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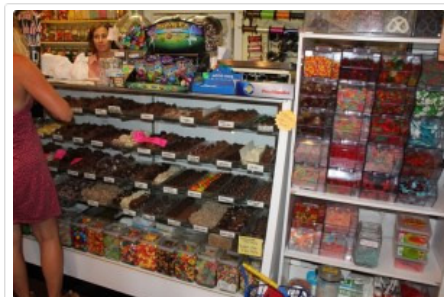
Sweeties Candy Cottage: Making the World Better One Sweet Smile at a Time

By Rosey Mulderrig, on August 15th, 2010



Lisa Hodes (R) and loyal employee, Emily

If you're cruising by Sweeties Candy Cottage after school on any given day you're sure to see the happy, sticky faces of kids satisfying their sweet tooth after a long day of school work, play and sports. Within a couple of hundred yards of Finley Middle School, Sweeties most likely vies with young crushes for equal time in the students' daydreams. Proprietor Lisa Hodes always has a cheery smile to match each of her customers. It hasn't always been easy for this local Willy Wonka. It has taken a lot of perseverance and hard work to get the solid client base that she has today, Lisa says. (click on any photo to enlarge)



Try the "oh ma ma" named after the first utterance after it hits your tastebuds

Lisa originally hails from Montreal so coming to Long Island was a big change for her. After having two children another big change came when she found herself divorced and the main provider for her little ones. As many women in the workforce, Lisa felt guilty having a career that took her away from her kids for long hours and caused her to miss out on many school activities. Her youngest child was headed to kindergarten when the candy store on East Main Street came up for sale and she decided that this could be her calling. After purchasing the store she learned the hard way that the store was not doing much business, "sometimes only 5 people would come in the entire day" she said.

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The prior owners did a lot of their business selling molds and supplies to people who like to make their own candies. Lisa still carries these items but she makes a lot of her own candies to sell alongside the prepackaged ones.



Pre-packaged goodies

She is adventurous and experiments with all kinds of concoctions that include ingredients such as chocolate covered popcorn, pretzels, caramels, brownies, nuts, nougat and peanut butter. Her marzipan fruits are really good too! Lisa is a fast learner and she pays close attention to conversations with her young customers and parents that come in for sweets. She rounded out the store with good popular toys and games. With her finger on the pulse of the kids she knows exactly what to buy.



It's a toy store too!

Lisa's friendly warm disposition adds the perfect touch to this homey neighborhood store. She clearly enjoys making people happy and gives back to the community through many charitable events. Just last week she was very busy making candies to donate (along with her time) to the Northport Rotary Club's annual tasting benefit at the Oheka Castle. Her kids love their mom's occupation and never get tired of taste testing anything she makes. "It's doing small things", she says that really can change the world. Every time someone leaves here with a smile on their face, I feel like they will share it and it will spread, truly making the world a better place."



Donating to the Northport Rotary benefit at Oheka Castle

Sweeties Candy Cottage is located at 142 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743. Call (631) 423-7625



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Sweeties is awesome and Lisa is just a sweeter little gem if thats even possible!!!

I recently had a birthday party for my 2 little girls and Lisa took my hand walked me around the store and helped me pick out (within my budget) the most adorable, talked about goodie bags!!! It took something off my to do list and she did a better job than I would have. I can almost guarantee I spent less by working within a budget and not randomly stuffing garbage I picked out at a party supply store myself, that would have cost MORE and gotten less ohhhh's and ahhhhh's from all the Mommies and kiddos!!!

Lisa rocks like the beautiful rock candy on a stick she sells!!!!!!

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Sweeties is the greatest store and Lisa is the greatest owner! Sweeties is one of my favorite places to be, not just for the candy but for the conversation! Oh, and my kids like it too!
