

## LEAGUESCHOOL UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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## **NEWS & INSIGHTS FROM** LEAGUE SCHOOL OF GREATER BOSTON

Join Us for a Fun Day of **Golf and Giving Back on** Monday, June 14



League School's fifth annual "Fore" Autism Golf Classic takes place at a new location and time of year. Join us for a fun day of golf and giving back at the beginning of the golf season, Monday, June 14. This year's premier outdoor fundraising event takes place at the Franklin Country Club. "We are very excited to hold our annual golf outing at the beginning of prime golf season," said Tim McCabe, Director of Development. "Usually we hold it in September, but in hopes of holding our Night of Champions in person this fall, we moved up the golf outing. "The timing and new venue will make for a fun day for all." **READ MORE** 

A Parent's Perspective: The Toll Pandemic Isolation Took on Me and My Autistic Son



With markers and a sheet of paper in hand, I call my special-needs son on the iPad and settle in for an hour of chatting and drawing. Framed by the small screen, 20-year-old Dylan directs the conversation and dictates the night's roster of shapes.

"Hi Mommy, Y in the sky," he says, expecting me to respond "T in the sky"-clearly mumbo-jumbo to outsiders, though it makes perfect sense to me. Dylan, who is severely impacted by autism, is referring to the shapes of the street lights he observes when we drive around town.

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## League School Dealt Significant Loss of Compassionate and Inspiring Educator



Donna Griffin, the League School's beloved Coordinator of Clinical and Family Services, lost her almost two-year battle to cancer at the beginning of the month. She worked for the League School for over 10 years and touched the lives of every staff member, student, and many of our families. "In times like these, we are more than an organization, we are a family and we have lost one of our own," said Larry Sauer, Chief Executive Officer.

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3 Reasons for Stepped Up Success Despite Setbacks Virtual 5K Walk/Run for Autism is once again a hit



Despite the challenges the pandemic posed and less than ideal weather conditions, this year's 5 Walk/Run for Autism was a huge success. The event generated over \$35,000 – the most ever and \$5,000 more than last year. Just in time for summer, the proceeds will go toward completing the playground project. Discover the three key reasons it was a success. <u>READ MORE</u> Newest Board Member Has Special Place in Her Heart for League School



Newest Board Member, Nancy Vetstein Hershfield, bring a unique perspective to the school as it embarks on a six- to ninemonth strategic planning process. The daughter of co-founders Leona and Arnold Vetstein is excited to rejoin the Board at a pivotal time. "I hope to shine a historical light on the school's founding vision as it looks to an even brighter future," said Nancy. "The League School has a very special place in my heart." **READ MORE** 

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