

## The Advent School Mission

Since 1961, The Advent School has stayed true to its founding vision: an urban school whose community reflects the diversity of Boston; a forward thinking curriculum that inspires and engages a child's passion for learning; a commitment to social justice; and a culture of collaboration where every child has the confidence to take action in a connected world.



## History

In 1961, as Boston dealt with interracial relations in the face of conflicting pressures, a group of concerned members of the Church of the Advent felt a critical need for a school to serve families of all races and economic backgrounds. The Church of the Advent offered space in its parish house to begin such a school and, under the leadership of Mona C. Hull, the vision for The Advent School came alive.

By 1969, the trustees had raised enough funds to purchase two brick-and-brownstone buildings on Brimmer Street, a quiet, tree-lined street on Beacon Hill. These buildings were transformed into an elementary school. The School expanded its campus in 2015 when it acquired the SMART Lab at 99 W. Cedar Street. This space houses Advent's science, engineering, art, music, Spanish, and yoga and meditation programs and cements the School's commitment to remaining an urban school.

In July 2013, Nicole A. DuFauchard joined The Advent School as its fourth Head of School. She has strengthened the School's social justice and service-learning initiatives, reaffirmed our commitment to innovative learning inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy, and broadened the support for our faculty and students with the Department of Learning Services.

Nicole is known throughout the region as a leader and innovator of progressive education. She is a board member for the Association of Independent Schools New England (AISNE) and sits on the board of the Waynflete School in Portland, Maine. Nicole has brought national attention to the Advent School through her work with the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), as a Klingenstein Fellow, and as a thought leader in areas of social justice education, equity, and equality.



# The Advent School Community Playground

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## Play for All Ages

- Multi-use sport court
- Climbing wall
- Adjustable basketball backstop
- Log climbing structure
- Magnetic wall
- Quiet sitting areas
- Sandbox with shade sail
- Walking paths

## Program & Curriculum

- Butterfly garden
- Area for compost
- Dramatic play areas
- Outdoor classroom space
- Native landscaping

## Capital Improvements

- New fence around perimeter
- Improved drainage
- Weather-resistant boardwalk
- Low-maintenance turf
- No wood chips!

## Get Involved

Your contribution to the Playground Fund will help us bring our vision to life, and will have a lasting impact on the lives of all current and future Advent students.

You can donate online at:  
<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/theadventschool>

Select "Community Playground" as your gift designation.

You can also pledge by filling out the form on the back of this page.

Thank you for supporting The Advent School!

Contact Abigail Hayhurst, Director of Advancement, at (617) 742 - 0520 x 54 or [ahayhurst@adventschool.org](mailto:ahayhurst@adventschool.org) with questions.

### **Facilities Committee, Board of Trustees**

Nicole A. DuFauchard, Head of School  
Jeff Morgan, Director of Finance and Operations  
Seth Kaufman P'16'18, Board Chair  
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### **Parent Playground Committee**

Nicole A. DuFauchard, Head of School  
Jeff Morgan, Director of Finance and Operations  
Abigail Hayhurst, Director of Advancement  
Jared Fry P'23  
Peter Georgantas P'19'20  
Abby Goldenfarb P'21'23

### **Faculty Playground Committee**

Elinor Albin, ECC Charles  
Ariane Kramer, Kindergarten Brimmer  
Heather McBurney, Third Brimmer  
Meagan Ramos, PE Specialist  
Rosa Vega, Kindergarten Charles

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## **The Advent School Community Playground History & Timeline**

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| 1964          | The Advent School moves into 15 and 17 Brimmer Street, with plans to double its enrollment and convert the courtyard behind the buildings into “an enclosed play yard for Advent School students.”   |
| 1969          | The Advent School acquires 15 and 17 Brimmer Street at auction.  |
| 1980-1988     | An elevated basketball court is installed, along with a raised slide and climbing ropes, which become the main feature of the playground.  |
| 1989          | Wooden play structure, and the pilings to support it, installed.   |
| 1998          | A transverse rock wall is installed, which is the first major upgrade to the space since 1989.   |
| 2013          | The Strategic Planning Committee begins work on the 2015-18 strategic plan. The plan highlights the current playground as a major area of focus.   |
| June 2015     | Outdated wooden play structure removed to prepare for future renovations.  |
| August 2015   | The Faculty Playground Committee is formed. The committee visited playgrounds around Boston, and around the world, to gather ideas for Advent’s space.   |
| October 2015  | Learn, Act, Change, Advent’s 2015-18 strategic plan, is presented to the Board. A key element of the plan is Strategy 5.2, which reads:<br>“Implement a maintenance, management, and improvement plan for our current facilities and infrastructure; begin to address top priority needs, starting with the playground.” |
| November 2015 | Learn, Act, Change is presented to the parent community at the PA Education Forum on November 17, 2015.  |
| March 2016    | Learn, Act, Change is highlighted at the State of the School on March 8, 2016.   |

- June 2016 Holly Ben-Joseph is engaged as the landscape architect for The Advent School Community Playground.
- Parents are invited to fill out an online survey to share their opinion on the new playground.
- Students and parents are invited to share opinions on potential new playground elements via display boards in the parent's center.
- August 2016 Advent faculty spend a day preparing the playground for the start of the 2016-17 school year by cleaning, painting, and adding new materials, including a sand table and stage.
- October 2016 Nicole A. DuFauchard begins meeting with constituents to solicit pledges for the playground campaign.
- December 2016 First playground campaign gift is received.
- The Parent Playground Committee holds its first meeting.
- March 2017 Advent receives Beacon Hill Architectural Commission approval on March 16, 2017.
- March 2017 Playground is highlighted as funding priority at the Spring Benefit. The paddle raiser brought in \$5,700 that night, bringing the campaign total to \$11,800.



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## DONOR INFORMATION

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Thank you for supporting The Advent School by donating to the Community Playground!

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