



EVERYDAY HEROES

An inside look at the people who make dreams come true at Meeting Street

Winter 2026

Happy 80th Birthday, Meeting Street!

The dawn of 2026 marks the 80th anniversary of Meeting Street – a milestone that feels both incredible and likely. There is nothing that a community cannot achieve when it puts its heart, talents and resources to work... and that is Meeting Street in a nutshell.

Over the past 80 years Meeting Street has evolved from a small school on Providence's East Side – whose very existence demanded that all children have a legal right to education – to our three-campus, two-state, 15-program organization that exists today, ensuring all children have the developmental supports they need, prenatally to age 22.

And we've accomplished all of this because of YOU, our steadfast community of supporters, families, alumni and partners. Thank you for your belief in our mission, our values and our work. Together, we have achieved so much, and as you'll hear more about throughout this year, the best is yet to come!

With appreciation,



John M. Kelly,
President



Meet Our "New" Director of Early Childhood

Licensed Occupational Therapist Nicole Constantino has been with Meeting Street for 14 years, playing a key role in transforming the organization's Early Intervention programs in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In her new role, she will oversee Meeting Street's 11 early childhood programs, serving thousands of children each year, prenatally to age 5.

Nicole also serves as President of the Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium, is a voting member of the Massachusetts Interagency Coordinating Council and recently completed a six-year term as President of Taunton Youth Soccer.



Save the Dates!

The Schwartz School Art Show - **May 14**

The Schwartz School Art Show Reception - **May 15**



Your Impact: Meet Hannah

After spending the first nine weeks of their preemie's life in the NICU during COVID-19 shutdowns, Hannah's family wasted no time enrolling her in Early Intervention to support her development from the very start.

As Hannah approached her third birthday, her family carefully considered which educational setting would best meet her needs. They chose The Schwartz School, trusting it would provide the individualized support and care she required. From the moment she enrolled, Hannah found a place where she felt understood, encouraged and truly valued. Her teachers, therapists, and staff quickly became partners in her growth — creating an environment where she could thrive.

Her progress since then has been remarkable. With the support of her therapy team and access to specialized equipment, Hannah has achieved milestones that once felt far off — progressing from an advanced gait trainer to a standard walker, and eventually to only hand-held assistance. Each transition not only reflected her physical growth, but also her growing confidence and independence.

Today, Hannah is a joyful, self-assured child who knows exactly who she is. She loves space and planets, and recently beamed with excitement over her new orthotics decorated with a space design. Hannah loves coming to school, has flourished every step of the way, and is just getting started.

Want to hear more about Hannah and her family's experience? [Click here](#) to watch her 2026 Telethon feature!





50th Telethon Recap!

The 50th Annual Meeting Street Telethon raised an impressive \$717,645, supporting the organization's programs and services for children with and without special needs throughout Southeastern New England.

This milestone comes as Meeting Street celebrates 80 years of providing enhanced education and developmental programs, continuing its mission to serve as a vital resource for children and families in the community.

Miss the show? Want to revisit our stories?

[Click here!](#)

3 Questions... with Rachel

We asked Rachel Terceira, **Director of Admissions**, at [The Grace School](#) a few questions:



First five words that come to mind when you're describing The Grace School to families?
Compassion, kindness, love, joy & resilience.

What's one thing that always brings a smile to your day in admissions?

Finding out the amazing schools our 8th graders have been accepted to has been so exciting! We have students accepted to start high school at Wheeler, La Salle, and Providence Country Day!

What is your favorite thing about being part of this community?

Just like the first day of school for a student, being a new employee can be scary! Since my very first day, when I walk into the building every staff member I pass takes a second to say good morning. The positive energy of the Meeting Street family is contagious and makes you happy to be arriving to work at 8am. Being part of this community means always having someone say "Good morning!" to you, and some days that's all you need to change your mood.



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Our Providence [Early Learning Center](#) is enrolling toddlers and preschool!