



The Hagedorn Little Village News



THE HAGEDORN LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL
JACK JOEL CENTER FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

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Little Village Named a Clean Air NY Champion



Little Village is proud to announce that the school has become a **Clean Air NY Champion!** Clean Air NY is an initiative of the New York State Department of Transportation designed to help improve the air quality in the New York Metro Area. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently declared poor air quality a threat to human health, and 33 percent of all air pollution comes from vehicles. By providing free educational services about alternative transportation, like taking mass transit, carpooling and bicycling, Clean Air NY encourages people to take simple actions to help improve the region's air quality.



By becoming a Clean Air NY Champion, Little Village has chosen the most-involved level of participation available in the Clean Air NY program. We will be passing along occasional messages from Clean Air NY to our staff as part of our role as a champion; most notably, the updates Clean Air NY sends out on days when the government declares that the air quality will be in the "unhealthy" range. More information can be found on the Clean Air NY Web site www.cleanairny.org.

Little Village has also signed up as an employer with NuRide, a transportation benefit service website. NuRide is a program that allows employees to earn points for commuting in an environmentally-friendly way, like biking, carpooling or taking mass transit. These points can be redeemed for discounts on restaurants, entertainment and more.

Little Village is proud to participate in both of these terrific programs. We have other environmentally friendly programs in process that we will be sharing with you in the coming months.

Coming Soon! The Annual Little Village Fashion Show



The annual Little Village Fashion show will be held once again at the **New Hyde Park Inn.**



The date for this year's event is
April 28, 2011.



Contact **Janet Moulriere** at 516-520-6067 for more information or to purchase tickets.



Karina Martin

Student
Spotlight

Karina Martin is a cheerful, loving 4 year old who has attended Little Village since July 2009. Karina was born in Moscow and moved to the US when she was 2 years old. Karina has made remarkable strides during her 2 years at Little Village. When she first began attending Little Village, her language, cognitive, motor and social skills were all significantly delayed. She used very little language, which is hard to believe when speaking with her these days! Through hard work and determination, she has shown growth in all areas of development. Karina is often called the "Mayor of Little Village" as she seems to know everyone she passes in the hall, and everyone seems to know her!

Karina's parents have remarked that "Karina never lets her physical limitations slow her down." She loves to dance with her friends and play with her sister Kyrea. Her parents learn about what she does in school each day when she plays school and teaches them everything she learned during the day! She even uses her easel as her Smartboard! Karina's favorite TV show is Dino Dan, and she loves T-Rex's and Sharks! Everyone is so proud of Karina and all that she has accomplished.



Dr. Jon Feingold Speaking on "Special Needs Long Island"

Dr. Jon Feingold, Little Village's Executive Director, will be speaking on a radio broadcast entitled "Special Needs Long Island" on April 4.

The show is broadcast Monday evenings from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on WGBB 1240 AM and on the internet at www.am1240wgb.com. The show is a forum where organizations, professionals and families involved in the special needs community can promote their organizations, missions and events. We hope you have the opportunity to listen in.

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20th Annual Little Village Golf Classic Monday, June 20, 2011

Little Village Research & Development Center Inc.,
Presents the
**20th Annual
Hagedorn Little Village School Golf Classic**

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Please join us for Little Village's 20th Annual Golf Classic

For more information
on rates and/or sponsorship opportunities
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Maureen McElwreath
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email her at



United Way Supports Little Village



Pictured above is **Jon Feingold** accepting a grant from the United Way of Long Island. The children, families, and staff of Little Village wish to thank the United Way for all of their generosity and support!

Meet the LVS Staff - Shari Orinstein

Shari Orinstein is a Special Education Teacher at Little Village. Shari joined the school in October of 1996 and is an active participant in many Little Village events such as Babysitting Night and the annual Sleepy Hollow 5K Run. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, Shari is a member of the Little Village Augmentative Communication Team which assists teachers and therapists with the use of existing Augmentative Communication devices and assists with research into new technologies in this area.



Save the Date!!!



ASHA CONFERENCE
THE HAGEDORN LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Presents

Utilizing the iPad and iPod Touch to Facilitate
Communication for Children With
Developmental Disabilities



Monday, May 9, 2011
8:00am-4:00pm



Speaker:

Tammy Taylor Mastropietro, MS, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathology Center
Hanson, MA

Ms. Taylor programs and provides training for iPad, iPod, Prologuo2go, iCommunicate and My Talk. She has been featured in national media regarding the utilization of iPad and iPod to provide innovative treatment and assessment for communication disorders.

"iPad is a game changer for children with autism, apraxia and oral motor issues"

Tammy Taylor Mastropietro

For more information, please contact Roberta Cooperman at 516-520-6036 or email her at roberta.cooperman@littlevillage.org

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