeship

We are very proud to announce that one of our Board Members and Alumnus Parent was recently appointed to the New Your State Court of Claims sitting in Supreme Court, Bronx County.

Pictured on the right is the **Honorable Alicia Gerez**.

Congratulations Alicia on this amazing accomplishment!



United Way's Wall of Heroes

Little Village is proud to announce that **Patti Pizza**, Little Village's Principal, was selected as a United Way's Wall of Heroes recipient.

The United Way honored "heroes who have brought optimism into our lives in a year that has been extraordinarily challenging. These deserving heroes have shown acts of kindness, courage and care, ultimately making a positive impact on our lives. This includes champions from healthcare, retail, restaurant, non-profit, food grocery, public service, education, small businesses, labor unions, and more."

From the United Way website:

Patricia Pizza

Patti Pizza serves as the Principal for The Hagedorn Little Village School, Jack Joel Center for Special Children (HLVS). HLVS is a not-for-profit school that has been providing critical special education and therapies to children and families with developmental disabilities on Long Island for over 50 years. Patti has been with HLVS for more than 40 of those years, compassionately serving thousands of students and parents, and mentoring staff members to do the same. Patti has always been a "hero" to families and staff within the special needs communities. However the past year has spotlighted how truly special she is to HLVS. During the pandemic, Patti worked every day and night to ensure that our students received the services that they so desperately needed whether remotely or in-person. She researched alternative modalities and technologies, guided our staff, helped to draft and implement safety protocols, and made herself available 24/7 to respond to any issues or concerns that arose. Patti has been, and continues to be, a true hero!!



Everyone at Little Village is so proud of this accomplishment! Congratulations, Patti!

Little Village's 29th Annual Golf Outing!

On Monday June 14th, Little Village held its 29th Annual Golf Outing. Due to incredibly high demand and support for our school, golf was held at both the **Cold Spring Country Club** and the **Nissequogue Golf Club**. After a great day of golf, all golfers and dinner guests joined together at Cold Spring for an awesome cocktail hour, dinner and live auction!

Little Village was thrilled to present this year's *Drew Wiedhorn Humanitarian Award* to **Doug Solow**. Doug is a very deserving recipient and worked tirelessly with our Golf Committee to make this event our biggest and most successful golf outing ever. Congratulations and thank you Doug!

The day was a great success and everyone at Little Village appreciates the support of our golfers, sponsors and donors! Thank you to our Golf Chairpersons, Golf Committee and all of our sponsors: Gold Sponsors: **Risk Placement Services (RPS)** and **Windmill Natural Vitamins**; Silver Sponsors: **LNK International, Package All Corp., Mutual of America and Double Eagle Agency**, and all our other Major Sponsors: **Tobacco Plaza, Steve and Doreen Yanofsky, Joe Raab, Anderson Contracting of Long Island, Alan Zack/Alliance Brokerage, Johanna Keep, and Chris Hein/Lincoln Land Services**.

Lastly, we would like to thank **Jaguar Land Rover Long Island** (Jaguar Land Rover Glen Cove, Jaguar Land Rover Huntington and Jaguar Land Rover Southampton) for donating two 2021 Range Rover Velars for our hole in one contests (that unfortunately no one won this year!)

We greatly appreciate everyone's support!



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HLVS Executive Director **Dr. Jon Feingold**

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Eagle Scout Project Update

Last month we shared a story about one of our alumnus students who completed his Eagle Scout project at HLVS. **Bryant Wong** was here with about 40 - 50 volunteers and they worked diligently to update and replant the school's Memorial Garden.

Most recently, Bryant stopped by Little Village and provided an additional generous donation.

Here are a few more pictures of Bryant and his team.



Parent Association Board Members

Little Village would like to thank our outgoing PA Board members who have done such an amazing job and also welcome in the new 2021-2022 board!



Outgoing PA Board Members from left to right:

- **Mary Russell**
- **Lily Caruso**
- **MaryAnne Hyland**
- **Marissa Kohlbrenner**
- **Kristin Maisano**
- **Melanie Biscuiti**

Incoming PA Board Members from left to right:

- **Jessica Nazabal, Corresponding Secretary**
- **Lily Caruso, Second Vice President**
- **Kristin Maisano, President**
- **Marissa Kohlbrenner, Recording Secretary**
- **Melanie Biscuiti, First Vice President**



Thank You Girl Scouts of Nassau County!!!

The **Girl Scouts of Nassau County** partnered with HLVS to collect and donate much-needed classroom supplies for our students. Several troops and individuals collected supplies and brought them to the school during May and June. In doing so, they also earned a specially-created HLVS/Girl Scouts patch.



Girl Scouts®

Thank you for your continued support of Little Village!!!



Room 64 rocked the last week of school with tie-dyed tee shirts!