

# GC Middle School – Safe Sun Assembly

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the last day of school before the Memorial Day break, sixth graders viewed “The Dark Side of the Sun”. This video created and produced by our foundation emphasizes the necessity of sun protection, dangers of tanning beds and the importance of mole identification. Jack Biggane spoke briefly about Mollie and her experiences at GC Middle and High School. Dr. Ted Daly, MD (Garden City Dermatology) reviewed with the students the importance of individual responsibility for preventing skin cancer. He engaged the students in a dialogue to help them have a sun healthy summer. The objective of this program is to practice safe. All students received a hat, self-check brochures and, Mrs. Lorraine Phillips, RN, GCMS nurse, sent a letter to the parents reiterating the precautions that were outlined in the Safe Sun Presentation.

Cablevision’s Neighborhood Journal Producer, Joseph Grisanti, covered this presentation. After producing this segment, we received the following communication from Joe. “...A week or so after we covered the event, I found a mole on my back. Since I was educated that day, I went to my dermatologist and got it checked out. It

**turned out not to be cancer, but they informed me that I should come back right away because if left it could turn into melanoma. If I had never attended your presentation, I wouldn’t have gone in and got it**

**checked out and who knows what would have happened. I just truly want to thank you for educating me and the work that you do....”**

Mrs. Kathy Adams, GC Parent, wrote the following unsolicited letter to the GC News, after the assembly. “...I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Biggane for the wonderful service and education they provide to our

community. I have two daughters in the Middle School who attended an assembly given by the Bigganes regarding Melanoma awareness and prevention... ..As a result of this, my girls automatically reach for the sunscreen and don’t have to be encouraged to do so. In fact, now my daughters remind the rest of the family, extended family and friends to wear sunscreen. After the assembly the girls started to carry their own sun protection and make sure it’s always in the cars and on the table by the door. The Biggane message is visible about an invisible killer....”



Dr. Ted Daly

# Jay Gallagher Memorial Lacrosse Tournament

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, the Garden City Youth Lacrosse Program and the Jay Gallagher Memorial Foundation under the direction of Dr. Tony Randi hosted the Twelfth Annual Jay Gallagher Memorial Tournament. Jay Gallagher, GCHS and Cornell lacrosse defenseman and later coach, died in '92, at 39 of melanoma. Over 100 teams from the Northeast participated with over 4,000 players, coaches and parents attending games.

With a season marked with record rainfalls, the participants were able to play out their games on the high school, middle school and St. Paul’s fields. Our foundation was able to supply many of the tournament players with hats and sunscreen. Green re-usable grocery bags, with the message “Have You Checked Your Skin Lately?” were donated to attendees. Mollie’s Fund shares proceeds of this tournament with the Andy Fund and the Miracle Foundation.



Lt to Rt: Kelsey and Nora Winchurch distributing “Have You Checked Your Skin Lately?” reusable green bags