

# Harbor Child Care Winter Newsletter

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## Dual Language Program-Harbor Mineola

The Universal Pre-K (UPK) dual language classroom at Harbor's Mineola program was visited by News12 in January. The story aired February 12<sup>th</sup>. "We thank News12 for highlighting the importance of quality early childhood education and the importance of the collaboration between school districts and community-based organizations." - Florence Barbour, Executive Director, Harbor Child Care



<https://longisland.news12.com/recap-of-mineola-school-district-s-first-year-with-dual-language-option>

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

"I am thankful for my struggle because without it, I wouldn't have stumbled upon my strength." – Alexandra Elle

## Please Take Note!

We had CANCELLED "An Afternoon of Holiday Cheer" on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Harbor Child Care in Glen Cove due to rising COVID-19 cases and the impending flu season. We will be scheduling a family event during the 2022 spring/summer months when we can hold events outside. Please check back for more information.

**In 2023,  
Harbor Child  
Care begins its  
50<sup>th</sup> year  
providing  
early care and  
education to  
nearly 1,000  
children and  
250 teachers,  
specialists,  
and  
administrative  
staff.**

## Health Services Team

- Carla Hall, MA/Health Services Coordinator
- Desiree Fitterer, RMA-Traveling Medical Assistant
- Michelle Cardenas, RN



We are committed to an environment of health and safety for the children and staff in our care. The team members are experts at making sure our kids are feeling their best, healing boo-boos, and giving lots of TLC! A full Health and Safety Policy can be found in the Parents section of our website.

## Summer 2022!

Get ready to enroll your child in our fun-filled "Summer Camp program" for children ages 5 to 12 years old. We offer this program at Harbor's New Hyde Park and Glen Cove locations. Your child will meet new friends and will make exciting childhood memories that will last a lifetime. Please contact Michele Russell, School Age/Summer Camp Director (516) 248-6653 or [mrussell@harborchildcare.org](mailto:mrussell@harborchildcare.org) for more information.



We also offer a "Summer program" at Mineola for children 4 and 5 years of age. For more information, please contact Alicia Hamandan (516) 493-9830 or [ahamandan@harborchildcare.org](mailto:ahamandan@harborchildcare.org).



## Food Services

Brendan Huggins, Coordinator of Food Services



All Harbor centers serve nutritious home-made delicious food. We offer breakfast, lunch and one snack Monday-Friday, and our facilities are nut-free. We participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children receiving day care. For more information, please visit the Parents section of our website under New York CACFP and USDA MyPlate Nutrition Tips.

## Soccer Shots

This program not only teaches soccer skills, but develops a child's sense of confidence, respect, and teamwork. Soccer Shots is offered at Harbor's Glen Cove, Mineola, New Hyde Park and Uniondale locations for our Pre-K and school age children. To learn more, go to [www.soccershots.org/longislandwest](http://www.soccershots.org/longislandwest)



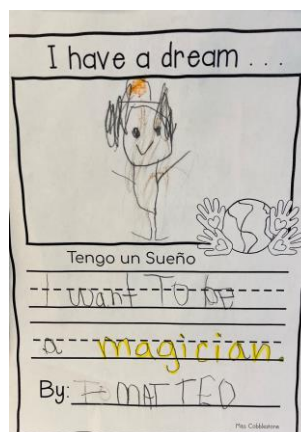
Support Our Fundraising Efforts Year-Round

Visit our web page [www.harborchildcare.org/support](http://www.harborchildcare.org/support) to learn more:



- Online tax-deductible donations.
- In-kind donations.
- United Way of LI contributions through your employer.
- Employer matching grant options.

The significance of Martin Luther King Day is felt around the Harbor centers.





**Harbor Child Care partners with the following organizations on Long Island:**

- Chamber of the Willistons
- Child Care Council of Nassau
- Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce
- Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce
- Health & Welfare Council of Long Island
- Interagency Council of Glen Cove
- Island Harvest
- Mineola Chamber of Commerce
- United Way of Long Island

Board of Directors of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce presents a Certificate of Membership to Harbor Child Care's Center Director, Lisa Virzera. Thank you, Mineola Chamber, for all that you do for the local community!



We were grateful to the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce for arranging 35 rapid COVID test kits for Harbor's New Hyde Park program. Thank you, Flushing Bank, for your hospitality!



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