

## Community News



### Can Tabs for Kids at William Floyd Elementary

Gershow Recycling announced its support for William Floyd Elementary School's Can Tabs for Kids project, a program designed to raise funds for the fight against childhood cancer. The money raised will benefit the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Medical Center, an organization that raises awareness and funds for specific projects to assist families. Gershow has pledged to purchase the can tabs and match the funds raised through this program. Jonathan Abrams, Manager, Gershow Recycling, spoke to the students during an assembly at William Floyd Elementary School last week.

As part of the Can Tabs for Kids program, students at William Floyd Elementary School will bring in aluminum tabs from soft drink and pet food cans and place them in collection bins located in their classrooms. The bags are taken out of the bins and brought to Gershow, where the contents will be weighed and recycled. The tabs will be collected throughout the school year and a special assembly will be held to announce the worth of the collected tabs. Gershow will match that amount with a special donation to the Sunrise Fund, up to \$5,000. The idea for the program was inspired by Maria Marks, a William Floyd Elementary School student who was diagnosed with cancer at a young age; her cancer has since been in remission. To date, more than 750,000 aluminum tabs have been collected. Gershow matched the amount of \$253 raised by the students and made an additional donation of \$1,000 on top of the match. Pictured here: Jonathan Abrams (third from right), Manager, Gershow Recycling and Maria Marks (fourth from right), a fifth-grade student at William Floyd Elementary School, stand next to the check indicating the amount of money that was raised at last year's Can Tabs for Kids program during the program's kickoff on October 7. Also pictured (left to right): Dr. Paul Casciano, Superintendent of Schools, William Floyd Elementary School; Keith Fasciana, William Floyd Elementary School principal; Nancy Marks, Maria's mother; Christina Sarafin, Holy Angels Regional School teacher in Patchogue; Joseph Petry, Holy Angels Regional School student; New York State Senator Lee Zeldin; and Dr. Robert Parker, Director of the Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Stony Brook University Hospital.