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!
Alternatives For Children

**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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East Setauket, NY 11733
631-331-6400
Preschool Programs
Child Day Care
Early Intervention Services
Universal Pre-K
Administrative Office

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Aquebogue, NY 11931
631-722-2170
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Child Day Care
Early Intervention Services
Universal Pre-K

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Melville, NY 11747
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Child Day Care
Early Intervention Services

**168 Hill Street**
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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

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Alternatives for Children
BOWL LONG ISLAND @ PATCHOGUE FUNDRAISER

**138 West Avenue**
Patchogue

**Bowl Long Island**
At Patchogue

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

$15 per person includes 3 games with shoes
Refreshments & Snacks
Chinese Auction 50/50 Raffle

**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**
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.

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<th>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.</th>
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<td>Brush all of your teeth, not just the front ones. Spend some time on the teeth along the sides and in the back.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Learn how to floss your teeth to keep them healthy. Floss gets rid of hidden food where your toothbrush can’t get it.</td>
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We got to watch a cool movie about going to the dentist!

Thank You
Dr. Adelberg
Dr. Montalvan

Thank You
Miss Linda,
Dental Hygienist

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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
C'est Cheese  Gift Certificate
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Z Pita  Gift Certificate
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.

**Alternatives For Children Southampton**

Bilingual Programming and Child Day Care Program for Income Eligible Families

Child Day Care Program for Income Eligible Families

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

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.
$5,000 & Over
- Competition Toyota/Toyota Dealer Match Program
- Frankino Charitable Foundation - Connie M. Frankino
- Pilot Benefits Group - Mr. Mark Senders

$2,500 – $4,999
- Competition Automotive Group - Jim Buzzetta
- Middle Island Motor Sales
- Holtz Rubenstein Remnick - Gordon Siess
- Islandia MRI Associates PC - Merik C. Dolber
- Dr. & Mrs. Frederic Mendelsohn
- Mr. Vincent R. O’Leary
- Optimum Lightpath - Dan Meystrik
- Michael & Barbara Russell
- Mr. & Mrs. Sean M. Russell
- UBS Financial Services - Mr. Michael Russell

$1,000 – $2,499
- Caroline Church of Brookhaven - Setauket, New York
- Eye-Vision Associates - Dr. Gwen Gnadt
- Gershow Recycling Center - Kevin G. Gershowitz
- Mechanical Solutions - Thomas Juliano
- Partlow Insurance Agency - Jerry Partlow
- Garrick C. Stephenson Family Foundation
- Edwin Gustafson, Jr.
- Suffolk County National Bank - Jacqueline M. Brown
- Winters Brothers Waste Systems - Joe Winters

$500 – $999
- Allure Home Improvements - Sal Ferro
- Associated Energy - Larry McDevitt
- Chase Auto Finance - Brian Farley
- D.A. Marsicovetere & Co. - Dominic Marsicovetere
- Fidelity Investments - Robert Gennari
- GBM Services Inc. - Michael Pergola
- Greenberg & Traurig - Pamela Madeiros, Esq.
- K.A.M. Maintenance Corp. - Kyle Mendelsohn
- The Staff of Dr. Fred Mendelsohn
- Andrew Monaco
- Brian H. O’Leary
- Patricia Risi
- Mitchell Selip
- Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology - Jim Speza

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Makes a Difference!

The Children Thank You!
8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
JUNE 10TH 2013  NISSEQUOGE GOLF CLUB

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Payment MUST accompany registration form. (Check your choice[s].)

PLATINUM Sponsor $5,000 each
* $3,750 tax deductible

GOLD Sponsor $2,850 each
* $1,975 tax deductible

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* $1,275 tax deductible

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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

EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY)

CARDHOLDER NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: May 31, 2013
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Tell a Friend About Alternatives For Children!

Call Today to Register!

Alternatives For Children's early childhood education programs lead to demonstrated outcomes for our students.
Graduates leave Alternatives For Children ready to learn & ready for Kindergarten.

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