



2020 Annual Report



Our Core Principles

- Teaching is a ***craft*** and teachers are ***professionals***
- We encourage the pursuit of ***excellence*** in the craft of teaching; students benefit from excellent teachers
- ***Every*** adult in a school is an ***educator***
- We spend money on ***people, programs, and ideas***
- We ***enhance*** district spending, but should never be a substitute for it
- We focus on ***long-term***, not short-term, goals of education
- We strive for a ***diverse and transparent culture****
- We are ***not*** political

* New core principle adopted in 2019



In this Report:

- *We Fund Professional Development*
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Message from Our Leadership



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share our 2020 Annual Report with you, covering activities from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Here you will find a conventional representation of our somewhat unconventional year. We began the year with our fifth and most well-attended Margaret Metzger Fellowship evening. Five inspiring Brookline educators read their thoughtful and heartfelt essays about their lives in the classroom and with their students. We finished out the fall by awarding 17 Idea Lab grants across the District to support project-based learning.

Of course, our year was interrupted by the global pandemic, just as everyone else's was, but the generosity and dedication of our many supporters allowed our Spring 2020 grant cycle to proceed as usual. Our five amazing Team Brookline runners raised money and logged miles and despite the event cancellation, ran a virtual Marathon this Fall. Our beloved Trivia Bee, our only fundraising event of the year, also fell victim to the pandemic. Thanks to our incredible event sponsors and trivia-loving friends, who donated their tickets' cost, it wasn't a total loss for the organization. Additionally, another very generous gift from Denise Jefferson Casper and Marc N. Casper allowed us to fund grants for an additional 23 Special Education teachers in grades K-8. We are so thankful for all of this support during such a difficult time.

This spring, we moved our Board and committee meetings onto Zoom and continued our work. We were able to award 16 Teacher Grants and 16 Collaborative Grants for 2020-21. Sadly, we were not able to hold our Celebrating Teachers event in May, or honor educators with Caverly Awards this year. Those omissions and changes were disappointing, as they comprise an important part of our mission of honoring the excellence in Brookline education. Despite the rocky spring and thanks to our very generous and devoted donors, we finished the school year strong. Over 450 families participated in our Honor-a-Teacher fundraising campaign. So, in that way, Brookline teachers were still celebrated in a meaningful way.

We know that this school year will be different and challenging, as never before. We remain committed to supporting Brookline's amazing, hard-working, and dedicated educators. We are grateful to you, our donors, for your ongoing support.

We do encourage you to read through this Annual Report and look through our website to learn more about all of the creative and innovative ways in which Brookline teachers are pushing themselves to be better for their – and our -- students.

Sincerely,

Catherine Burke, President

Elizabeth Ascoli, Executive Director

We Fund Professional Development

We fund four types of grants: Teacher, Collaborative, Idea Lab, and Systemwide.

Each year, the BEF awards grants to Brookline teachers, staff, and administrators from preschool through grade 12. These grants help educators to deepen their learning and improve their work in the classroom. Grants allow educators to develop leadership and other professional skills, to test innovative educational ideas, or to pursue a passion to share with their students. **While several grants were postponed due to COVID-19 this Spring, the educators affected can be reconsidered for future grant cycles.**

TEACHER GRANTS AWARDS UP TO \$2,500

Jennifer Jaruse (BHS)

Courses to Support Students with Varying Abilities and Identities

Alyssa Henry (Baker)

Educator Tour of Bolivia

Grace Wang, Shoshanna Kostant (BHS)

A Study into the Art of Cryptography

Priscilla Kwok (Ruffin Ridley)

Habla Summer Arts & Literacy Institute

Chris Lee-Rodriguez (Perf. Arts)

Brazilian Guitar Techniques

Gabrielle Mahesh (Lawrence)

Travel to India

Donna Sartanowicz (BHS)

AP Art and Design Summer Institute

Tanya Gregoire (Heath, Pierce)

Explo Studio for Educators



Alyssa Henry visits Bolivian salt flats.

Leah McGowan (Lincoln) *

Landmark Seminar: Develop Cardinality and Number Sense with Whole-to-Part Icons of Quantity

Dianne Arico-Muendel (Lawrence)

Writing Workshop for Writing Teachers

Jen Doubilet, Maria DiStefano (Driscoll)

Literacy for All Conference

Deborah Levine, Lauren Carroll (Pierce, Runkle)
Chinese Cultural Exploration



Deborah Levine and Lauren Carroll visit a typical school classroom in China.

Erin Yang (Pierce)
Attending the Neuroscience of Reading Summer Institute

Julie Boss, Alison Hansel (District-wide, Pierce)
White Privilege Conference

Marney Krupat (Baker)
First 5th Grade GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance)

Emily Manning-Mingle (Ruffin Ridley)
Anderson Ranch Workshop and Gallery 263 Studio Residency

Natalie Dean (District-wide)
New Teacher Center 22nd Annual Symposium

Kelly Slattery (Pierce) *
Global Autism Project Volunteer Experience in China

For more information on all our grants, please visit our [website](#).

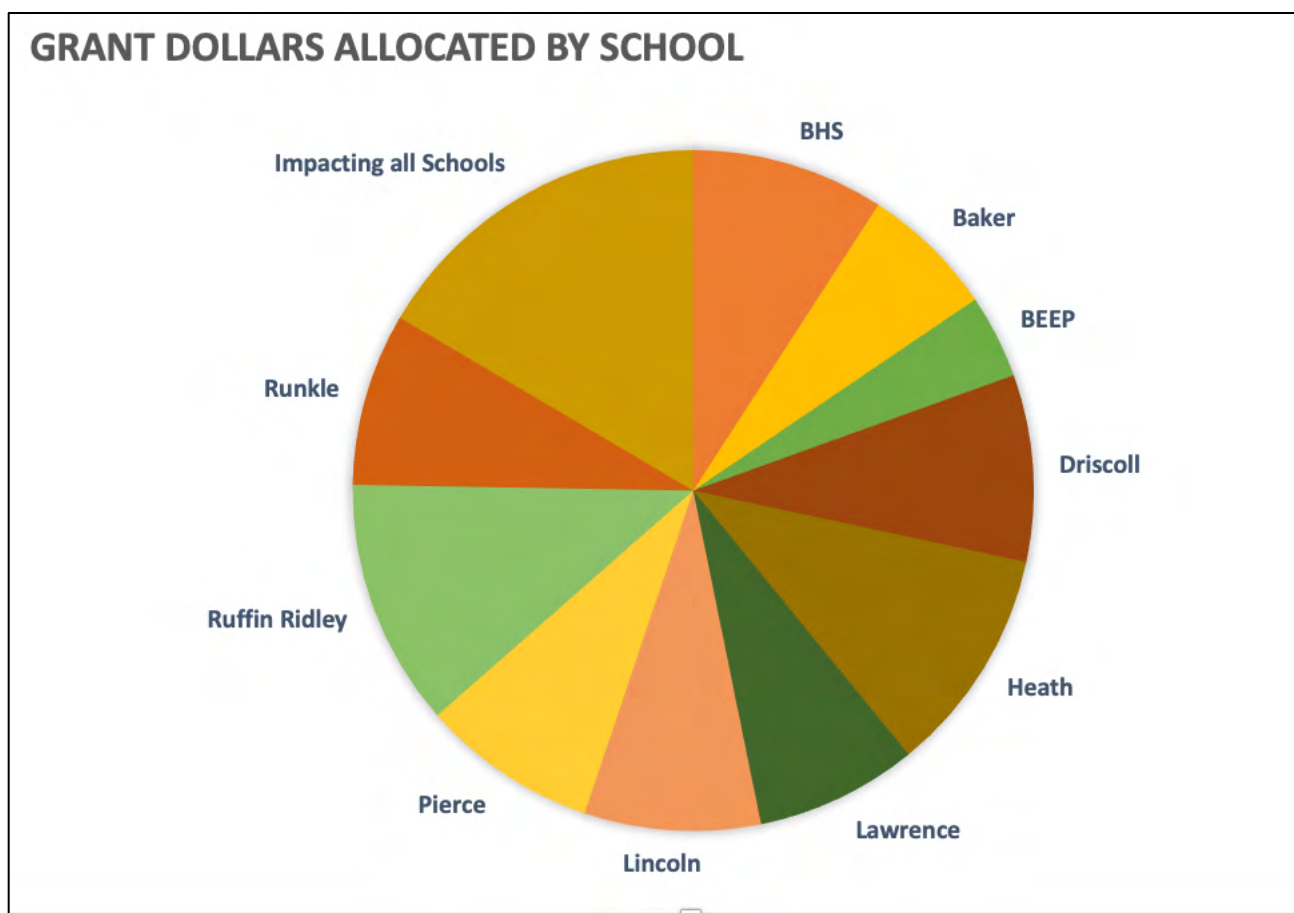
* Special Education grants made possible by Denise Jefferson Casper and Marc N. Casper.

FY2020 - By the Numbers

- **43** educators were awarded Teacher Grants & Idea Lab Grants
- **233** educators participated in Collaborative Grants
- **955** Brookline families and businesses donated in 2020 to support BEF's mission
- Impacting every public school in Brookline

Priceless

BEF Grant committees selected **62 grants to fund for FY 2020**. Thanks to our generous supporters, **we were able to fund 15 more grants** than the prior year and impact many more teachers and students.



*"Last year, eight BHS Math teachers participated in the DEEP/SRI Anti-Racism seminar through a BEF grant. Fueled by the inspiration, shared passion, and tools gained in the seminar, they planned and led math department meetings on **Culturally Responsive Teaching**, fostered ongoing discussions with colleagues on race and racism in our classrooms, and encouraged the BHS Math department to commit to a summer read/watch/listen on anti-racism in education. After the murder of George Floyd in the spring, the team created materials for students of all races to help them process the pain, reflect on the legacy of injustice, and find hope to move forward in the fight against racism."*

- **Betty Strong, Mathematics Teacher, BHS**

COLLABORATIVE GRANTS AWARDS UP TO \$20,000

DEEP/SRI Disruptive Equity Education 4-Day Seminar

Betty Strong (Math, BHS), Julia Naimy (Math, BHS), Joshua Paris (Math Dept Chair, BHS), Lisa Rodriguez (Math, BHS), Meghan Kennedy-Justice (Math, BHS), Julie Padgett (Math, BHS), Craig Friedland (Math, BHS), Christine Shen (Math, BHS)

2019 International Literacy Association Conference

Angela Harvey (2nd Grade, Driscoll), Erica Sullivan (2nd Grade, Driscoll), Susie Pescosolido (2nd Grade, Driscoll)

The High-Tech High Approach: Researching and Identifying Design Principles for PSB Essential Curriculum

Matthew Rosenthal (ECS Coordinator), Britt Stevens (BHS) Danielle Goldie (Baker), Julia Mangan (BHS), Kyle Thompson (Driscoll/FRR), Matt Picard (Baker)

Attending Seeing Stars Reading Program Workshop *

Amanda Baranowsky (Pierce, Learning Center), Jennifer Singer (Driscoll, LAHB Program), Laura London (Pierce, Special Education), Chima Ikonne (Heath, Learning Center), Joan Kreie (FRR, Learning Center), Kathryn Mitchell (Heath/FRR, Literacy Specialist)

World Language Teachers Learning Together Across Levels, Locations, and Languages

Heather Pineault, Leslie Prime (Pierce, Spanish), Ashley Griffin (Lincoln, Spanish), Esther Morales (CCS, Spanish), Victoria Ridge (Heath, Spanish), Alyssa Rose (Baker, Spanish)



The National Conference of Teachers of Math (NCTM) Boston Regional Conference

Kathleen Hubbard (District Coordinator), Laura Andrade (FRR, Math Specialist), Jeremy Bloch (FRR Math Teacher), Mies Boet (Heath Math Specialist), Julie Boss (Districtwide Math Specialist), Jesse Carson (Pierce, Math Teacher), Victoria Cavanaugh, (FRR Math Teacher), Shephali Chokshi (FRR Math Coach), Dale Cramer (Runkle, Math Teacher), Eleanor Demont (Heath, Math Specialist), Eddie Fitzgerald (Lincoln, Math Teacher), Norma Gordon (District-wide Math Coach), Jasmin Ha (Baker, Math Specialist), Alison Hansel (Pierce, Math Specialist), Oakley Hoerth (FRR, Math Teacher), Sheila Juang (Baker, Math Teacher), Jen Jordan (FRR, Math Specialist), Laura Koplow (Lawrence, Math Specialist), Jenna Laib (Driscoll, Math Specialist), Eric Lass (Runkle, Math Teacher), Gigi Luckett (Lawrence, Math Teacher), Hana McGowan (Baker, Math Specialist), Katy McGraw (Lawrence, Math Specialist), Joeanna McPherson (Pierce, Math Teacher), Michele Morris (FRR, Math Specialist), Julie Padgett (BHS Math Teacher), Hilory Paster (Lincoln, Math Specialist), Danielle Rabina (BHS, Math Teacher), Suzanne Raskin (Heath, Math Teacher), Lisa Rodriguez (BHS, Math Teacher), Julieta Roz (Lawrence/Pierce Math Specialist), Michelle Schweiger (Runkle, Math Specialist), Malia Scott (Lincoln, Math Specialist), Lora Smid (Lawrence, Math Teacher), Lisa Soltani (Driscoll, Math Teacher), Shukkuen Tse (Baker, Math Specialist), Tara Washburn (Pierce, Math Specialist), Adam Weatherwax (Lincoln, Math Teacher), Pam Wells-Rockhead (Runkle, Math Specialist), Debbie Winkler (BHS, Math Teacher), Chloe Woolever (BHS, Math Teacher)



COLLABORATIVE GRANTS

Middle and High School Book Clubs

Joanna Lieberman (Lawrence) Eric Colburn (BHS), Evan Mousseau (BHS), Rachel Hayashi (Middle School Literacy Coach, Runkle and Heath), Dianne Muendel (Middle School Literacy Coach, Lawrence), Jennifer Redburn (Middle School Literacy Coach, Driscoll), Jennifer Sanders (Middle School Literacy Coach, FRR)

Jess Minahan: Challenging Behavior Intervention and Strategies

Steve Simolaris (Vice Principal, FRR) Riley Monahan, Jennifer Buller (Principal), and all K-8 teachers, special educators, and student services staff, including all teachers in Child Study Teams.

Project Based Learning: Professional Development Workshop

All BHS - Stephanie McAllister Poon (Social Studies), Sarah Shuster (Social Studies), Scott Barkett (Social Studies), Marcie Miller (Social Studies), Jennifer Longmire (Social Studies), Sam Dickerman (Social Studies), Sam Dreyfus (Social Studies), Jen Martin (Social Studies, SWS), Juliette Rorie (Social Studies, ACE), Julia Mangan (Science), Kate Wooley-Brown (Science), Jennifer Spencer (Science), Tyler Wooley-Brown (Science), Jason Tong (Science), Graciela Mohammedi (Science), Stacy Kissel (Science), Andre Derrien (Science), Julia Rocco (English), Amy Morrissey (English), Elon Fischer (English), Jen Rosewood (English), Eric Coburn (English), Julia Naimy (Mathematics), Josh Paris (Mathematics), Kathy Hitchcock (Mathematics), Adam Fried (Mathematics), Betty Strong (Mathematics)

REAL Institute for Competency-Based, Trauma-Sensitive Teaching and Assessment *

April Zyrek (District Coordinator) Owen Minot (Program Coordinator, Winthrop House, BHS), Joslyn Vendola (Special Educator, ExCEL, BHS), Jennifer Jaruse (Special Education, SLC, BHS)



PSB Vice Principals ASCD Conference on Educational Leadership

Donna Finnegan (Runkle), Joshua Howe (Baker), Isabel Gunter (Lincoln), Kirtan Patel (Heath), David Youkilis (Driscoll), Saeed Ola (FRR), Steve Simolaris (FRR), Peter Cipparone (Lawrence), John Badger (Pierce), Jim Stoddard (Pierce), Jamie Yadoff (Pierce)

Wilson Reading System 4th Edition Institute *

Michiko Hattori (Special Education, Runkle) Anna MacIver (Special Education, Runkle), Jessica Tubridy (Special Education, Runkle), Melissa Devine (Special Education Administrator)

International Literacy Association Annual Conference

Christin Wheeler (Reading Specialist, Heath) Chari Dalsheim (2nd Grade, Heath), Karen Shashoua (2nd Grade, Heath), Emily Redburn (1st Grade, Heath) Rachel Hayashi (Literacy Coach and Middle School ELA, Heath)

Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Coaching Institute, Year 3

Caitlin Paget (FRR), Alyssa Rubenstein (Runkle), Christin Wheeler (Heath), Sarah Maxwell (Lincoln), Dianne Muendel (Lawrence), Jennifer Sanders (FRR), Jennifer Redburn (Driscoll)

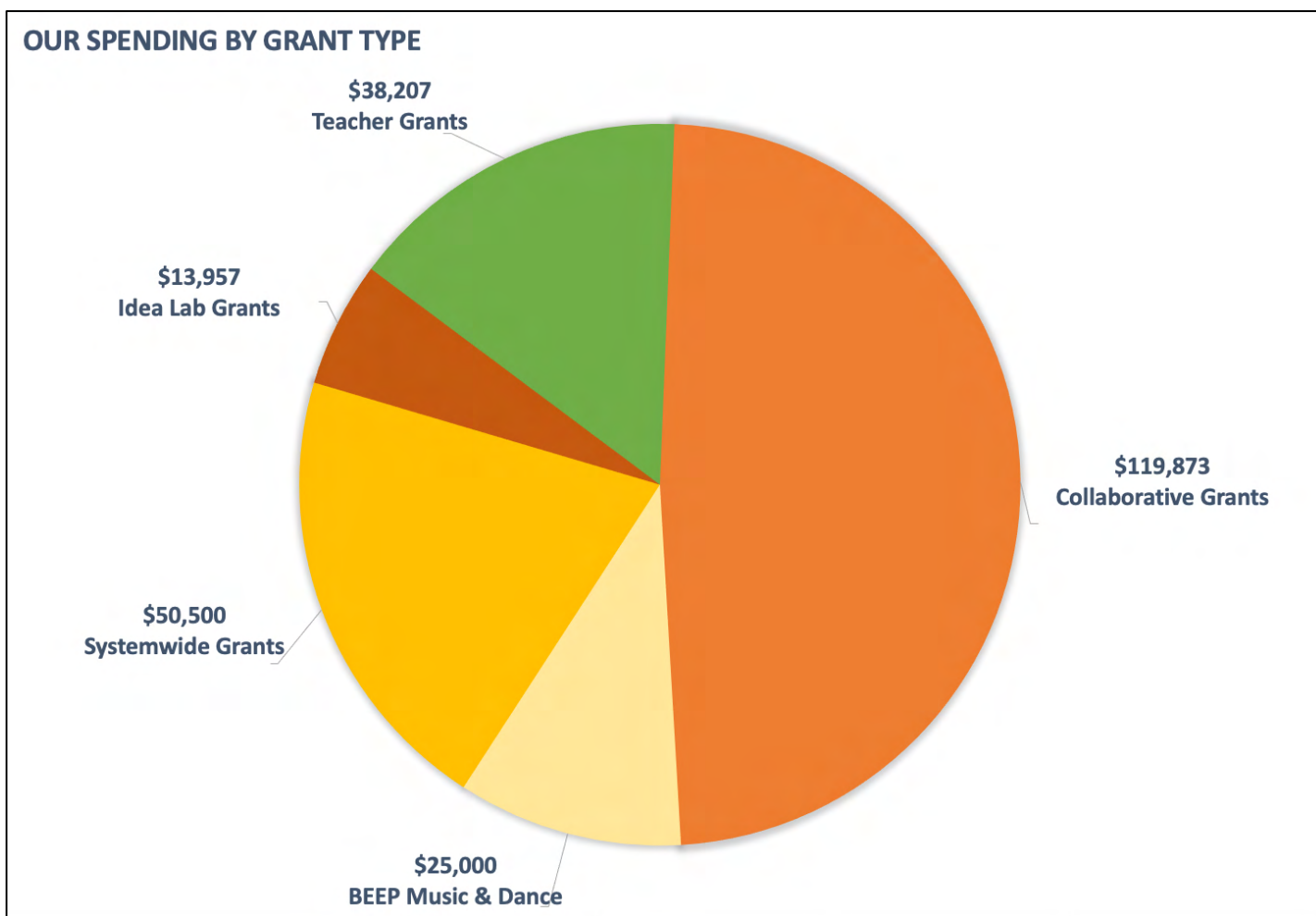
"High Tech High is an inspirational place to visit. The feeling of positive learning energy and true student investment is palpable. As we walked through the halls and classrooms and talked with students, it was clear that students felt as though their work mattered. The moment we were out in the hallway, we knew that we had to bring it back to Brookline. This past year, we started this practice at Baker School as a part of our regular STEAM team meetings. It has been inspiring to see students engage in meaningful, sincere conversations in a group of adults and has been eye-opening for participating teachers."

- Matt Picard, ECS, Baker School

SYSTEMWIDE GRANTS

Designed to support growth and innovation in the Brookline school system as a whole. These grants are developed in collaboration with the Superintendent of Schools and the Office of Teaching and Learning.

- **Mentoring Program for Interim Superintendent and Principals**
- **Reading Between the Lines: Equity, Reading, and Early Intervention ***
- **Professional Mentoring for Deputy Superintendent for Student Services**



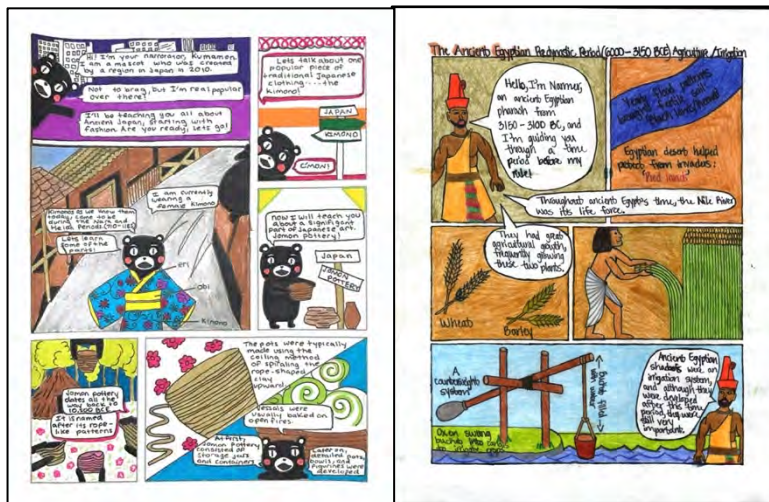
IDEA LAB GRANTS - CONT'D

Social Studies Graphic Novel – Heath

Elyse Terry

CATALYST AWARD WINNER

Seventh-grade social studies students created their own graphic historical lessons on a subject of their choice, culminating in a class book.



Early Education Funds

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the BEF was able to support all Brookline Early Education Program classrooms with two special funds. Last Fall, BEEP's music program was in jeopardy due to lack of funding. The BEF made a special appeal to BEEP families and they came through for the kids! We are pleased to report that the BEEP Opportunity Fund contributed over \$16,000 to restore music and movement to every BEEP classroom!

The **BEEP Opportunity Fund** supports weekly music and dance program in all BEEP classrooms, as well as field trips to area museums and other local destinations.

The **Vicki C. Milstein Early Education Fund** supports preschool and kindergarten teachers



Every BEEP class enjoys music and dance twice a week with professional music instructors funded by the BEF!

We Honor and Celebrate Teachers

Margaret Metzger Fellowship



Back Row: Evan Mousseau, BHS English, Meghan Walsh, Runkle, RISE, Emily Stewart, District, Strings/Orchestra, Paul Epstein, BHS, Social Worker
Front Row: Mireille Blau, FRR, Seventh-grade Social Studies, Lauren Ockene, Pierce, Fifth-grade, John Andrews, BHS English Chair & Metzger Coach, and Rebecca Hayden, BHS English. Congratulations to all 2019 Fellows!

In 2014, the BEF established a fellowship program to honor Margaret Metzger, a beloved English teacher at BHS for more than 40 years. Ms. Metzger influenced thousands of students and educators through her teaching, writing, and mentoring. For the past five years, this fellowship has been a highlight of the BEF program calendar. Each year, six selected Fellows meet for a week during the summer with writing coach John Andrews, BHS English Department Chair, to work on deeply personal essays about teaching. The essays are then presented to the public at a special event in the Fall. In 2019, we marked the fifth year of the program, and hope to resume the program in 2021. We are so grateful to John Andrews for his leadership and making this his labor of love for the past five years.

*In 2019, we were all saddened to
learn of the passing of*



*Amy was a beloved English teacher
at BHS and 2017 Margaret
Metzger Fellow.*

**WATCH the 2019 Margaret
Metzger Presentations on
YouTube.**

CLICK HERE!



Awards 2019

This year, unfortunately, we were not able to hold the nominations for the **Ernest R. Caverly Award** for Excellence in Teaching due to the shutdown of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. We were saddened not to be able to hold our Celebrating Teachers event for the first time nearly 30 years. This Spring, we hope we can all come together again to honor all the outstanding teachers in the Brookline Public Schools.



The Idea Lab **Catalyst Innovation Award** went to **Elyse Terry**, middle-school social studies teacher at Heath School. Her idea was to have her seventh-grade class create a graphic history book. Please read Elyse's report on how she navigated the school closure below.



The **Adam Russell Gelfand Award** recipient is **Priscilla Kwok**, K-8 Visual Arts teacher at FRR for her grant "Seen/Unseen:2019 Habla Institute" in which she traveled to Merida, Mexico.

"This project, like everything else, changed over the spring as we navigated school closures, but we still found a way to make it work! I am so happy that during a time when many students struggled to engage for a variety of reasons, 100% of this group contributed to the final product. Not because it was graded (it wasn't!), but because they wanted to. We were able to use out remaining funds to get everyone the drawing supplies they needed, and to ensure that all students can get a copy of the final book to keep. ~ Elyse Terry, Heath School

We Engage the School Community

Fifth-Grade Spelling Bee

This fall, approximately 50 Fifth graders from around Brookline came together for the 23rd Spelling Bee. Free and open to all 5th graders in Brookline Public Schools, the Bee is a treasured community tradition.

The BEF would like to thank board member Karyn Wang for her leadership and support of this event.



Executive Director, Elizabeth Ascoli, is pictured here with Lieutenant Jennifer Pastor, Officer Katie McCabe, and Deputy Superintendent Nicole Gittens, who served as judges for the event. The winner was Astrid Young from Heath School (center). Officer Bear was a special guest judge. Congratulations to all our fifth-grade spellers!

This year's winning word was: "Quintessence"

The Trivia Bee that wasn't

Although we were not able to hold our annual Trivia Bee fundraiser this year due to COVID, we would like to thank all of the many sponsors for the event and the generous participants who had bought tickets in advance. We are extremely grateful for your support during the pandemic closure.

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*The BEF **is** our Board of Directors. Made of up parent leaders from every school in Brookline, the board meets monthly and individuals serve on a variety of committees, fundraise for the grant programs, and are the face of the BEF in the school community! They are the hardest working board in town!*

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Team Brookline



THANK YOU!

These five amazing Team Brookline runners raised over \$35,000 to support BEF's programs and grants. Due to COVID, the runners were not able to run the Boston Marathon in April, but many completed the virtual Marathon in September! Thanks to everyone who supported them along the way.

Clockwise: Lawrence School parent, **Robert Neer**; FFR Principal **Jennifer Buller**; **Jonathan Schneiderman**; Natalie Velasquez; and Pierce School Parent, **Chris Maddocks**.

Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

In this fiscal year, the BEF raised over \$466,000 in charitable contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations. We are grateful for every dollar and in-kind donation, which shows your appreciation for Brookline teachers, and directly impacts students and learning in the Brookline Public Schools, pre-K through grade 12.

Green Apple Society

Founded in 2005, the Green Apple Society is a diverse group of donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Brookline Education Foundation. Their extraordinary generosity strengthens the BEF's ability to support outstanding teaching, innovative curriculum, administrative leadership, and major educational initiatives, which enhance the learning experience of Brookline students.

\$100,000 and above

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Heath Teachers, Karen Shashoua, Emily Redburn, Rachel Hayashi, Chari Dalsheim and Christin Wheeler at the International Literacy Conference last fall.

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