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Sleepy Hollow Dedicates New Building to Liv Milan

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More than 100 Sleepy Hollow parents and students gathered for it's annual "Scary Story Night," made especially sweet by the official dedication of the school's parent-club funded new before-and-after school care and enrichment center. Photo provided

The determined efforts of many Sleepy Hollow parents and supporters paid off. Last week, Sleepy Hollow honored Liv Milan, the 20+ year Director of the Sleepy Hollow Before and After School Club (B/ASC) with the opening of the new Liv Milan B/ASC Enrichment Center.

"Students and parents alike love Liv Milan and I think this dedication is proof of that," said Milan's daughter, Kari-Anne Milan. Over 100 Sleepy Hollow students and parents gathered for the event. The dedication of the building to Liv Milan coincided with Sleepy Hollow's annual Scary Story Night. "We've never done story reading outside before. It was really a great community building event," said Sleepy Hollow parent Trish Cetrone.

OUSD Superintendent Dr. Joe Jaconette read "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and OUSD Board of Education member Pam West performed dramatic audience participation readings of "Where the Wild Things Are" and "Room on a Broom" with Orinda's past Mayor and current City Council Member Steve Glazer.

"Our campus is maxed out on space...in order to provide educational enrichment programs like daily Spanish language classes, we needed additional classrooms. The Liv Milan B/ASC Enrichment Center has one dedicated homework room for students and tutor sessions plus two classrooms used for enrichment classes and parent club meetings. The building also provides dedicated restrooms and a kitchen facility all dedicated to childcare services," said Cetrone.

Cetrone said there was a "huge need for larger before and after school care

for students." The average daily attendance ranges from 60 to 150 students. Due to the state budget crisis, the Orinda School District was not in a position to contribute funds toward the project. The total project cost was about \$420,000 and was paid for completely by the Parent Club and a generous legacy donor. A portion of the total project cost also included updates to Sleepy Hollow's existing computer lab. Cetrone said Glorietta Elementary recently completed a similar modular building and "Wagner Ranch was ahead of its time when it installed a similar building approximately 7 years ago for the same reasons." Cetrone said the event was so touching that the Parent Club received another \$5,000 in funds - bringing its Legacy Donation Fund (specifically for the building) to \$75,000.

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