

# BEF NEWS

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## “Tales From The Classroom” 2023 Metzger Event



*Hannah Bjornsen, Brendan McCarthy, Tim Hintz, Jeanette Sergeant, Peter Sedlak, John Andrews (Fellowship Coach), & Julia Mangan*

Congratulations to this year's six Metzger Fellows on a wonderful and inspiring event! The community gathered to hear them read their essays on the craft of teaching at the Lincoln School in September. The Fellowship and this culminating event is a highlight of the BEF calendar - an important opportunity to honor the life and work of Margaret Metzger, beloved BHS English teacher and mentor of Brookline educators for over 40 years.

**[Click here to watch video of the event and learn more!](#)**

# 2023 Sperber Award



Congratulations to **Dan Bresman**, Director of Brookline High School's School Within A School (SWS) program, and winner of the 2023 Robert I. Sperber Award for Administrative Leadership! Dan received his award at a moving event held in October in the BHS STEM Commons. Colleagues, students, and alumni spoke and performed in a testament to Dan's warm and powerful leadership and advocacy.

The Sperber Award is particularly prestigious as it is only given once every five years. The honor, given to an administrator whose excellent leadership has notably improved the school system, commemorates the leadership of Dr. Robert Sperber, former Brookline Superintendent of Schools, whose work was instrumental in establishing the BEF to support professional development for Brookline educators.

[Click here to learn more about the Sperber Award, watch video of this year's inspiring event, and see more photos from the event!](#)

# 2023 Fifth Grade Spelling Bee



The BEF's 26th fun and exciting annual 5th Grade Spelling Bee was held on Sunday, November 19. Congratulations to the winner, **Lucy Lawson** of Baker, and to the runners-up, **Miles Hainer** of Pierce and **Felix Schwartz** of Lincoln. Our thanks to our Pronouncer, Brookline librarian Abbey Stephens, our judges Vanessa Trien, Officer Katie McCabe, Sergeant Casey Hatchett, and Bear the Dog! And thank you to our generous sponsors, **Dr. Sally Roth** and **Centre Pediatric Associates!**

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## Team Brookline 2024

On Marathon Monday (April 15, 2024), thousands of runners will take to the streets - among them five very special members of Team Brookline who are raising funds for the BEF with their run! Thank you to **Hilary Elkins, Mingo Godoy, Barbara Moran, James Redding, and Chris Weeks!** Team Brookline has kicked off the training season ... please visit our website in the coming weeks to support these fabulous runners!

