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Jack Joel Center for Special Children

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Newsletter

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Lucky Charms Dance



Our Lucky Charms dance was held on Friday, March 14th at the school. The students and their special guests had a great time dressing up in green, dancing and enjoying some snacks.

Thank you to HLVS TA **Jason Sobelman** and his son, Mason for donating their time DJ'ing the dance.



Special Thank you to our Lucky Charms Dance Chairpersons: **Stephanie Cerreta, Li Chang, Melanie Biscuiti Breanna Jordan Kyla Teitler, Kristen Maisano** and the parent committee for organizing and decorating to make a special evening for our children.



Lucky Charms Dance





Former Little Village Student Johnny Kilduff

At a recent fundraiser in Rockville Centre, Little Village alumnus **Johnny Kilduff** was the recipient of the **2024 Courage and Resilience Award**.

Johnny, now a senior at South Side High School,

has participated in several school drama productions, the Center Stage Theater program along with the Backyard Players and Friends. *“He (Johnny) is a great guy who brings a lot of joy and happiness to people in the community”*, said **Martin Brull**, President of the foundation honoring Johnny.

The Courage and Resilience Award has recognized individuals with physical, intellectual or emotional disabilities who have overcome adversity to achieve their goals.

Johnny has performed the National Anthem at several South Side varsity sporting events and received a US flag flown over the US Capital from Congressman Anthony D’Esposito. Most recently, Johnny opened Little Village’s **2025 Golden Rule Award Dinner** in February by performing the National Anthem. It was a very moving performance appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Everyone at Little Village congratulates Johnny on his accomplishments and for receiving this amazing award!



Alice Moreno/Herald photos
Tommy Brull Foundation president Martin Brull, left, joins the 2024 Courage and Resilience Award recipient Johnny Kilduff at the 17th annual fundraiser at the St. Agnes Parish Center.



Johnny performing the National Anthem at Little Village’s **2025 Golden Rule Award Dinner** in February

*Are you a parent of a Little Village alumni child?
We’d love to hear how your child is doing and
possibly feature him or her in an upcoming
newsletter. Feel free to reach out to Jennifer
Kirincic at 516-520-6043 or by email at
Jennifer.kirincic@littlevillage.org.*



The 2025 Little Village Golf Classic!

Coming June 2, 2025

Cold Spring Country Club



Schedule!

Registration and Full Breakfast: 9:00 - 10:30 am

Shotgun Start: 11:00 am

Cocktail Party: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Dinner/Auction: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Prizes and Games!

Team Low Score - Male and Female (*shamble format*)

Longest Drive - Male and Female

Most Accurate Drive - Male and Female

Beat the Little Village Teacher!

Great Prizes for a Hole-in-One on all Par 3s

Live Auction During Dinner!

Non-golfers, please join us for cocktails and dinner

**For more information, contact Jennifer Kirincic
at 516-520-6043 or email Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org**



Join us in honoring
Chad Mancini
with the 2024
**Drew Weidhorn
Humanitarian Award!**



Lots of Fun Learning in Room 8

Teacher **Caroline DeFina** and the students in Room 8 have been very busy!

- During president's week, the children researched George Washington and learned all of the important facts about him!
- We learned about Chinese New Year and made their own Chinese lanterns!
- What will happen to a balloon when vinegar and baking soda mixes? We learned that it inflates!
- Does the color of an apple affect if it sinks or floats?! Room 8 found out that it doesn't!
- They learned all about hometown heroes and got the chance to write about who the students' hero is and why!



Mr. Matt the Turtle Man Visits Little Village





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Free Legal and Financial Seminar

On Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7pm **Andrew Cohen, Esq.** and **Mitch Weisbrot, CLU** will present a Legal and Financial Seminar. The presentation will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safeguarding assets and benefits for your special needs child.

Andrew and Mitch are Little Village Alumni fathers. Their personal experience and professional expertise enable them to help other parents navigate the confusing and emotional aspects of estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion include:

- ◆ Government benefits for individuals with disabilities
- ◆ How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
- ◆ Establishing guardianship
- ◆ Estate planning and wills
- ◆ Special needs trusts – how they work and why they're useful
- ◆ Strategies for funding trusts

The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. and will run approximately 1 1/2 hours.



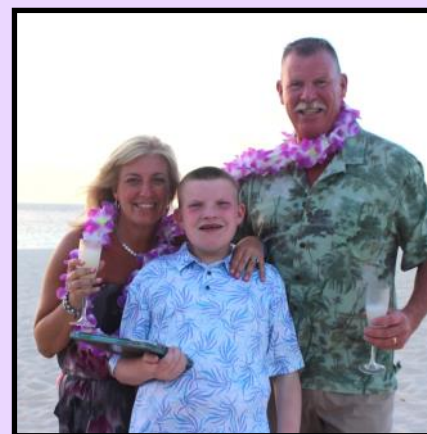
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date*



Little Village Fashion Show!!



**Thursday
April 3, 2025**



Join us in honoring
Mary Anne Hyland
with the 2025
Anne Partridge
Spirit Award

Crest Hollow Country Club

8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY 11797

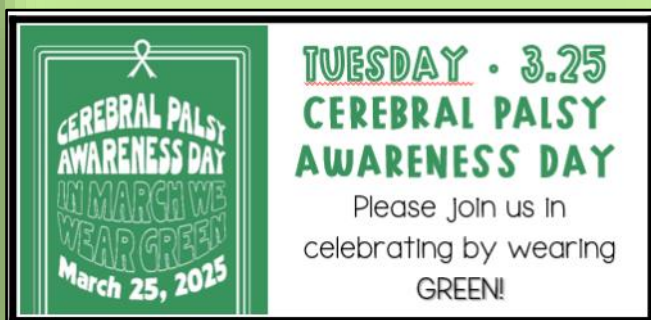
**Contact Jennifer Kirincic at 516-520-6063 or
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Room 221 Learns About the Weather!

The children in Room 221, along with their teachers, **Carol Fagan** and **Tara Marinan**, explored the topic of weather. They had a great time acting out the story, *Mushroom in the Rain* by Mirro Ginsburg, creating beautiful sunny day pictures and flying their painted kites on a windy day. Everyone is excited for the arrival of Spring weather!



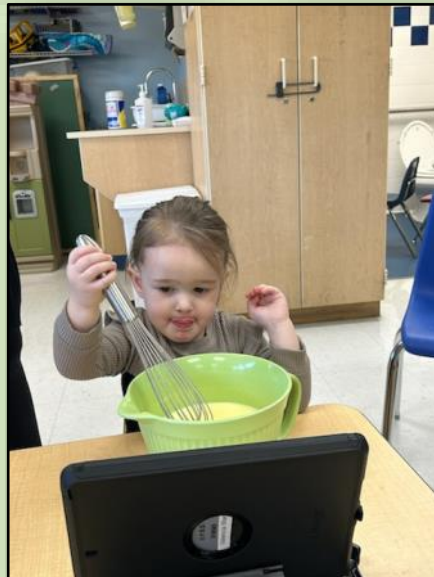
Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day at Little Village




Room 6pm Celebrates St. Patrick's Day



Teacher **Sabrina Giacobbe** and the students celebrating St. Patrick's Day by cooking Lucky Charms pudding cups!



Little Village Celebrates World Down Syndrome Day



**ROCK
YOUR
SOCKS**
World Down
Syndrome Day

FRIDAY · 3.21
**WORLD DOWN
SYNDROME DAY**

Please join us in
celebrating by wearing
CRAZY SOCKS!

