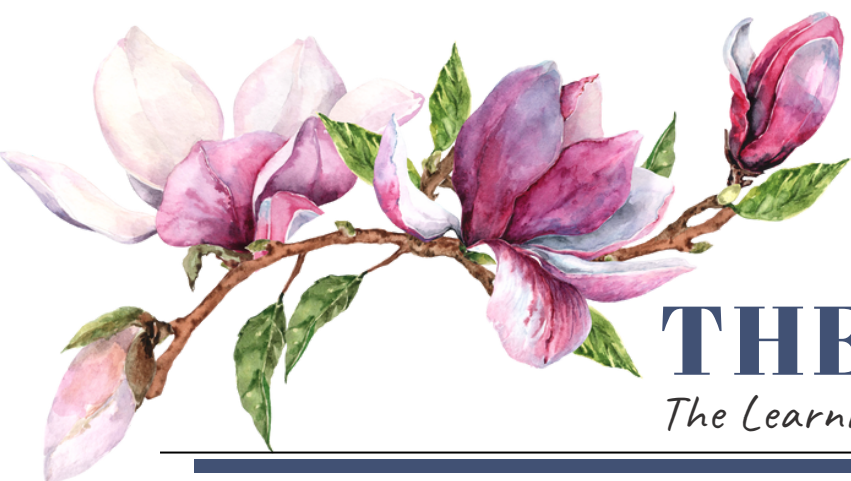




THE MAGNOLIA

The Learning Project's Quarterly Newsletter

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OUR FIRST DAY

Last week, we opened our doors to LP students and families, ushering in the 2025-2026 school year. The Learning Project was abuzz as we launched a stellar year ahead. A lot was tackled this summer by our hardworking administrative team and the faculty who dedicated additional time to curricular work. Of particular note, Head Teachers spent time enriching the school's mathematics curriculum through the development of additional Mathemagic lessons intended to further promote students' critical thinking and problem solving skills, application of concepts to real world problems, and the development of mathematical mindsets.

The McCord Building received a lot of love this summer, as well. We had a number of repairs and touch ups done throughout the building, including fresh paint, new carpets on the first floor, and much more. The building is gleaming. It's been a wonderful start to the new school year, saying hello to friends new and old and welcoming all members of our community back to their home on Marlborough Street.

The Magnolia will be released quarterly over the course of this year. We look forward to once again sharing LP magic with each of you and inviting you to join us for the journey ahead!



263 CLARENDON STREET UPDATE – ZBA APPROVAL

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeal voted unanimously to approve our request to allow 263 Clarendon to be rezoned to allow its use as an elementary school! The zoning board also approved all of the other aspects of our requested zoning variances that were necessary to allow the renovation project to move forward.

Securing permanent space for our Kindergarten, alongside additional classroom, meeting and office space is a critical part of The LP's strategic plan. This approval was the last major hurdle that we needed to overcome to make the dream of a second school building a reality.

This was the result of several years of hard work, and many members of our LP Community were critical in making this happen. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to LP alum parent, Dennis Quilty along with his colleagues at McDermott, Quilty, Miller & Hanley LLP for their legal representation ahead of and at the zoning hearing. We also had a tremendous number of supporting statements submitted to the zoning board from State Representative Jay Livingstone, City Councilor Sharon Durkan, and a number of LP parents and alumni in the neighborhood who sent letters and even attended the ZBA hearing!

In addition, huge thanks is owed to the members of our Board of Trustees and the Expansion Task Force, including Garrett Hatton ('99) who has led the task force expertly from day one. Much appreciation also extends to our many faculty and staff members who have participated and contributed to this process, especially our Director of Finance and Operations, Tara Vuono, for helping to steer the ship, moving us steadily forward, and executing plans flawlessly with each step.

So what happens now? Following a few routine applications and approvals, including waiting for the 20-day appeal period to expire, work to begin designing and renovating 263 Clarendon into school space can commence! The exact timeline is still in flux, as there are a number of inspections and internal tasks to do, along with planning and design work related to programming and use of the building – of which the Board will vote on this fall. However, while it will be some time before we welcome students into 263 Clarendon, we can now say with confidence that we will welcome students there in due time.



ANNUAL FUND SUCCESS

Last year's Annual Fund theme, *Music Made Together*, reminded us that when we join our voices—students, families, faculty, and friends—we create something far greater than any one note alone.

From daily kindness to lasting traditions, this past year's rhythm was set by our collective energy and shared commitment to our mission. *Music Made Together* wasn't just an Annual Fund theme—it's who we are as a community.

Thanks to the generosity of our LP community, we exceeded our Annual Fund goal for FY25. Together, we raised over \$440,000! Your support helped strengthen The LP mission and ensures that the music we make together continues to inspire for years to come.

Please know how deeply grateful we are for your dedication and commitment to The LP. Additional fundraising details will be shared in the FY25 Annual Report this fall.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights of the year's events. Mark your calendars!

Book Fair - October 18th

Winter Concert - December 17th

Alumni Reunion (All Alumni Welcome - Alumni, Alumni Parents, Staff and Faculty) - January 8th

Mayfest - May 8th

Graduation - June 10th

