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KTS Students Welcome Grandparents and Special Visitors

Rockville, MD—[TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers](http://www.ttlc.org) announced today that on May 1, 2009, students and staff of TLC's [Katherine Thomas School](http://www.ttlc.org) (KTS) welcomed more than 100 grandparents and special friends to a wonderful day of performances, learning and quality time together for a special gathering called *Grandparents and Special Visitors Day*. KTS is an independent day school for students in preschool through twelfth grade with moderate to severe language and learning disabilities and high-functioning autism.

The eleventh annual Grandparents and Special Visitors Day began in the gym with several elementary classes performing a song called "Happy Grandparents Day." Grandparents were then invited to join students in a thrilling "jam session" using drums and other percussion instruments, led by KTS music teacher **Amy Gardiner**. Following this performance, the students enjoyed having their grandparents and special friends participate in their classroom activities.

Our first graders enjoyed making banana cream pie, while middle school students learned history firsthand from their grandparents in a lively discussion about how different life was for them in the earlier parts of their lives. [SMART boards](http://www.ttlc.org) were used in classrooms to highlight the use of technology at KTS. Younger students played social pragmatics jeopardy, testing knowledge of friendship and social skills. Middle school students challenged visitors to a jeopardy game called "Remember When," highlighting technology, fun games, and trends of years gone by. High school drama students showed off their talents during improvisational performances in the [Zourdos Black Box Theater](http://www.ttlc.org).

Visitors enjoyed time with our support staff, including speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and social workers to better understand their loved ones' special needs. As always, families had their portraits taken by a professional photographer to commemorate this special day.

KTS Senior Social Worker **Sally Neuberger** was key in planning this special day for students and their extended families. Sally said, "Grandparents and Special Visitors Day at KTS is a feel good occasion. Visitors leave with a better understanding of their students' disabilities and successful learning strategies. Students have an opportunity to show off their school and their developing skills. You can't help but smile as you meander the halls and watch learning in progress!"

About TLC

[TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers](http://www.ttlc.org), located in Rockville, Md., improves lives and expands possibilities for individuals with special needs. Celebrating over 58 years of service to the community in 2009, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and strives to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information visit www.ttlc.org.

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