



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

**November 2023**



**Happy  
Halloween!!**



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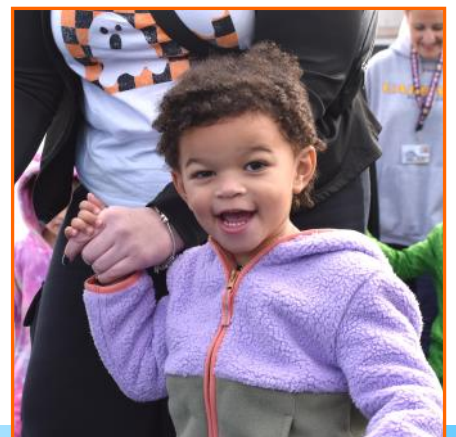
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Alumni students **James McDermott** (left) and **Brody Flynn** stopped by Principal Patti Pizza's house to Trick or Treat. It was great seeing two of our former students!



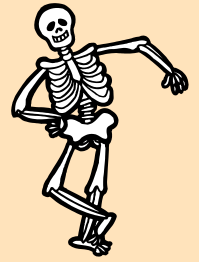
# Staff Halloween Costume Contest 2023 Winners

## GROUP WINNERS

Group 1<sup>st</sup> place: Days of the Week Animals (Rm.5)

Group 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Karen's Favorite Things (OT/PT)

Group 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Old Ladies (Rm.61)



## INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Raisin Lady - Erin Phillips

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Grinch - Gladys Kane

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jesse from Toy Story - Nicole Giannasco



## *Champions of Long Island's Special Needs Community*

The following article appeared in the Champions of Long Island's Special Needs Community publication:

### **Jon Feingold Executive Director, The Hagedorn Little Village School**

Dr. Feingold earned his B.A. from SUNY Albany, and M.A. and Ph.D. from Hofstra University; is a certified school psychologist, a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed psychologist. He began working with HLVS in 1995 and has served as executive director since 2009. Dr. Feingold maintains a part-time clinical practice, serves



on the boards of several programs, and has presented at conferences throughout the world. He enjoys the support of his wife Iris and daughter Sammy.

### **What is one pivotal moment you have experienced while within the disabled community?**

The pivotal moments for me are too numerous to narrow down. However, I would say that seeing our students at their graduation ceremonies, and recognizing the incredible growth and strides that they have taken during the time at HLVS would certainly be pivotal for me.

### **Do you have any advice for a parent whose child has been recently diagnosed with a disability?**

I would advise parents to seek help and support as early as possible. It can be overwhelming to learn that your child's development is not progressing as hoped. Navigating the special education and therapeutic landscape can be challenging. Accessing guidance is critical. At HLVS, we also provide parent support groups as we recognize the importance of supporting all members of a child's family in order to collaboratively help our students.

### **What drives your passion for this community?**

It is seeing our staff and families come together to help our students progress. I am continually amazed by the compassion, skill, and dedication I see throughout the year. Hardly a day goes by that I don't hear our staff cheering for an accomplishment, a first word, a first step, or some other milestone that a student has mastered. That is all the motivation that I need to drive my passion for this community.

# *The Little Village Pumpkin Patch*

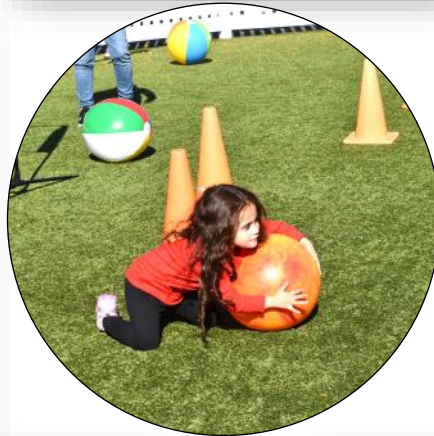


# Special Olympics





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# *North Massapequa Fire Truck Visit!*



## *Room 25 Learns About Apples*



## *Family and Friends Night Out*

HLVS hosted "Family & Friends Night Out" for our families, staff and supporters at the Nutty Irishman in Farmingdale on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The evening was filled with live music, good food and conversation! A great time was had by all!



# *HLVS Attends Disability Opportunity Funds 15th Anniversary Dinner Celebration*

HLVS Executive Director **Dr. Jon Feingold**, **Jennifer Kirincic**, Director of Fundraising, **Lisa Castro** Director of Finance and **Danielle Colucci**, Co-Principal, attended the Disability Opportunity Funds (DOF) 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

The DOF presented \$5,000.00 grants to 15 non-profits to celebrate this anniversary. Nassau County Executive **Bruce Blake-man** and **Shalom Maidenbaum** and his team at Maidenbaum, who sponsored the grants were in attendance.

Thank you to President and CEO of DOF **Charles Hammerman** for all your hard work and for including HLVS in your 15 year celebration.



*Save the  
Date!!*

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

### **Thursday February 1, 2024**

### ***2024 Golden Rule Award Dinner!!***



Golden Rule Award Recipient  
***Dr. Ellen B. Shields***

**The Heritage Club**  
Bethpage, New York  
6-10pm



Founders Award Recipient  
***Patti Pizza***

For information, please contact Jennifer Kirincic at 516-520-6043 or by email at [Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org](mailto:Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org)





Together  
we give.

Nov 28, 2023

GIVING  
TUESDAY



# Giving Tuesday 2023

*Join Us for a Special Giving Tuesday Event on YouTube*

**Tuesday November 28, 2023 at 7pm**

We are planning for another incredible event with a slide show of our students, a presentation of our annual school video, appearances from parents and staff, and so much more!!!

At Little Village, we remain steadfast in our continued commitment to maintaining the safety and well-being of all of our students, staff, and visitors. To that end, this year we are seeking to raise funds to replace and update the security cameras in our building and throughout our grounds, and to upgrade all associated technology to be as current as possible. Please consider lending your support to this critically important project this Giving Tuesday. Thank you!

## **Sponsorships Available\*!**

**Platinum - \$10,000**

*Missy Weidhorn*

**Silver - \$2,500**



**Gold - \$5,000**

*Gerry and Sue Levy*

**Bronze - \$1,000**

For more information, contact **Jennifer Kirincic** at 516-520-6043 or by email at [Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org](mailto:Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org)

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