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Re: Remembering Lido Beach Student

Dear Miller Place School District Community,

As you may be aware Lazar LaPenna, a child in the Lido Beach community, passed away suddenly on April 29, 2022 during a youth baseball game, two days after his 10th birthday.

On Monday, May 9th several school districts are joining the Lido Beach community to honor Lazar's memory by wearing a sports jersey, home school logo apparel, and/or the color purple which represents epilepsy awareness (Lazar's cause of death). It is our understanding that May 9th was chosen as it represents the baseball jersey number Lazar will wear for eternity.

It is the personal choice of each student, staff member, and family to participate in this initiative if you choose.

For those who choose not to participate, we recognize the past 2 years have been extremely challenging for many families who have experienced loss. In an effort for our school community to honor Lazar, I have connected with representatives from the Promise of Hope Foundation, and requested they donate two AEDs to North Shore Little League in Lazar's memory. As many of our MP students, as well as those from our neighboring communities, enjoy the benefits of playing baseball and softball at NSLL, this generous donation increases the number of AEDs they will now have on site.

Keeping the LaPenna family in our thoughts ~

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano

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