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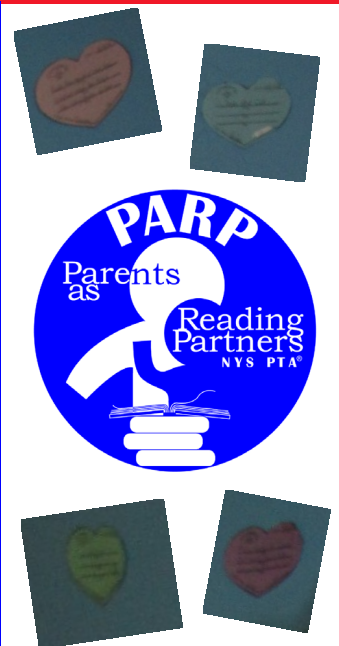
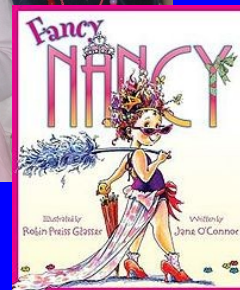
WINTER/SPRING 2013

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS FEBRUARY PAJAMA PARTY & READ-A-LONG

Each year Alternatives For Children participates in Parents As Reading Partners, a program designed to engage and involve parents in the essential task of fostering the love of reading in their children. The primary objective of PARP is to engage and involve parents in the essential task of helping their children become life-long readers. PARP encourages parents to participate in some type of reading experience with their children for at least fifteen minutes a day, thereby instilling strong reading habits.

Learning to read is the single most important activity in a child's education.

Studies have shown that children who read at home are better prepared to succeed in formal education.



The earlier parents and schools start to aggressively pursue literacy skills, the more positive the educational outcome.

That's why at Alternatives For Children

**WE LOVE
TO READ!**



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Mission Statement

To provide the highest quality special and regular education programs and services to children with disabilities and typically developing peers. Education, medical, pediatric rehabilitation, and support services are integrated to ensure the comprehensive needs of the child and family are met.

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Alternatives For Children 17TH ANNUAL CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR RALLY

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5, 2013



START YOUR ENGINES!



Please
Support
Our
Fundraisers

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN BOWL LONG ISLAND @ PATCHOGUE FUNDRAISER

138 West Avenue
Patchogue

Bowl Long Island
At Patchogue

Mark your
Calendar

Sunday April 14th
1:00 - 5:00 pm

\$15 per person includes 3 games with shoes

Refreshments & Snacks

Chinese Auction 50/50 Raffle



138 West Avenue
Patchogue



Chinese Auction Basket Donations would be appreciated.
Gift cards - Restaurant Gift Certificates - Wine Baskets
Hair Salon Gift Certificates - Children's Books & Games

Space is limited so RSVP early
go to http://www.alternatives4children.org/news/pdfs/bowling_flyer_2013.pdf
to download a flyer or call 331-6400 for information



ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN EAST SETAUKET
DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Dental Hygienist Linda from the office of Adelberg & Montalvan, Pediatric Dental, PC visited Alternatives For Children East Setauket with some tips on how to brush our teeth and eating healthy foods for our teeth.

Brush at least twice a day, after breakfast and before bedtime.
Remember a grown up should help you brush until you are in 2nd grade.

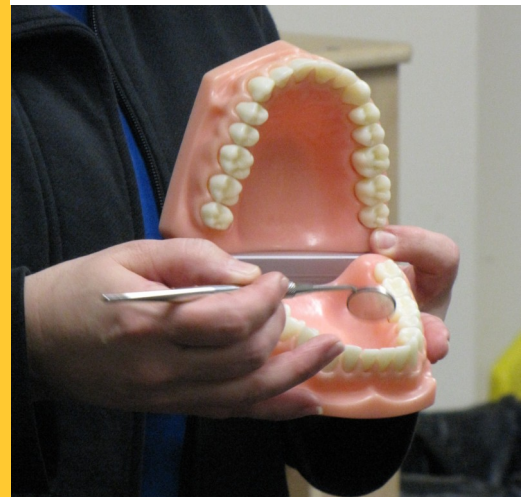
Brush all of your teeth, not just the front ones.
Spend some time on the teeth along the sides and in the back.

Take your time while brushing.
Spend at least 2 or 3 minutes each time you brush.
If you have trouble keeping track of the time
play a recording of a song you like to help pass the time.

Learn how to floss your teeth to keep them healthy.
Floss gets rid of hidden food where your toothbrush can't get it.



Open Wide! Children from Room 25 had a chance to practice their tooth brushing skills!



Miss Linda shows the children how the dentist uses a special mirror to count and check all our teeth.



We got to watch a cool movie about going to the dentist!

Thank You
Dr. Adelberg
Dr. Montalvan



Thank You
Miss Linda,
Dental Hygienist

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
Alternatives for Children will work together with families
to answer any questions and help access information needed

Each year, Alternatives for Children is required to notify parents of their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act regulations (FERPA) to:

- Inspect and review the student's educational records.
- Seek amendment to the student's educational records that the parent believes to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.
- Consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records.

Alternatives for Children will comply with a request for access to records within 45 days of a received request and respond to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of records. If a parent believes the education records relating to the student contain information that is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights of privacy, he or she may ask Alternatives for Children to amend the record.

For More Information on FERPA and your rights as parents visit our website
<http://www.alternatives4children.org/confidentiality-parents-rights.html>

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN SUMMER ENRICHMENT 2013

FINE MOTOR SKILLS GROUP

Developing age appropriate grasping patterns
 Pre-writing skills including formation of shapes & letters
 Scissor Skills
 Elements of Handwriting Without Tears will be utilized
 Group targets 3 - 6 year olds who may be experiencing challenges with fine motor skills

July 2 - August 10
 Meeting once a week for 30 minutes
 Morning & Afternoon sessions available
 \$75 for 3 weeks
 Group will not exceed 6 children
FUN Summer Themes
Arts & Crafts Projects
 Facilitated by Licensed Occupational Therapists
 Written Resource Materials will be provided

SENSORY INTEGRATION GROUP

Integrating sensory input
 Engaging in different sensory experiences
 With Parent Participation!
 Facilitated by Licensed Occupational Therapists
 Written Resource Materials will be provided
 Group targets 3 - 6 year olds who may be experiencing sensory integration challenges

July 2 - August 10
 Meeting once a week for 30 minutes
 Morning & Afternoon sessions available
 \$75 for 3 weeks
 Group will not exceed 6 children
Sensory Integration
 through **FUN** experiences
Obstacle Courses
Sensory Integration Room
Tactile Exploration
Movement Activities

Get Ready for Kindergarten!
 will be offered at all four locations
 Aquebogue East Setauket
 Melville Southampton
 Enroll your child in a summer program to **BOOST** their kindergarten readiness skills!

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Call Sharon Geiman
 631-331-6400 x141
 for registration information

SPEECH GROUP

Focusing on . . .
 Social Language Skills
 Language Development
 Articulation
 Facilitated by a Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist
 Group targets 3 - 6 year olds who may be experiencing speech related challenges

Six Week Program
 July 2 - August 10
 Meeting twice a week for 30 minutes
 Morning & Afternoon sessions available
 Six Week Program \$300
 Group will not exceed 6 children
 Language and Speech Skills through **FUN** activities
Fun Summer Themes
Child Centered Play
Arts & Crafts Projects

FOOD FUN GROUP

Is for those children who . . . are described as picky eaters
 limit themselves to certain foods
 disrupt mealtimes
 Food Fun is based on the Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) approach to feeding. This approach allows children to have fun and enjoy positive experiences with food!
 Group targets 3 - 6 year olds who may be experiencing oral sensory challenges

Six Week Program
 July 2 - August 10
 Meeting once a week for 60 minutes
 Morning & Afternoon sessions available
 Six Week Program \$400 including food
 Group will not exceed 4 children
New Foods introduced in a **FUN** way!
 Facilitated by a Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist trained in the SOS Approach

FOUR SPECIALTY GROUPS
 OFFERED AT OUR
 EAST SETAUKET LOCATION
 visit our website for more info
www.alternativesforchildren.org

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN HOLIDAY PARTY THANKS OUR SUPPORTERS



Holiday Party Thank You

Three Village CSD for the use of the Main Street School

Dream DJ for providing the awesome dance music

Fairytale Productions for the wonderful costumes

McDonald's for donating all that delicious juice

Beth Squire

Chinese Auction Donations

AND - As always, parents, staff and sponsors for raffle items and helping hands



Chinese Auction Donors

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| C'est Cheese | Gift Certificate |
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| The Pie | Gift Certificate |
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| Unique Nails | Gift Certificate |
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Alternatives For Children Linking Families and Forming Relationships Improving Student Achievement and School Performance through Parent/Family Partnerships

Alternatives For Children is committed to providing the highest quality special education programs and services to children with disabilities and their families. We recognize that active participatory engagement between parents/families and Alternatives For Children supports student attainment of individualized goals and overall achievement. As such, Alternatives For Children endeavors to create family-school partnerships to expand the learning community beyond the classroom and/or therapeutic environment and share the responsibility and privilege of educating our students along with their parents/family.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN - PARENT PARTNERSHIP POLICY OBJECTIVES

- To work closely with the child's family to provide appropriate assistance, information, support and advocacy.
- While recognizing that parents and families are the first educators of children, create an environment where education is the shared responsibility of schools, parents/families, and the community.
- Implement a comprehensive parent/family involvement program which includes the following components:
 - * Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, meaningful, and conducted in the language or mode of communication most accessible to parents and caregivers.
 - * Responsible parenting is promoted and supported.
 - * Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.
 - * Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought.
 - * Parents and families are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.
 - * Professional development is provided to parents, teachers, and administrators.
 - * Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
 - * Educators demonstrate socio-economic and cultural competence in the design, implementation, and evaluation of parental and family involvement policies and programs.
 - * Data is collected, analyzed and reported to guide program design, operation and evaluation.

In order to ensure that successful parent/family-school partnerships are implemented, it shall be the policy of Alternatives For Children:

- * That parents/families be encouraged to fully engage in and contribute to the academic development of their child and to the school's learning environment.
- * That parents be informed of their rights and responsibilities in a manner that is clear, courteous, consistent, and in a language that they understand.
- * To create opportunities for parents/families to support academic achievement.

When children begin their educational careers, the school becomes an "extension of the family": "If learning is to occur, the trust relationship developed between a parent and child during the first years of life must be transferred to school staff" Bryk, A. S., & Schneider, B. (2002). *Trust in schools: A core resource for improvement*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

This relationship of trust is the foundation for building strong relationships between the home and school, establishing a caring infrastructure for parents that supports academic growth for our children and access to educational opportunities for our families.

Bilingual Programs

Alternatives For Children Southampton

Bilingual Programming and Child Day Care Program for Income Eligible Families

Lessons & Education in the child's native language

Child Day Care Program for Income Eligible Families

Introduces & Teaches English as a second language based on the child's developmental level and individual needs

Quality care for your child - a price you can afford - peace of mind for your family

Call Alternatives For Children Southampton for info 631-283-3272

Eligibility and approval determined by NYS Department of Social Services call 631-853-3666 for info on eligibility

We help children transition to Kindergarten placement ready to learn in English

Alternatives For Children has a strong commitment to affordability for a range of income levels. Tuition varies dependent upon the program chosen and is available on a sliding fee scale.

Matrícula varía en función del programa elegido y está disponible en una escala de honorarios.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN 2012 SUPPORTERS

\$5,000 & Over

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Makes a Difference!

The Children Thank You!

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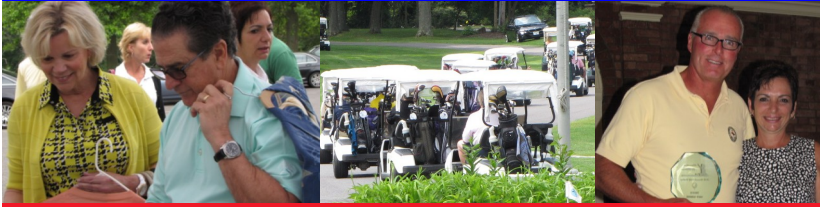
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All donations are tax-deductible in accordance with
current IRS charitable giving guidelines.*

**8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
JUNE 10TH 2013 NISSEQUOGUE GOLF CLUB**



SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Payment **MUST** accompany registration form. (Check your choice[s].)

PLATINUM Sponsor <small>* \$3,750 tax deductible</small>	\$5,000 each	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOLD Sponsor <small>* \$1,975 tax deductible</small>	\$2,850 each	<input type="checkbox"/>
SILVER Sponsor <small>* \$1,275 tax deductible</small>	\$1,500 each	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLE IN ONE Sponsor <small>* \$500 tax deductible</small>	\$500 each	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLE Sponsor <small>* \$275 tax deductible</small>	\$275 each	<input type="checkbox"/>

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GOLFER APPLICATION FORM

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Player	Handicap
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2.	
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Individual golfers are welcome to this event. The fee of \$400 per person includes the luncheon, awards dinner, green fees, and cart. Individuals may also register for the dinner only, at \$125 per person.

Number of Golfers _____ x \$400 per person = \$ _____

Golf cost includes breakfast, BBQ luncheon, Awards Dinner, green fees, range balls and cart.

Awards Dinner "Only" Tickets _____ x \$125 per person = \$ _____

Total Payment = \$ _____

Check is enclosed. Payable to Alternatives For Children

Charge my Credit Card (Check One)

American Express MasterCard Visa

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EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY)

CARDHOLDER NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE

**PLATINUM
AWARDS DINNER SPONSOR \$5,000**

- Sign and logo at Venue • Mention on Sponsor Board
- Listing as sponsor in mailings • Company logo on pin flags
- Reservations for four golfers
- Four additional guests for dinner
- Includes Additional Affinity Member Benefits**
- Signage on Donor Wall • Company Showcased at Event
- Prominent Display in Quarterly Newsletters

**GOLD
BBQ LUNCHEON SPONSOR \$2,850**

- Sign and logo at Venue • Mention on Sponsor Board
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- Reservations for four golfers

**SILVER
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- Sign and logo at Venue • Mention on Sponsor Board
- Choice Signage on Putting Green, Golf Cart, or Driving Range
- Reservations for one golfer

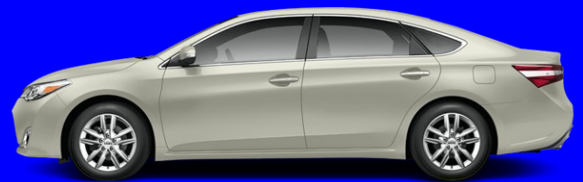
HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR \$500

Corporate Logo on Hole in One Sign

HOLE SPONSOR \$275

Corporate Logo on Hole Sign

**Hole In One Prize Sponsored By
Competition Toyota of Middle Island**



COME SEE THE ALL NEW 2013 AVALON

Register Online at

<http://www.alternatives4children.org/golf.html>

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: May 31, 2013
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 Phone (631) 331-6400 x229 Fax (631) 331-6865



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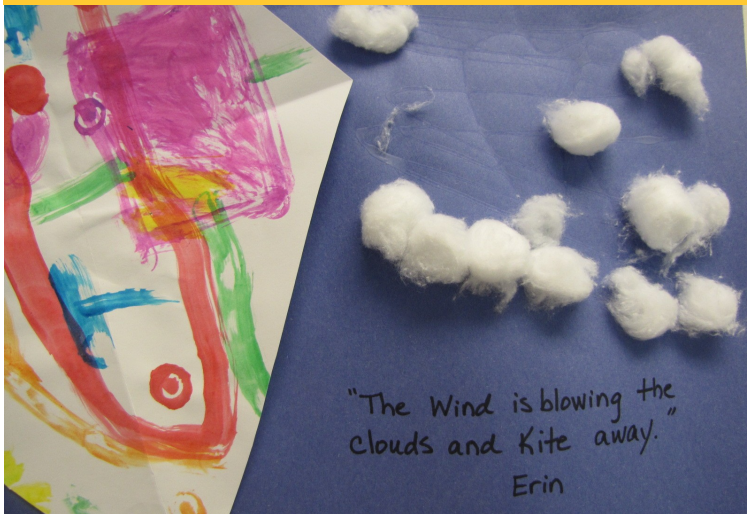
TELL A FRIEND ABOUT ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN!



REGISTER NOW FOR
SUMMER & FALL SESSIONS



OPENINGS
AT ALL LOCATIONS



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