

March 2017



SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

## Bambino's 4th Annual Autism Benefit

**Bambino's**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**AUTISM**  
**BENEFIT**

**Sunday, April 23 11am - 8pm**

**100% of ALL proceeds go to**  
**Speed District 802**  
**Sister School to District 194**

**Autism Awareness**

**Raffle**  
**55" Samsung 4K**  
**Curved TV &**  
**Soundbar**  
**and much more!!!**

**★ LIVE ★**  
**Entertainment**

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
Includes Salad & Pop  
**\$10**  
Donation

**Bambino's ★ 37 E. Steger Rd ★ 708-755-6200**

The poster is blue with white and yellow text. It features a central graphic of a plate of spaghetti with a fork and a tomato. There are several callouts and boxes containing text about the event, including a raffle prize and a donation amount.

## Reading Rocks at Independence!

Ninety-one percent (91%) of Independence Elementary students receiving targeted interventions met their goals, and sixty-four percent (64%) exceeded their goals in the Fall Semester by achieving five to eleven months growth in reading comprehension and fluency!

## Academy for Lifelong Learning Success

A student at the Academy for Lifelong Learning has obtained a 9-week paid internship at The Progress Center for Independent Learning. He will intern as a data specialist, what he wants to study at Prairie State.

In other news, 13 Academy students and their families attended The Tim Tebow Foundation's A Night to Remember event on February 10th. The students were treated like kings and queens, receiving tiaras or crowns, riding in a limo to the Olympia Fields Country Club, and walking the red carpet!

# SPEED Racers Headed to the State Championship

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From left, Speed assistant coach Beccie Brucker, head coach John Lewis, team member Jillian Angell, and assistant coach Colin Jackson gather around a basketball for a photo. The team is participating in a Special Olympics tournament this weekend.

## DHH Program Behavior Rewards

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In October, our DHH Program students chose four goals for their behavior rewards. They were tasked with working together during each class period in order to earn a marble for the oversized marble jar. Only classes that worked together and had positive behavior during the entire period would earn a marble. When they reached the first line on the jar in December, they earned a movie day during study hall. When they reached the second line on the jar in February, they earned a gym day during study hall where they will face off against the DHH staff in a game of kickball. They are continuing to be a positive part of the DHH classroom community in order to reach their final two goals: an outdoor picnic and a class field trip.



# Respite Work Opportunity

## Good Shepherd Center *IN-HOME RESPITE*



### Experience. Caring. Trust.

Good Shepherd Center's In-Home Respite Care program provides short-term, intermittent care for persons with a diagnosis of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, or Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in their natural, guardian, or foster family home.

Trained, professional respite staff offer care for individuals of any age with special needs. Siblings under the age of 18 are included in care. The objective of the program is to provide temporary relief for the primary caregiver, while maintaining the needs of the child in the family home, rather than a more restrictive long-term out of home placement.

*"Good Shepherd Center's respite care is a great "peace of mind" and allows us the ability to relax while we are out. Respite care gives us a chance to "clear our minds" of the day-to-day demands and struggles of raising and caring for a special needs child. Although the struggles are many, having a break to "regroup" emotionally and physically are so vital to the care and wellbeing of our entire family."*

*Kelly & Jerry C./Tinley Park*

This program is funded through the Department of Human Services with no charge to qualified individuals and their families. The areas served for participation in the program include the following: resident of South Suburban Cook County, Northern Will and the Mt. Greenwood/Beverly neighborhoods in Chicago.

For more information on qualifications or to apply for services, please call 708-335-0020 x 22.



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### RESPITE WORK OPPORTUNITY

Have experience working with individuals with special needs? Great opportunity for nurses, health-care workers, teachers, etc. Call 708-335-0020 x 23.



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