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## **Thanksgiving's Early Arrival at Mill Neck Manor**

For a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon held recently at Mill Neck Manor, the gym was transformed with rows of tables and festive fall decorations. The feast, with all the trimmings, was enjoyed by the Mill Neck Family of Organizations as everyone came together to celebrate and give thanks. The luncheon was again hosted by the student members of Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf Jr. NAD (National Association of the Deaf) chapter. The students raise money for this annual event by selling beverages at Mill Neck Family's Fall Harvest Festival, held on Columbus Day weekend each October.

Jr. NAD students not only served the meal, but took part in planning and ordering the catered luncheon. Included in the traditional Thanksgiving menu were turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, and a variety of vegetables, sweet potatoes, and rolls. The wonderful meal was topped off by a selection of enticing desserts.

Mill Neck's younger students added to the festivities by sporting their hand-crafted Thanksgiving hats and setting their tables with the colorful placemats they also created. There were smiles all around, followed by a round of applause as Assistant Superintendent Francine Bogdanoff and Mill Neck senior, Akilah Rashad took the stage, welcoming everyone and expressing their own thanks for the extended Mill Neck "family" gathered together for this special communal meal.

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf is part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, a not-for-profit group dedicated to serving Deaf and hard of hearing individuals through educational, vocational and spiritual programs and services. For more information about any of its programs, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

*Photo Captions:*

- 1) Classmates Jane (left) and Ava show off their holiday creations.
- 2) Thank you for being a friend: (from left), Annalese, Genesis, Nataly and Niah.
- 3) Buddies Wadley and Jonathon enjoy their meal and each other's company!
- 4) Jr. NAD members (from left) Peter, Tutkunkan, Perla and Maximo serve up turkey with all the trimmings.

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