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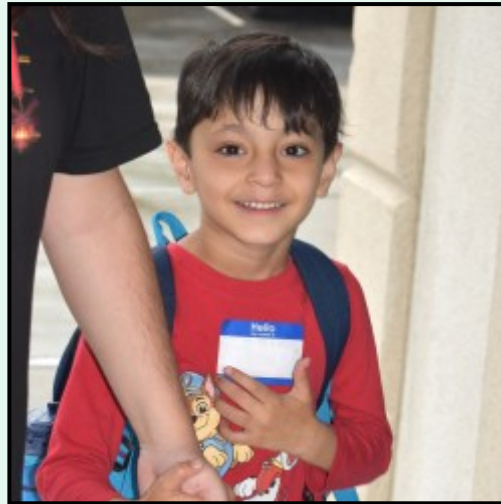
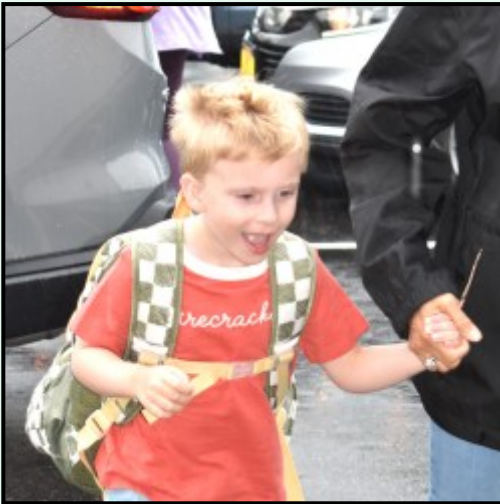
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National MS Society-Greater New York City Honors Little Village Executive Director Dr. Jon Feingold



Congratulations to our HLVS Executive Director, **Dr. Jon Feingold** who received the **Spirit Award** at the National MS Society's Runway for MS Fashion Show, Thursday, June 11, 2026 at The Inn at New Hyde Park. HLVS Board Member & MS Fashion Show Committee Member Doug Bausch, presented Jon with the award.

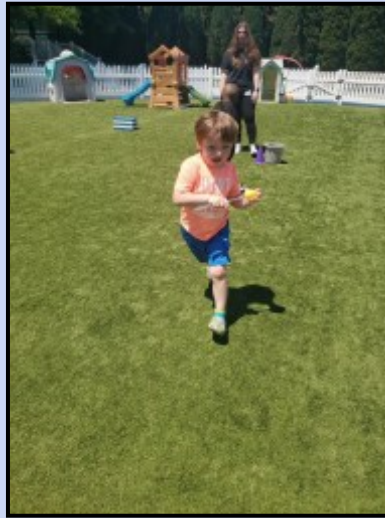




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Family Magazine Article

Recently, Little Village Executive Director **Dr. Jon Feingold** was asked to participate in a Family Magazine Special Needs Roundtable. The topic of the Roundtable was “Expert Tips for Supporting Children With Special Needs and Disabilities This Summer”. Dr. Feingold’s article follows below:

Jon Feingold, Ph.D.

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The simple answer to this question is that there is no simple answer.

Children with special needs are as diverse as any other population group. Their educational, therapeutic, social, and emotional needs are varied. There are a myriad of factors that may influence their summer needs, including age, developmental level, physical development, attention span, frustration tolerance, etc.

Of course, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will prescribe the details of a summer program (class size, types of therapies and frequency/duration, educational goals, location of services, etc.), all with the goal of preventing “substantial regression” during the summer months. However, a child’s summer needs do not begin and end with this document.

In over 30 years as a clinical and school psychologist in both a special needs school (The Hagedorn Little Village School) and as a private clinician, some of the most valuable lessons I’ve learned have come from the parents that I’ve had the privilege to counsel. With that in mind, the one thing that I would want to impart to parents is to trust your instincts when it comes to your own children. We “experts” may know a great deal about the educational and therapeutic needs of our students, but you are the experts when it comes to the needs of your family.

Never underestimate the importance of taking time to simply enjoy your children. This may mean planning a family vacation, taking a day off from work to take them to the beach, or finding time to run, laugh, and play with them. The bottom line is that childhood goes by far too fast. Taking the time to enjoy and connect with your children this summer is just as valuable as their IEP goals.

Room 220 Goes to the Circus

Teacher **Shari Orenstein** and the children in Room 220 recently “travelled” to the circus. They learned about clowns, juggling, tightrope walking and tumbling. The class practiced walking across a balance beam with one foot in front of the other, trying not to fall off. The children enjoyed learning how to do log rolls and forward rolls.



Room 5 Learns All About Bugs!

The children participated in a hands-on STEM activity using magnetic tiles and HEX bugs. They worked together to build obstacle courses and mazes for the bugs to travel through. Along with Teacher **Tara Fitzpatrick**, the children planned, constructed, and tested their designs while eagerly observing how the bugs moved throughout the pathways. They experimented with different layouts, made modifications to their structures, and problem-solved when the bugs became stuck or changed direction.

Throughout the activity, the children practiced important social and communication skills by sharing materials, taking turns, and collaborating with peers. They also strengthened their fine motor skills while manipulating and connecting the magnetic tiles. This engaging activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, critical thinking, and early engineering skills while supporting our classroom study of bugs.



Little Village Welcomes Our New Parent Association Board

On Thursday, June 11th, the HLVS Parent Association held an installation breakfast for our 2026/2027 PA Board Members:

President- Li Chang
Vice President- Laura Musso
Recording Secretary- Monet Nelson
Corresponding Secretary- Tanesha Mason-Fuller

Congratulations! We look forward to a great school year!

We would like to thank our outgoing board members **Amber McKiel & Breanna Jordan** for all your hard work and dedication! We will miss you and wish you luck in your future endeavors!



From Left to right: Tanesha Mason-Fuller, Li Chang, Breanna Jordan, Dr. Jon Feingold

Current Job Opportunities at Little Village

Little Village provides essential educational and therapeutic services to special children and their families. Integral to the success of Little Village are an exemplary staff. Below are our current open positions for both center-based and home-based programs. Find detailed job descriptions and requirements in addition to the ability to apply online at

<https://littlevillage.org/career-opportunities/>

Center-Based Opportunities:

- 12 month per diem Teacher Aide/Assistant
- 12 month salaried Teacher Aide/Assistant
- Full Time Permanent Substitute Special Education Teacher
 - Full Time Special Education Teacher
 - Occupational Therapist

Home Based Opportunities:

- Home Based Special Education Teacher
 - Physical Therapist – Part Time
 - Occupational Therapist – Part Time
- Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT)
 - Speech Therapist – Part Time
 - Speech – Clinical Fellows

Many of our full time positions include benefits such as:

- 403(b)
- Vision insurance
- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Paid time off
- Paid holidays

Room 11's Wild West Adventure!

Yeehaw! Teacher **Frann Drucker** and the students in Room 11 had a blast during their Wild West adventure. Wearing cowboy hats and bandanas, they searched through the sand to find hidden gold coins. The students were excited to discover treasure and enjoyed pretending they were part of the Gold Rush. It was a fun day filled with exploration, imagination, and lots of excitement!



Thank You!

Thank you so much to the **MacDugout Club** at **Macarthur High School** for their generous donation. Each year the club runs a fundraiser in support of our students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are very grateful for the this amazing group of students and all that they do to help our students!



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