# LEAGUESCHOOL UPDATE NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST, 2023 VOL. 4, NO. 4 NEWS AND INSIGHTS FROM LEAGUE SCHOOL OF GREATER BOSTON

## **Students Enjoy Well-Deserved Summer Break**

The last day of school was held on Wednesday, June 21. Students received a big send-off from staff as they left the building, and many (along with their families) attended an after-school ice cream social that afternoon put on by the residential program.

Students and staff enjoyed a welldeserved break before returning to school on Tuesday, July 11.



But that doesn't mean the school was

empty for three weeks! Our dedicated facilities team was hard at work doing maintenance and making sure the building was in top shape to welcome students back. Check out this <u>video</u> of all the work that was done at the school.

Residential students who remained on campus during the break took several field trips to exciting places throughout the region. Check out these photos from a Boston duck boat tour that students attended along with staff:



## League School Launches Neurodiversity Employment Incubator Project



The League School, in an effort to further its goal of increasing employment opportunities for its neurodiverse student population, has held the first two meetings of its recently-launched Neurodiversity Employment Incubator Project. The group's initial meeting was held Thursday, May 25, and a successful follow-up meeting was held Tuesday, June 20. A third meeting will take place Tuesday, July 25.

The Neurodiversity Employment Incubator Project

seeks to bring together a wide range of stakeholders to create employment opportunities in the community through the development of businesses and partnerships designed to meet the employment needs of neurodiverse individuals. Learn more <u>here</u>.

## League School's 2023 "FORE" Autism Golf Classic a Success; Falmouth Road Race Team to Run Next Month



The annual League School "FORE" Autism Golf Classic was a huge hit this year, as 33 teams took to the Franklin Country Club on Monday, June 12. This year's event raised \$95,000, making it our most successful tournament yet. We thank our participants, sponsors and members of the Golf Classic Committee for making the event so successful. Photos from the event can be seen **here**.

### \*\*\* NEXT EVENT:

#### FALMOUTH ROAD RACE \*\*\*

Our next fundraiser is our annual team participation in the running of the historic Falmouth Road Race, which is scheduled this year for Sunday, Aug. 20. We are looking forward to welcoming both familiar faces and newcomers to the team this year.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the dedicated team members who will be making the 7-mile trek around the Falmouth coastline for this year's race. If you would like to donate to the team you can do so by <u>clicking here</u>.

## League School Earns Multiple Accolades This Spring

League School was awarded two

highly competitive accolades last month. First, the school was named a "School of Excellence" by the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET). This was the third consecutive year the school earned this recognition. Learn more about the award <u>here</u>.

The school also learned it had been selected as a 2023 Family Favorite by readers in the <u>Boston</u> <u>Parents Reader's Choice</u> awards in the following categories: Special Needs Elementary Schools (Top 5); Special Needs High Schools (Top 5); Special Needs Middle Schools (Winner). Thanks to all who voted for us during the online voting

period of the contest.



#### **Celebrating the Accomplishments of Our Graduates**



Graduations are a special experience for League students and staff members. Not only do they signify a benchmark for students who are preparing to move on to the next stages in their lives, but they also serve as a great way to reflect on a student's growth during their time at League.

We have had several graduation ceremonies recently for members of the Class of 2023. At each ceremony teachers take turns discussing the academic and vocational skills students have learned, and fellow students have the chance to tell the

graduates what they've meant to them over the years. Family members are encouraged to attend, and a party takes place at the end of each ceremony that features food, a cake, chances to take photos, and more.

We wish our recent graduates well, including Anthony, Cianna, Ethan, Gabriel, Joseph and Paul. We hope they come back and say hello whenever they get the chance!

## \* \* \* LEAGUE SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS! \* \* \*

Other highlights at League School from the past few months include the following:

 Multiple students won raffle prizes at the recent League School prom. This included Jake, who earned the right to be **Principal for the Day**! He read morning announcements, visited each classroom, had lunch with school administrators, and led a dance in the gym! Check out a video of Jake serving as principal on our YouTube page here.

• Not to be outdone, Austin won a raffle to have a **spa day**! He got to spend some time outside of school with a few staff members having a relaxing day.

• Students took a field trip to **TreeTop Adventures** in nearby Canton, where they climbed trees, did tightrope walking in the treetops, ziplined, and more. Photos are <u>here</u>.

• SAVE THE DATE: The League School's annual **Summer Fun Day** will take place on Friday, Aug. 25. This is a favorite for students and their families, as well as staff!

• Don't forget about **Night of Champions**, our annual gala and biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Four Points by Sheraton Norwood. More information will be announced in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!





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