

EVERYDAY HEROES

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

Summer 2026

The Summer of Anniversaries

While July 4th marked 250 years of America, in June Meeting Street celebrated our 80th year! Thanks to the support of everyone reading these words, we've grown from "Meeting Street School" to "Meeting Street" – an organization devoted to helping ALL children, prenatal to adulthood. The newsletter below features just a few of our 16 unique programs across Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

With appreciation,



John M. Kelly,
President

The Schwartz School Art Show



*Presented by: **Bristol County Savings Bank***

The students and professionals at The Schwartz School in Dartmouth outdid themselves with at the 2026 Art Show, a multicultural celebration of immersive art installations that you have to see to believe!

Read [Dartmouth Week's article about the Art Show](#)



Classroom 4: New Bedford



Original artwork by all students



Classroom 6: Tokyo Sushi Bar



Classroom 3: Viva Las Vegas!



Classroom 5: The Big Apple



Classroom 2: Hooray for Hollywood!

The Power of Partnership

Amazing things happen when the community works together to help those in need. In December, LiUNA! - Laborers' International Union of North America Local 271 - and Learfield partnered to host a toiletries drive for Meeting Street families during the winter meeting of local basketball titans Brown and Providence. Game attendees were encouraged to bring travel-sized essentials – soap, shampoo, conditioner – which was supplemented by a drive among LiUNA! members.



The result? Over 75 families enrolled in a Meeting Street early childhood program received a “self-care pack” in their spring pickup of groceries through Meeting Street’s Community Cupboard. The Community Cupboard, a RI Community Food Bank partner site launched in 2025, provides Meeting Street families with free groceries on a monthly basis.

Interested in engaging your network to make a difference? Contact [Melissa](#).



Amica Mutual Pavilion | PC vs Brown

ITEMS NEEDED

TOILETRIES: SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT

BABY CARE: DIAPERS, WIPES

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: PAPER PRODUCTS, CLEANING SUPPLIES

FOOD ITEMS: CANNED PROTEINS, SHELF-STABLE MILK, PASTA, SOUPS

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BENEFITTING





Back by Popular Demand!

Walk and Roll @ Fort Taber, New Bedford - **Sunday, October 18th**

Play! at Meeting Street Recap!



We're thrilled to announce the outstanding success of PLAY!, Presented by Clarke, our special event commemorating Meeting Street's 80th anniversary. Thanks to the generosity of over 200 friends and supporters, we raised more than \$230,000 to benefit children and families across Southeastern New England. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined, supported, and championed our mission—especially Tom Clarke and WPRI 12, our valued partners, for their unwavering commitment.

The highlight of the night was honoring our partners at WPRI 12. Their steadfast support and advocacy have been vital in helping us reach even more children and families. We are sincerely grateful for their partnership and dedication.

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, or cheered us on from afar. Your belief in Meeting Street's mission fuels our work and empowers us to continue making a difference. Here's to another year of making a meaningful impact together.

Don't miss the event highlights—view and share the memorable moments captured in our event photos!

[Play 2026 Album](#)

Halloween Parades

Dartmouth & Providence Campuses - Friday, Oct. 30th



New Employee Spotlight!

Meet Kiara! She's a Special Education Teacher Assistant at The Grace School. We couldn't resist asking Kiara a few fun get-to-know-you questions:

Sweet or Savory? Sweet

Dogs or cats? BOTH

Favorite season? Winter

One item you can't live without? Chapstick / Lip Gloss

Breakfast or Dinner? Dinner

What is something on your bucket list? Travel to South Korea

Chocolate or Vanilla? Vanilla

What color represents your personality? Yellow

Save the Date!

The 51st Annual Meeting Street Telethon - **Saturday, February 6th**

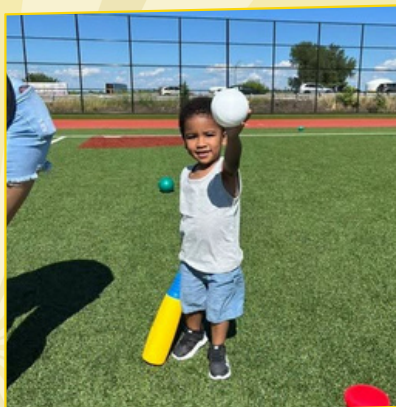
Parents as Teachers (PAT) Graduation!

Our Parents as Teachers program serving Greater New Bedford held their annual graduation ceremony for students ready to enter kindergarten. School readiness is just one of the key outcomes of this incredible program for families with children age 5 and under! [Visit us online to learn more.](#)



Early Head Start Field Day

Last month our Early Head Start (EHS) program in Providence hosted Field Day for enrolled families. Pool play, tricycle riding and ball tosses weren't just about fun, they help to develop social and motor skills! If you have a child under age 3, [click to learn more](#).



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Meeting Street

Now providing **Early Intervention** services in [Fall River!](#)

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