Special Thanks to our Donors!
We hit our goal for the annual appeal! Funds raised will help ensure quality and innovative programming in the upcoming year. Special thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers, board members, and supporters. YOU are what makes EPH so special!

Film Screening
March 13, 6-8 pm
Join us and the Winter Hill Neighborhood Association for a screening of the film The Staircase about the community organizing campaign to build the staircase connecting the Mystics with the Healey School. More info to come on our Facebook page!

An Afterschool student prepares for a jump. Coaches from Parkour Generations Boston came to introduce our students to the basics of Parkour and imagine new ways to move through our playground.

An Afterschool student reads a story about Hanukkah with the Purple Room. Students got to touch a menorah and learn that there are eight candles, one for each night of the holiday.

Home and School Connection
Parents have been visiting the Preschool classroom to read stories, talk about new ideas, and share their cultures with our students. Our students come from a diversity of backgrounds, and it is exciting to bring that richness into the classroom to share.

Our students have been delighted to meet their friends’ parents and learn about new ideas. They ask curious questions and are eager to look at maps, photos, and special objects.

Parental involvement at the preschool level has been (continued next page...)

2018 By-the-Numbers
With another successful year behind us, we wanted to say thanks to YOU -- our supporters, parents, volunteers, and community partners. This past year was one of new initiatives, growth, and steady service to our shared community. Here is some of what we were able to accomplish together:

- 72 Preschool and 61 Afterschool students served
- 66 kids attended Summer Camp filling 360 weeks
- 215+ volunteers donated time to help the community
- 4 new staff joined the EPH Team
- 25 gallons used to paint the Preschool
- 3 new members joined the Board of Directors
- 129,923 pounds of food distributed
- $111,000 in grant funding to support EPH projects

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(...continued from front) shown to have a number of lifelong benefits, such as establishing education as a family priority and talking through challenges that arise. Exposing kids in their early years to a breadth of ideas also has lasting positive impact.

Right: Dr. Kaspar shows a student that he can listen to his own heartbeat using a stethoscope. She works as a pediatrician in the neighborhood, and is the mom of a student in the Green Room.

Left: A Mom and Dad show students where to find their home countries of Congo and Ghana on a globe. They shared a slideshow about how the cacao plant grows and where chocolate comes from. Their son was excited to share about his family's culture with his friends in the Purple Room.

Home and School Connection

Afterschool students got a taste of Parkour earlier this month — in our very own backyard! Coaches from Parkour Generations Boston came to introduce our students to the discipline. Parkour is a way of moving through the world that involves running, jumping, crawling, swinging, and climbing to get between two points. Often practiced outside in urban areas, parkour training places an emphasis on exploring and adapting to our everyday environments in order to build functional strength, self-confidence, and community. It’s all about breaking down obstacles into smaller pieces, a lesson that can carry over to other areas of life.

Students were excited to learn new ways to play with familiar equipment, and are looking forward to more sessions in the spring.

HParkour Comes to EPH

Best Year Yet for Holiday Toy Drive

Just ask one of our parents — this was the most successful holiday toy drive in years. The annual event is a much anticipated part of the holiday season. For families on a tighter budget, the gift giving season can bring added stress. Our two-day event was able to provide gifts to all our students along with their siblings.

We were overwhelmed by the volume and variety of gifts donated this year. Sheri, the Preschool Director, has been running this event for many years and noted a new level of consideration in the toys that were donated. There were diverse dolls, and multiple copies of many of the more popular items. Parents were able to choose what they wanted, not just for their kids enrolled at EPH but for siblings as well.

"It was the year of the multicultural baby doll, which I really appreciated. There were dolls of all skin tones and ethnicities, and they all got taken. That was new this year, and it was really cool to see."

-Sheri, Preschool Director

On Christmas morning, one kid is thrilled to get his dream gift: a giant remote-controlled car.

The MIT Giving Tree group put together personalized gift bags for each of our students based on lists students had written ahead of time. Huge thanks to them as well as to Lazarus House Ministries, Toys for Local Children, and Toys for Tots for making this event so special.

Want to keep the giving spirit alive? Check out our Preschool and Afterschool wish lists under the “Get Involved” tab on our website.

Prefer to get this newsletter in your inbox?

E-mail info@teph.org and we will be happy to send you our e-newsletter instead. Same content, less paper!

A coach shows students how to balance on a narrow beam by bending their knees, sitting back, and shifting weight into the ball of the foot.

U-Haul packed with exciting items for the holiday toy drive. Volunteers pitched in to help unload the gifts.

Sheri and Kretchta sort and arrange toys in the theater. Parents look forward to this event all year.