

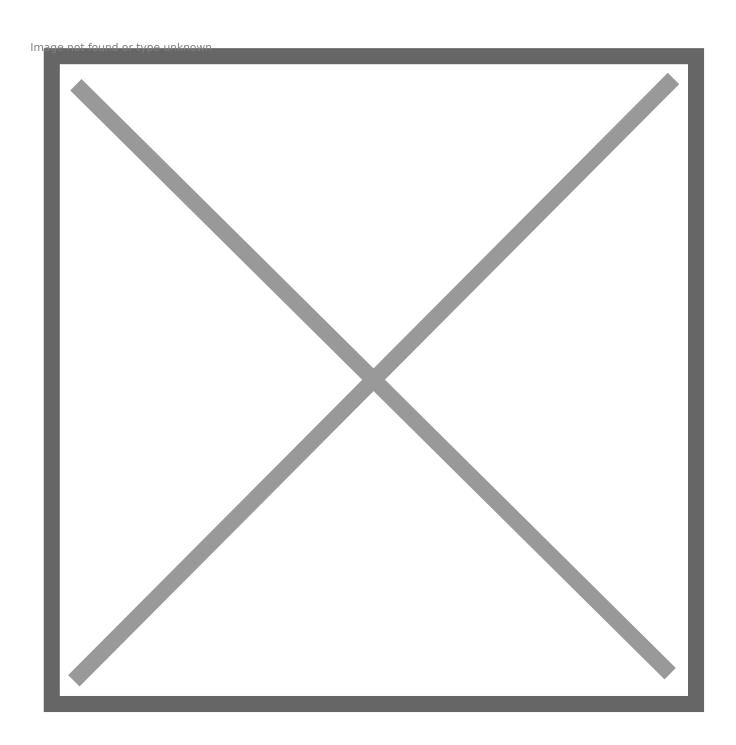
**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR** 

Robert G. Ortt

## Senator Rob Ortt Visits Doodle Bugs! for a Special Holiday Story

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**AMHERST** – Senator Rob Ortt and mascot, Mr. Doodle Bug, visited Doodle Bugs! Children's Center in West Amherst on **Tuesday.** During their visit, the Senator treated the preschool and pre-k classes to a special holiday story time.

Senator Ortt's visit is part of "12 Doodle Days," a goodwill campaign during which, each of the 12 Days features a different Doodle Bugs! location spreading holiday cheer. Faculty and children have involved children's hospitals, US Troops, local politicians, community helpers, sports teams, and other community organizations with their efforts.

## During the 12 Days of Celebration, Doodle Bugs! centers:

- Baked cookies for the local fire and police departments
- Made and sent holiday cards to U.S. troops
- Sponsored a CDS Monarch Family in Need by purchasing Christmas gifts for the family's children
- Collected and donated hundreds of toys to Toys for Tots
- Performed a festive sing-along for Peregrine Assisted Living in Orchard Park
- Made and delivered fleece blankets to Women and Children's Hospital
- Were surprised by a magical snowfall at the Lake Worth, Florida location
- Treated parents and caregivers to free Tim Hortons coffee during morning drop-off

This campaign is all about showing appreciation. The shared sense of joy and accomplishment from this initiative is a wonderful way for kids at Doodle Bugs! to learn the importance of gratitude and kindness.