



Meet Mrs. Cathy Nevad

Mrs. Cathy was born and raised in Delray Beach. Her mom was the founding member of St. Joseph's School where she taught Kindergarten for 38 years and her dad was a history teacher and football coach at Seacrest High School (now Atlantic High). She was the youngest of 3. As you can see, teaching has always been in her DNA.

She attended Atlantic Community High School. "That's where I met the nicest guy in the world. In 1977 we got married. We have 3 children who we are so proud of and one amazing grandson who is such a blessing."

It wasn't till after she had children that she felt compelled to become a teacher. "I had always worked in finance; at Sun Bank and Merrill Lynch. I went back to school, got my degree in Early Childhood Development, and in 1988 I started the PreK program at St. Joseph's School." Little did she know that her daughter Abby would follow in her Grandmother's footsteps. In 1998, she finished her degree in Early Childhood and became the Junior Kindergarten teacher at St. Joe's!

She absolutely loves teaching, especially the little ones. "I learned a long time ago to be a 'Life Learner'. I learn something new every single year, sometimes every day. Being able to earn the trust of these little people is a huge accomplishment. As teachers, we are entrusted with the responsibility of the greatest assets on earth; children. It requires guidance, understanding, and patience."

After St. Joseph's was closed in May, Cathy and Abby were devastated. "I had been there for 36 years and Abby had been there 27. Abby was the first to reach out to Unity School. After her interview, she told me, 'Mom, you have to send in your resume. It's a great place and everyone there is so nice.' I wasn't expecting to ever have to dust off my resume thinking I would always be a teacher at St. Joe's. When I got the call from Nilda asking me to come in for an interview I was scared to death. She took me on a tour, showed me the classrooms, and introduced me to a few teachers. When she took me back to her office and offered me a job I burst out crying! That was the moment 'Mrs. Nevad Chapter II' began. I'm so happy and proud to be here on the Unity campus. It has such a kind atmosphere. It was exactly what Abby and I needed. We are both beyond blessed, and yes, I'm still a "Life Learner" each and every day."