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## **Author Nick Katsoris and “Loukoumi” to Visit Mill Neck Manor *Children’s Program Serves Reading and Recipes***

Who doesn’t have a cherished childhood memory involving a favorite food? Or one involving mixing, scooping or measuring out ingredients for that special dish, alongside Mom, Grandma, or perhaps, Dad? On Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 2-3:30 p.m., Mill Neck Manor is hosting a visit by author Nick Katsoris, who will present his latest children’s book, “Loukoumi’s Celebrity Cookbook.” The event, taking place in the Manor House on campus, is for children ages 4-8, and was arranged by Community Relations Manager Teresa Reid of Barnes & Noble in Manhasset. Children will have the opportunity to help prepare and enjoy one of the featured recipes in the book, “Beyoncé’s Easy Guacamole.” Loukoumi, the lamb character of the iParenting Media Award-winning series, will accompany Katsoris at this fun, family event.

This will be Katsoris’s second visit to Mill Neck. Two years ago, the author read from his books, “Loukoumi’s Good Deeds” and “Loukoumi’s Gift” to preschool through elementary school students at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. That visit was also made possible by Barnes & Noble.

In his latest Loukoumi book, Katsoris collected favorite childhood recipes from more than 50 celebrities, including Oprah Winfrey, Eli Manning, Beyoncé, Justin Timberlake, Taylor Swift, Jay Leno and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. “Loukoumi’s Celebrity Cookbook” is a great way to get children interested in helping out in the kitchen, while encouraging healthy eating and time together during meal preparation.

To date, the Loukoumi series has been translated into Greek and Chinese, with more than 100,000 books in print. The author donates at least \$2 of each sale to benefit charities. Katsoris, who is a practicing attorney, is also an advocate of education. In 1989, he founded the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, which has since awarded over \$1 million to over 500 students.

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The cost of the April 28 program is \$40 per child and includes the guacamole served with corn chips and an autographed copy of “Loukoumi’s Celebrity Cookbook.” Additional books will be available for purchase at \$20 each. Katsoris will have several of his other books on hand, as well. All proceeds benefit Mill Neck Manor’s Literacy Collaborative Program, implemented six years ago, to ensure that Deaf and Hard of Hearing students have access to the same literacy skills as their hearing peers. Reservations and payment are required in advance. Sign language interpreters will be available for guests who are Deaf, provided a request is made in advance. To register, log on to [www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org) or call (516) 628-4243.

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and Early Childhood Center are part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, a not-for-profit group dedicated to serving Deaf and hard of hearing individuals, and those with other special communication needs, through educational, vocational and spiritual programs and services. For more information, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

*Photo Captions:*

1. Author Nick Katsoris will make an appearance at Mill Neck Manor on April 28, 2012.
2. “Loukoumi’s Celebrity Cookbook,” the latest title in the popular Loukoumi series.

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