

BEF NEWS

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(l-r): John Andrews (BHS English Chair & Metzger Fellowship Coach), Daniel Lipton (FRR grade 2), Lily Glickstein (Driscoll grade 4), Matt Picard (Hayes grade 5), Matthew DeGrace (BHS special educator), Katy McGraw (Lawrence math specialist), and Alexa Cuff (Baker K-2 counselor)

The BEF was proud and excited to host the annual “Tales From The Classroom” event this past October at the Lincoln School. This event is the culmination of the work of the Margaret Metzger Fellows, and hearing their original writing reflecting on the craft of teaching is always profoundly moving and inspiring. Video of the event is available on our YouTube channel - [click here!](#)

2024 5th Grade Spelling Bee

In November, the BEF continued our 25+ year tradition of hosting a fifth-grade spelling bee at BHS. This year's competition was exciting, resulting in a victory for Runkle's **Sophia Karl**, and six runners-up:



Andrew Tran of Lincoln, **Dani Chen** and **Joshua Tsai** of Ruffin Ridley, **Kinsley Ahn** and **Kavi Shastry** of Baker, and **Maxwell Jacobs** of Runkle! The winning word was “capricious”.

Thank you to our judges, Latasha Scott of the Brookline Teen Center, Detective Lieutenant Casey Hatchett and Officer Katie McCabe (and Bear the Dog!) of the Brookline Police Department, and to our pronouncer, Abbey Stephens from the Brookline Public Library's Tween department.

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(l-r): Zoe Moran, Sarah Janisch, Seth Jones, Evan Mousseau, Lia Marino

The BEF is thrilled to participate once again in Team Brookline's running of the 2025 Boston Marathon! Meet our runners and support them by [clicking here](#)! They will be hard at work training all winter, and you can join us to cheer them on from St. Mary's and Beacon Streets on Marathon Monday - April 21!

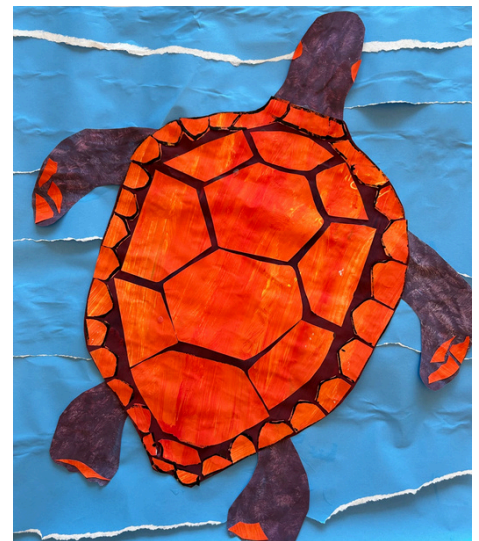


SPOTLIGHT: YEAR OF THE TURTLE

This year's winner of the Charlie Baker Legacy Award for Teacher Grants is Driscoll School's **Olivia Reyelt and Anne Reid's "Year of the Turtle"** grant. This collaboration between Driscoll's art teacher and librarian took Anne and Olivia to Costa Rica over the summer, where they learned about turtle conservation, and then brought baby turtles to Driscoll to be fostered during the year as part of a program run by Zoo New England. Turtles have infused all of Driscoll with joy and discovery, as the theme is interwoven at all grade levels and students and families find joy in participation! Stop by Driscoll to visit the turtles if you have a chance!



Anne and Olivia traveled to Costa Rica to learn about turtle conservation



Driscoll School is full of turtle-themed artwork!