



DALY NEWS

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Movie night update!

Cartographer visits Daly!

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Daly Moms prepare for epic night out!

Fourth grader lands interview with Principal Graves

Daly's new Principal, Drew Graves, sat down for an exclusive interview with Teddy Nelson, a fourth grader in Mrs. Corbisiero's class.

Why did you choose to become a principal? I chose to become a principal because I like helping people. **What college did you go to?** I went to Stonybrook University. **Why did you choose to become a principal in Port Washington?** I chose to become a principal in Port Washington because Port Washington cares about learning and Daly is the best school! **What school did you work at before?** I was the assistant principal in the William Floyd school district. **What kinds of activities do you do outside of school?** I work out, play golf and go out to dinner with my family and friends. **If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?** I have been many places but I would like to see Europe next. **Who is your best friend?** My best friends are my parents. **If you had one wish, what would it be?** I would wish that everyone in



the world could achieve their dreams. **If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?** I would eliminate the little things that make people fight. I would focus on education, the arts and positive things that make people happy. **What makes you smile?** Seeing other people smile makes me smile. Seeing others happy makes me smile. TEDDY NELSON



No hitting campaign a big hit with Daly's young ones

Daly guidance counselor Mrs. O'Donnell and art teacher Ms. Heath launched a "no hitting" campaign with kindergartners and first graders recently. Mrs. O'Donnell, Ms. Heath and paraprofessional Ms. Sautkulis worked on posters which are to be hung throughout the hallways.

The posters read, "My hands will never hit or hurt anyone." Every kindergartner and first grader made a commitment to follow that rule and "signed it" with their hand prints.

THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2010-2011 school year has begun and I extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning families.

This year, we have 22 classrooms, an enrollment of 436 students and have added the following new teachers to our staff:

- Mrs. Toni Bracchi - Kindergarten
- Mrs. Stephanie Johnson - Kindergarten
- Ms. Nancy Flynn - 5th Grade
- Mrs. Deisha DeFelippis - Reading
- Mr. Rich Miglietta - Physical Education

I was pleased to see the overwhelming number of parents that attended our Open House, in spite of the treacherous weather predictions for that evening. As you know, Open House is a wonderful opportunity for your child's teacher to present the grade level curriculum and discuss class procedures and routines.

I realize that many of you have questions specific to your child's progress and would like to remind you that Parent-Teacher

conferences are scheduled for November 10th, the evening of November 18th, and November 19th.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all members of the Daly School community for welcoming me to Port Washington.

I am excited to call Daly my new home and look forward to a year of amazing educational experiences for all students.

It is going to be a great year at Daly School!

Sincerely,
Drew Graves



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Daly HSA website: www.dalyhsa.org

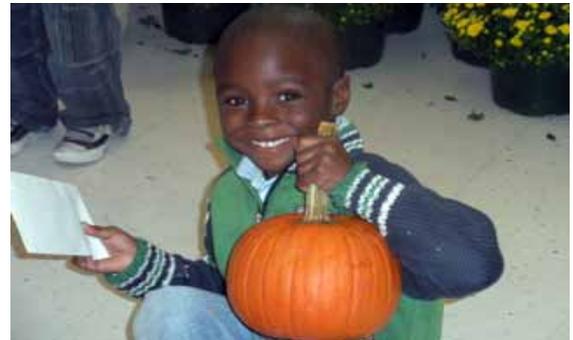
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Scan this QR code and go straight to the website for up-to-date information.



Daly Diggers Fall Plant and Pumpkin Sale

Daly Diggers Fall Plant and Pumpkin Sale was held on Friday, October 15. Luckily, the rains from a day earlier stopped and the blustery winds swept in with them lots of enthusiasm for fall plants, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and apples. The All Purpose Room was transformed into Daly's own Pumpkin Patch by Daly Diggers Cc-Chairs, Mary Thompson and Trish Class, and their team of dedicated volunteers. Each class had a dedicated time slot to shop and it was great to see so many happy faces leave with their fall harvests. With over 500 pumpkins sold, it is safe to say that the homes, front porches and backyards of Port Washington will be well decorated for Halloween. Over 500 pumpkins sold!



Outreach Committee Efforts

Treats for Troops

We all know that after Halloween our homes have enough candy to feed an army..... So why don't we? To give our troops a treat please send your extra candy (no chocolate) to Daly during the week of November 1st.

Look for the box in the lobby!

Coat Drive

Daly will be collecting gently used winter coats and warm clothing beginning the first week of November. Coats will be collected at the former Little Gym location in the Soundview Shopping Center. Details to follow.

This is our chance to show our community what Daly is all about! Please contact kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com or andrea-babyboy@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

Holiday Gift Drive

Daly will once again be participating in the holiday gift drive. If you would like to grant wishes to another family in need this season please email kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com or andrea-babyboy@yahoo.com. Families can also team together to experience the joys of giving.

If you are interested please let us know as soon as possible so that we can begin to spread the holiday cheer!

A Note from the HSA Co-Presidents...

WELCOME BACK DALY FAMILIES!

As we all “Fall” back into our routines, we want to invite YOU, our Daly families to get involved and share your talents! Check out our 62 committees listed in the blue Directory or on the Daly HSA webpage (www.dalyhsa.org), under Committee Descriptions, to find out how you can help. We hope to have as many parents as possible become a part of this wonderful new school year. We are excited for several new programs and events this year, such as YOGA NIGHT, and a Family Fun Night DANCE-A-THON at which our new Principal, Drew Graves, will be leading the festivities. With the support of our wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals and administrative staff, our kids have already made a terrific transition from the carefree days of summer, to Daly ‘s 2010-2011 school year.

The Daly H.S.A. would like to thank everyone for a spectacular OPEN HOUSE NIGHT. Between the new DalyWear choices (thanks go to Aileen Novo and Glory Engel) and a wonderful program of events organized by the school, parents and staff reported feeling an overwhelming sense of enthusiasm and vibrancy which was felt by all who attended! This night would not have been a success if it hadn’t been for the hard work of many, many volunteers. THANK YOU!

We are delighted to report that in our efforts to support Daly’s reputation as a “green” school, the Daly H.S.A. put into place a, ONE FAMILY, ONE FLYER policy. Many of you with multiple children at Daly voiced your concern about the waste of paper you were witnessing on a weekly basis. Not surprisingly, we are able to save almost 100 sheets of paper per distribution. We ask that you please check your youngest child’s backpack, to make sure our blue flyers are making it home. Thanks go out to fellow parent and WebMaster, Adrienne Saur, who will be adding a “FLYERS” tab on the DALYHSA.ORG website, so you can view any flyer, anytime.

As a team, our fundraising efforts have rolled out new and creative means to raise funds for our school by enrolling in programs that give back to Daly by simply going about our normal day-to-day activities .

Thanks to our Rebate Co-Chairs Sheryl Spring and Heather Garfin, we can shop

and earn money for our school by simply enrolling our cards from STOP-N-SHOP, TARGET, and OFFICE DEPOT, or returning Box Tops to the office. To learn more, visit our website and view the step-by-step instructions. Another way your purchasing power can benefit Daly is through the Scrip Cards program, run by Katie Bellomo and Danielle Lieblein. By choosing to purchase retail gift cards through the HSA rather than from the retailer directly, a dedicated percentage is given right back to Daly, with no additional cost to you.

Some of you have asked, “Where does all the money the HSA raises go?!”

In these challenging economic times, we know you have a choice of where to spend your money and a right to know that it is being used wisely. Simply said, all the money raised is given right back to Daly, for the KIDS. Thanks to the efforts of so many hardworking parents and staff, the HSA was able to make the following contributions to the campus in 2009-2010:

- A new climbing wall and floating stone climbers on the Rockwood Avenue playground
- Scholarships for children to attend the AT LAST summer program and for musical instrument rentals now that school has started
- Curriculum enrichment at every grade level, from the egg to chick program in kindergarten to the planners fourth and fifth graders use
- Cultural arts programs

Over the summer, the Daly HSA achieved 501 (c) 3 status. It was a monumental task and thanks go out to all who helped us make this happen! It will greatly augment our ability to raise tax-deductible funds as we embark on our mission to continually enrich and enhance the experience of every child who attends Daly.

Lastly, we are proud to announce the theme for the year, “DALY STEPS UP TO THE PLATE- We Take Responsibility!” This theme will be explored in a variety of different ways over the course of the year, culminating in the activities of Specials Week in April, and will hopefully engage our children in understanding that they can make a difference in this world, whether it is by simply taking responsibility for their actions on a daily basis, reaching out to those in our local community or taking an active interest in the greater world around us .

Fall at Daly would not also be complete without several tried and true events. The Pumpkin Sale, held on a blustery Friday, was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Mary Thompson , Trish Class and their team of volunteers. A love of reading is always encouraged at Daly but was especially true with the campaign “Here’s to Our Heroes- Reading Saves the Day” during this year’s Book Fair. Congratulations to Lucy Day, Barbara Minadeo, Kiran Saraon and Mara Silverstein for a great week! We all look forward to seeing our children’s class pictures change from year to year and huge thanks go to Racheal Klein and Darcy Bradberry for working on this year’s Picture Day. Finally, we look forward to the annual Halloween Parade and thank co-chairs Kerian Czarkowski and Michele Filorimo for creating a simply, spooktacular event again this year!

With warm regards, we thank you and encourage you to email or call us with any concerns.

Have a safe and festive Halloween!

Lilie Charno and Denise DePalma
Daly HSA Co-Presidents



The Daly PEP Room is Off and Running!

Core Groups

The PEP room has been a busy place since school opened this year! The fourth and fifth grade core group students are busy with lessons, activities, and homework assignments that enhance their units of study. The fourth graders are studying Cell Structure, DNA, and Genetics. They will be going on a field trip to the Dolan DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor, in early December, as a culminating experience. The fifth graders are involved in The Newsday Stock Market Game as part of their unit on Economics. They are busy learning all about buying and selling stocks and keeping track of their portfolios.

Challenge Workshops

Over one hundred students in grades 3 and 4 signed up for the Challenge Workshops this year. Each workshop will take place for approximately six weeks. These workshops are held once a week during the student's recess time.

A wide variety of topics were selected this year, by third grade students, including Games Galore, Daly Publishers, Computer Cartooning, and Mystery Science. Fourth grade students selected The Thrill of 3D Building, Science Lab, Creative Inventions, and Digital Photography. Students enjoy coming to the PEP room, or Computer Lab, for these workshops.

School Wide Enrichment

Four classes of third graders visited the PEP room for several weeks and completed a wide variety of critical thinking tasks. From Silly Jilly which tapped their visual and verbal skills, Pico Fermi Bagels which boggled the mind, Transformations and Not a "J" which allowed students to use their creativity and flexible thinking skills, to hands-on stations which focused on visual and perceptual skills.....these third graders had a great time with this enrichment unit! A different type of thinking activity was introduced each week!

Fourth graders developed strong math problem solving skills during a unit introducing the "Math Olympiads" program. Each fourth grade class, once a week, worked on a variety of math activities and previous issues of Math Olympiads contests. Math strategies were examined and students were encouraged to share their critical thinking skills in group discussions. It was great to see students gain a better understanding of math and develop self confidence in this content area.

The Daly School Website!

The John J. Daly home page is a great place to get a lot of information about our school. Please use it during the year to keep up with your child's class or school wide activities. Please encourage your child to visit the Daly Website from home. It offers many educational sites for students and also allows them to keep updated on school happenings throughout the school year.

The Daly PEP website offers a great deal of information and resources for core group parents and any parents that are interested in knowing more about the program. Core group students use it for a great deal of their studies in class and at home. Homework assignments are posted and updated.

The Daly PEP room is definitely a busy and exciting place for our students to visit and learn. I look forward to another wonderful school year with the Daly students!

Sincerely,

Dr. Irene Virgilio



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Officer Tony from the Port Washington Police Department stopped by the Daly News office and gave us some Halloween safety tips to think about.

Let's review:

- Watch for children crossing the street
- Children may be difficult to see if they are wearing dark costumes or masks
- If a child's view is obstructed he or she may dart out into traffic
- Children may attempt to cross between parked cars and mid-block, use ground level viewing to search for children
- Pay attention to all traffic signs, signals and markings
- Watch your speed

Let's be careful out there!



Daly Playground



The Daly HSA and the Playground Committee have been hard at work in their efforts to upgrade the playgrounds at Daly. Over the summer two new pieces of equipment were installed in the existing playground. The children are thoroughly enjoying the new stepping stones and the bubble climbing wall. Thanks to Robert Scaffidi for his help in obtaining the bubble climbing wall for us at cost.

The committee is working on the design for the new playground on Avenue C. We are planning to host a "playground kick-off evening" at the school in November to give parents more information on the project.

In the coming weeks we will be launching a pledge drive where families will be able to buy personalized bricks and other items that will be placed in the new playground.

The committee is always looking for volunteers and great ideas to raise money for this important project. From lemonade stands to large events, equipment purchase and installation assistance, we would really appreciate all help.

Please contact if you can help:
Jane Stevens (stevens.family@verizon.net)
Rose Miiscioscia (rscotto@optonline.net)

Map Making at Daly

Daly School was honored to have cartographer Dr. Patrick Kennelly, Associate Professor at the Department of Earth and Environmental Science at C.W. Post, discuss the art of map making with the fifth grade students.

Dr. Kennelly enlightened the students with both visual images and descriptions of the major components of map making: the compass rose, ordinal and cardinal directions, legend and key, latitude and parallel lines, along with longitude and meridian lines. Dr. Kennelly's presentation encompassed contemporary artwork based on global grids, compass roses used as art forms and navigational tools and maps used in literature, e.g., Winnie the Pooh, Eragon, and My Father's Map.

After Dr. Kennelly's wonderful presentation, students created watercolor Fantasy Islands which, of course, include all of the elements of cartography they were introduced to by our local cartographer.



Fifth graders are visited by cartographer, Dr. Patrick Kennelly (seen here with Mrs. Andor's class)

Will Work for Food

The 4th Grade Junior Girl Scout troop (and friends) enthusiastically participated in the Kids-4-Kids food drive. The Kids-4-Kids food drive is a partnership between Girl Scouts of Nassau County and Island Harvest - helping to make a difference for the hungry of Long Island. If you were at King Kullen on Sunday, October 17th you might have seen the Girl Scouts outside asking for donations of non-perishable food items. The girls filled a grocery cart to the brim with the donations!

Way to go Girl Scouts!





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LOCAVORES INVADE DALY!

Sounds distressing? Not to worry. Locavore is a newly coined term that has been embraced as this year's theme of Daly's Green Committee, lead by parents Mindy Germain and Wendy Nissan. A locavore is someone who eats locally grown food products, which has many benefits. For the environment, a community of locavores will reduce the need for trucks to bring produce from locations further away, thus help reduce traffic and pollution. For our bodies, eating locally grown fruits and vegetables usually means getting fresher produce. Fresher produce retains more of the vitamins and nutrients our bodies need. For instance, a tomato that sat on a truck from Florida for several days and then sat on a supermarket shelf for a week has lost a lot of its nutritional value. Compare that to a tomato grown at a local farm (or in your own backyard, or Daly's Garden) – it is likely to be eaten within hours or days of being picked! The locavore movement has spurred numerous Farmers Markets to appear around the area, including the one at Port Washington's town dock on Saturday mornings, and the one at Christopher Morley Park on Wednesday mornings.

And now, the Green Committee, teaming up with the Daly Organic Garden, is bringing a kid-friendly Farmer's Market to Daly! On November 12, after school on the blacktop (or inside in the All Purpose Room in the event of rain or windy weather), families will be able to taste various highly nutritious treats made with ingredients harvested from the Daly Garden and other local farms. Come taste kale chips, spinach pumpkin-muffins, guacamole made with Daly's cilantro, and much more! And, take home these healthy recipes for your families. The treats will be offered in exchange for a donation of any amount to the Daly Playground Fund.

If you are interested in volunteering or baking healthy treats for this event, please contact Mindy Germain: mgermain7@optonline.net or Wendy Nissan: wenissan@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH

Easily eliminate 10 pounds of waste delivered straight to your door in the form of yellow pages. They are not recyclable in the our town and it costs the taxpayer money to dispose of them.

Now you can opt out online from both of the big yellow book providers in just minutes. Go to a little known website called yellowpagesoptout.com, plug in your zip code and find the opt-out pages for your local phone book providers.

So, go, without delay, and opt out of your yellow book delivery.
Save some trees and save your city some money!

SAMPLE DAY

It's apple season and this year's nutrition theme is "Paint Your Palate". So, what better reason to start our first Sample Day sampling apples?

Important apple facts:



Over 7000 varieties are grown worldwide!

Apples have the antioxidant properties, are rich in carbohydrates, sugar, soluble and insoluble fiber, sodium, vitamins, minerals, fatty acids, amino acids and more, which are mainly found in their smooth and crunchy skin. They also contain Vitamin C, B2 and around 81 calories.

The nutrients can also be beneficial in treating obesity, arthritis, insomnia, gallbladder stones, halitosis, LDL cholesterol and helps regulate the breakdown of carbohydrates by inhibiting certain enzymes that can cause blood sugar levels to spike. Stable blood sugar means less snacking, better overall focus and concentration!

Note that apples are also listed amongst the "Dirty Dozen", a list of the 12 worst heavily pesticide grown foods so when eating conventionally grown apples give them a scrub with a vegetable brush and some water.

After all the research, it's pretty clear that an apple a day, really does keep the doctor away.

So the next time you're at the supermarket remember to "Paint Your Palette" with a rainbow of naturally healthy food.

Apples, a good choice, naturally.

Jazmine Maglione, CHC, AADP
Certified Health Coach
Daly Nutrition Committee, Co-Chair

Daly School plants a Fall garden

CROSSTALK

Eager to take advantage of the short fall growing season, Daly Elementary School's Organic Vegetable Garden Committee got right to work as soon as school opened. Each and every Daly student, grades Kindergarten through Fifth, attended a planting session in Daly's Garden during the first full week of school. Daly parents and Organic Garden Co-Chairs, Trish Class and Lisa Epstein, assisted by numerous other parent volunteers, met with each class between September 13-15 for about twenty minutes.

Each class participated in discussions about what it means for a vegetable garden to be "organic," and how "compost" can be created and used so that chemical fertilizers and pesticides are unnecessary. The children learned that organic vegetables are healthier for our bodies because they do not contain any harmful chemicals that could be absorbed by vegetables grown by conventional means. Also discussed was the benefits of eating locally grown fruits and vegetables which are higher in nutrients because they are often consumed much sooner after they are harvested. The parents also talked about the specific vitamins and nutrients in each of the vegetables that were being planted, and how those vitamins and nutrients help our bodies become and stay healthy. Finally, the kids learned how to make compost, and that because it is actually the product of recycling waste, it not only creates healthier vegetables for our garden, but it helps the environment as well.

Daly's Organic Garden Co-Chair, Trish Class, noted that "thanks to Patti Wood, local resident and Executive Director of Grassroots Environmental Education who generously donated

beautiful rich compost and hearty seeds as well as advice, the garden was given a great head start."

Each class was given organic seeds to plant in the beds, and in only five days, the students were delighted to see seedlings emerging. Among the vegetables now growing at Daly are arugula, baby bok choy, red leaf lettuce, kale, sugar snap peas, cilantro, curly watercress, spinach and garlic. The children also enjoyed harvesting the one vegetable bed that had not been cleared – a bed full of unripe (green) cherry tomatoes, mature sweet basil, fragrant parsley and broccoli. Most classes took cherry tomatoes back to their classroom to experiment with ripening them in paper bags.

Lisa Epstein, also a Co-Chair of the garden, is thrilled with the fall planting experience, and commented, "as much as I enjoyed planting with the children, what was even more gratifying was listening to all of the children talk about the vegetable gardens they planted for the first time at home this past summer. It is really sinking in. The children are learning how to grow their own food, and are becoming healthier eaters. It is all wonderful." Daly's new Principal, Drew Graves, added, "The Organic Garden is off to a flying start! The fact that every classroom has already been out to the garden to contribute speaks volumes about the importance of this project to our kids. These are lessons that will stick with the students of Daly School for their entire life time."

For More Information, Contact:

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We're into the first few months of school and so far things have been going fairly well. For those few who did not fully understand the "rules of the road", a gentle reminder to our new kindergarten parents, as well as returning parents.

1. Rockwood Avenue is designated a one way road during school hours. By not allowing cars to travel in both directions, the buses are able to move through the drop off zone safely. It also allows me to watch the children and control the flow of traffic more efficiently.
2. Do not drop off or pick up anyone in the middle of the road.
3. You cannot leave your car. If you must walk your child to the door, then you must park in a legal space before leaving your car.
4. You are not supposed to exit your car at anytime while in the drop off line, so if you need to open the door for your child, wait till you are past me and the crosswalk and please do not allow the child to exit from the driver side of the car. It is very dangerous, with buses and cars pulling in and out, an open door is an invitation for disaster.
5. Lastly, to set a good example, use the crosswalk, teach your child to use the crosswalk. It is where I have the most control of traffic flow, foot or auto. A parent is the best teacher, as they learn from your example. If you do it, they will too.

If all of you follow these simple requests, drop off and pick up will be quick, easy and painless for all.

Thanks! Sandy The Crossing Guard



Second Grade Daly Elementary School Teacher Lisa Conway arms her students with hand tools so that they can mix fresh organic compost into the soil before planting seeds.

DALY MOVIE NIGHT!

Starring
Adam Sandler
in

BEDTIME STORIES

Friday November
12th @ 7PM

Popcorn! Raffles!

Wear your pajamas
and join in the fun!!

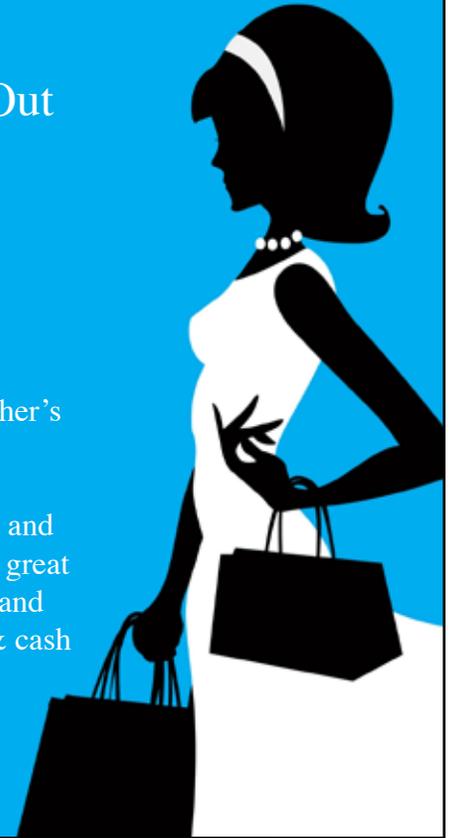
Daly's Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, November 17
7 pm to 11 pm

Harbor Links Golf Course

Shop 'til you drop!
Holiday Shopping, Clothes, Teacher's
gifts, Jewelry & More!

Socialize with other Daly Moms and
Faculty, take your chances on our great
raffles, finish holiday shopping and
enjoy an elaborate dinner buffet & cash
bar.



Letter to the Editor *(Reprinted from the Port Washington News)*

We write you this letter in appreciation of a wonderful elementary school crossing guard, Mrs. Sandy Garafalo. Mrs. Garafalo, whom we find to be the most valuable, however, often the most overlooked individual at John J. Daly Elementary School, has the most important job of all. She is responsible for the safety of a parent's most precious possession; nevertheless, she is responsible for hundreds of children on each school day.

As many of us realize, Daly can be quite chaotic during the normal pick-up and drop-off hours. We have noticed the complete chaos that takes place, more so at curbside pick-up at the end of the school day. Yet Mrs. Garafalo is able to keep everything moving with great ease, even with some resistance from an occasional, difficult parent or two, who simply do not want to follow the "rules" causing much undue stress on everyone involved, especially our wonderful crossing guard, Mrs. Garafalo. Also, we have noticed that Mrs. Garafalo demonstrates each day her love for the job, but most importantly her love for the children. We decided to take the time to write this letter with the hopes that others will begin to see what we have witnessed for some time now.

Mrs. Garafalo has developed a personal, yet completely professional relationship with both children and parents alike. She is truly a joy to be around, with an amazing memory, which always brings her above her call of duty as just John J. Daly's crossing guard. We often watch her and wonder how she could possibly remember every child's name and what car and or parent they belong to. We have never missed Mrs. Garafalo miss a beat with the children and we are always amazed by her consistency with each child. We have come to the conclusion that she must have "compound eyes" as she can see everywhere at one time.

The children often come home with the wonderful stories of their favorite crossing guard. Often, we will hear how Sandy held a toy for them that they may have forgotten at recess, because this truly wonderful woman never forgets, and she will always remember to give it to them on their way home from school.

There is an awful lot to be said for an individual who chooses to make a positive experience in the life of each child she sees along the way. We are thankful for her all school year long and we are happy she takes her job seriously, because in that sense, we know our children are safe. As mothers of two young boys, that alone can make a difference.

As native "Port Washingtonians" with our families dating back 100 years, it is apparent that Port Washington has evolved and is changing, however, it is always so nice to see that small town, personable crossing guard and somehow she manages to remain the same as the ones we remember growing up and attending John J. Daly the very same way our children do today. With that said, and being very proud to call John J. Daly our Alma mater, it is one of those very special things that has managed to stay the same.

We write this letter to commemorate our very favorite crossing guard, Mrs. Sandy Garafalo, a most amazing woman who has always showed great love and compassion for our children. With all of that said, we hope to bring a smile to her face, as it is well-deserved. This year, let's help Sandy out. Let's follow those rules, so that each child is assured to be safe. Lastly, we would like to add that we look forward to at least a few more years with Sandy. To us, it would be devastating if Sandy left. Who would take her place?

Sonia DeSimone and Danielle Marie Bertone-Perez