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Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico pictured with 8 year old Kyle Meier of the Mastic Sports Club.

Farmingville, NY - On Sunday, August 12, 2012 Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico joined members of community, family and friends of Kyle Meier as a new plaque was dedicated in his honor.

"Kyle is an inspirational kid who has not let over 12 surgeries, a tracheotomy, the lack of thigh bones and hip joints, and other severe disabilities stop him," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "It would have been very easy for him and his family to give up, but through determination and an unbreakable spirit, Kyle has overcome his disabilities and carries on like any other kid. He has taken his disabilities and has turned them into a story of achievement. Along with his friends and family, this playground has been dedicated in his honor."

Kyle’s grandmother, Debbie Metz is a Mastic Beach resident and local real estate professional who also serves as Director of the Kyle Sports for Special Needs Program of the Mastic Sports Club. She was the catalyst for the construction of this adaptive playground.