

MAR 2024

# TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



## LILY'S LUCKY DAY OF PLAY!



March's monthly event was a "Lucky Day of Play" where our kiddos were treated to a visit from a lucky leprechaun, a scavenger hunt for gold and a yummy lunch!

Thanks to a generous (but anonymous) sponsor, we were able to provide our families with a magical, fun filled day!

## WILL YOU BE APRIL'S HERO?

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!**

**BAW!**

**MONTHLY FUN EVENT!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH**

**10 AM - 1 PM**  
LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 AM

**SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER NOW!**

**POW!**

**VISITS FROM SUPERHERO FRIENDS**  
THEMED CRAFTS  
FUN WITH FRIENDS  
LOTS OF PLAY!

**FOR LILY'S PAD MEMBERS ONLY**

Our monthly events are made possible by the generosity of this community. We would love your help to bring our kids April's monthly event: Superhero Day!

Here's how you can help:

- Sponsor the full event for \$500
- Co-sponsor the event for \$250
- Donate any amount to help with supplies!

To be our April Hero, click [HERE!](#)



Our very own Miss Lily popped by the party to play! She officially turned 10 the next day. *Happiest of birthdays to our VP of Inspiration!*

# MEET DENALI!



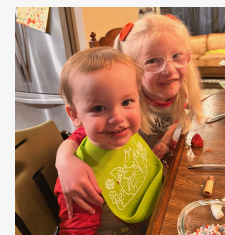
Denali was born with 22q deletion syndrome, a microdeletion on the 22nd chromosome. This caused a set of very complex and rare heart defects called Tetralogy of Fallot with pulmonary atresia and main aortopulmonary central arteries. It also has caused feeding difficulties, low T cells which causes frequent viral infections, scoliosis, and some developmental challenges. Since birth, she has had half of her left lung removed and a gtube placed. At 4 months old she had a 12+ hour open heart surgery where the miracle worker, Dr. Frank Hanley, repaired her heart to almost normal circulation.

Denali's Mom, Nancy, says: "She will continue to have valve replacements throughout her life but we hope this surgery has given her the very best chance at a long and beautiful life. Most people who interact with Denali wouldn't know all the burdens Denali carries in her little body. But those who know and love her best are in awe of her strength and love for life."

Denali and her little brother, Rocky, are frequent visitors to Lily's Pad. When Denali was preparing for her second major surgery in December of last year, she was isolated to keep her healthy. Mom used our Thursday private play sessions to give the two kids a space to run and play safely.

With a bright and funny personality, Denali loves to dance, collect treasures and all things blue and pink. Her favorite things include Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol, making cards and playing the piano. She dreams of a puppy and Mom and Dad hope to be able to grant this wish someday. She's an amazing big sister to Rocky, who loves to climb and get into just about everything!

Mom says that "seeing both kids get so comfortable at Lily's Pad, allowing us to relax and chat with other parents has been a beautiful experience. We are so grateful for all the ways we are supported through this amazing organization."



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 13 Lily's Pad Range Partee
- May 10 AZ Saints Chorale Concert benefiting Lily's Pad (Night 1)
- May 11 AZ Saints Chorale Concert benefiting Lily's Pad (Night 2)



## JOIN US ON APRIL 13TH!

Come PARTEE with us at our 2nd Annual Range Partee! You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy this kind of golf! Choose from our Player's Package or our Premiere Player's Package and get in on the fun! All packages include 4 catered meals and unlimited play in the range bays.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PACKAGE!](#)

Even if you can't attend, you can still help to support the event! We have some amazing raffle prizes! You can purchase our **Early Bird Raffle Ticket Package for \$20** and get 2 tickets for the price of 1 before April 11th!

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS!](#)

Or bid on some of our amazing auction items! Online auction opens on 4/10/24 and will close on 4/13/24.

**Auction link is: <https://yourcharityauction.com/LilysPad>**