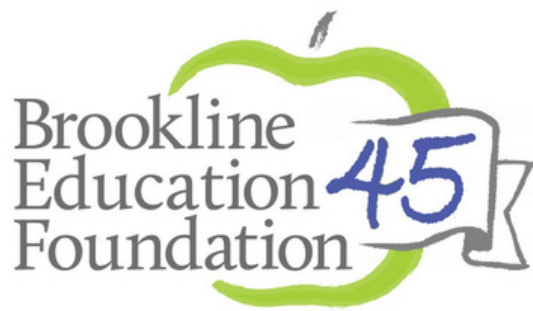




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OUR CORE PRINCIPLES

- 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**

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WELCOME!

WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL REPORT WITH OUR SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS. THIS YEAR MARKED OUR **45TH ANNIVERSARY**. ORIGINALLY FOUNDED AS *THE BROOKLINE FOUNDATION*, THE ORGANIZATION WAS RENAMED IN 2006 TO BETTER EXPRESS OUR EVOLVING VISION AND MISSION.

In looking back at this milestone year, we celebrate the strong collaboration and support we continue to share with the Public Schools of Brookline and the broader community. Highlights of this year's partnerships include:

- **Leadership Engagement:** A joint presentation by the BEF's Executive Director and the new Superintendent of Schools, Bella Wong, to the residents of The Newbury of Brookline.
- **AI & Innovation:** Grant funding for continued discussion, training and exploration around AI technology, focusing on ways to integrate and secure its use at Brookline High School and throughout our middle schools.
- **Community Events:** A successful partnership and sponsorship for our annual Trivia Bee alongside Brookline.News and the Brookline Community Foundation.

Our educator outreach expanded significantly this year. By reinstituting school-based, BEF-sponsored staff breakfasts, we generated excitement and outreach among many educators.. To align fully with our mission of providing access to professional development, growth, and personal renewal for all PSB staff, we also renamed Teacher Grants to Educator Grants.

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, we want to reflect on our tenure leading this amazing organization. Both of us have been connected to the Brookline Education Foundation for many years in various capacities—Kim as an educator, grant recipient, and now Executive Director; and Jen as a Board member, Executive Committee member, and Board President.

We deeply believe in the transformative power of education for students, educators, and their families. As Jen transitions to her new role on the Advisory Board, we want to thank our entire community for your unwavering support of the BEF and our mission. Please take this opportunity to explore all that we have accomplished together.

Kim
Kim Barnum,
BEF Executive
Director

Jen
Jennifer Rothstein,
BEF Board
President

WE FUND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The BEF funds four types of grants:
Educator, Collaborative, Idea Lab, and Systemwide.

Each year, the BEF awards grants to Brookline teachers, staff, and administrators from preschool through grade 12, allowing them to deepen their learning, develop leadership and other professional skills, experience professional renewal, test innovative educational ideas, or pursue a passion to share with their students.

In 2026, the Board voted to rename “Teacher” grants as “Educator” grants, to better reflect the diversity of roles held by grant recipients within our schools, and to increase the ceiling for Educator grant funding from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per educator, in response to rising costs.

Every student in every Brookline classroom benefits from BEF grants.

FY26 Grant Funding by Type

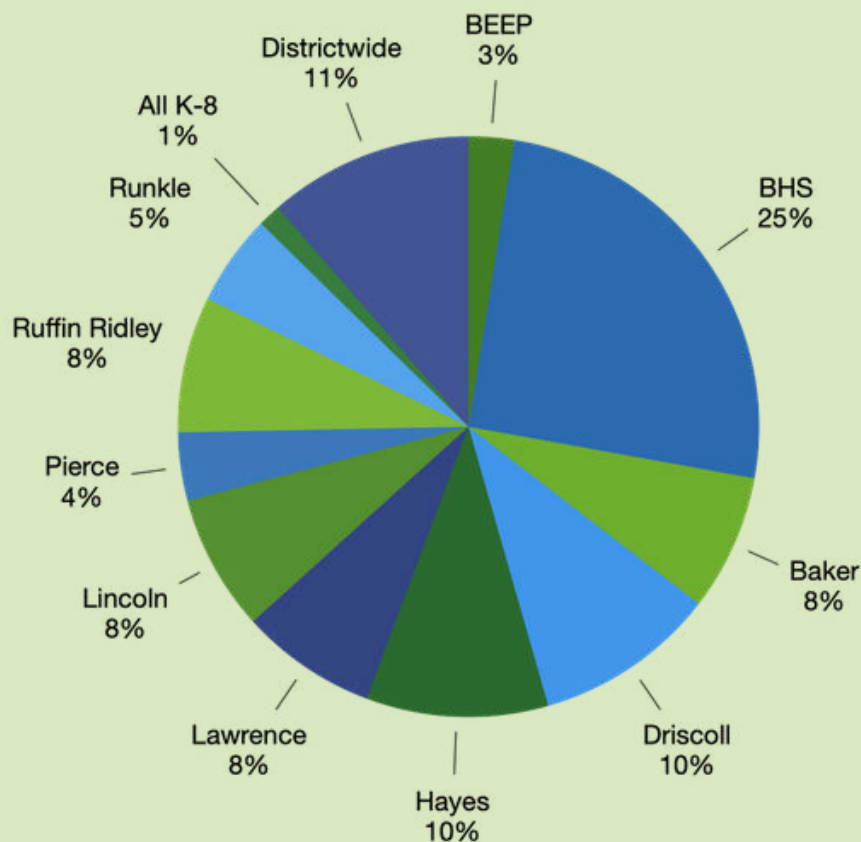
	Amount Awarded
Systemwide grants	\$82,008
Collaborative grants	\$83,037
Educator grants	\$81,073
Idea Lab grants	\$18,581
TOTAL	\$264,699

FY26 Grant Funding by School

The BEF funded a total of 62 different grants in FY26, benefiting educators and students from BEEP, BHS, and every K-8 school in the district. Many grants involved participants from multiple schools.

	Number of grants	Amount allocated
BEEP	2	\$6,252
BHS	20	\$99,457
Baker	6	\$40,939
Driscoll	8	\$23,058
Hayes	8	\$29,570
Lawrence	6	\$34,524
Lincoln	6	\$29,481
Pierce	3	\$11,467
Ruffin Ridley	6	\$14,218
Runkle	4	\$13,567
All K-8	1	\$11,300
Districtwide	9	\$78,241

(% of 62 total grants)



EDUCATOR GRANTS

awards of up to \$3,500 each for
individual or small groups of educators



"DESIGNING AND FACILITATING REFLECTIVE STRUCTURED DIALOGUE" TRAINING

Alisa Conner (BHS)

Ms. Conner participated in a workshop providing strategies and methodologies for facilitating challenging conversations in the classroom and among colleagues.

LANGUAGE-BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/SKILL BUILDING

Marissa Drossos (BHS)

Ms. Drossos, a 9th-10th grade English/Language Arts Special Education co-teacher and Learning Center teacher, participated in workshops at the Landmark School, focusing on strategies for supporting students with language-based learning disabilities.

COLLABORATION, CONNECTION AND LEARNING AT THE 2026 NAEYC CONFERENCE

Kayte Lenahan & Deana Shea (Driscoll)

Two kindergarten teachers from Driscoll attended the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, widely regarded as the landmark gathering for early childhood educators. They focused specifically on bringing back new insights and skills around educating students with diverse learning needs, particularly those on the autism spectrum.



Ms. Shea & Ms. Lenahan reporting on their grant to BEF stakeholders (with BEF ED Kim Barnum)

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN ART AND LITERARY MAGAZINES (REALM)

Janet Kelley (BHS)

An English and Creative Writing teacher from Brookline High School attended the annual conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in Denver and served on the REALM committee, focusing on elevating BHS's literary magazine and strengthening the creative writing program.

STAYING CURRENT ON THE LATEST OT AND PT EVIDENCE

Cora Finley (Districtwide)

The Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy departments of the Public Schools of Brookline (serving BEEP through grade 12) used this grant to purchase subscriptions to database platforms containing core literature and professional development courses relevant to their fields.

We just got back from the conference and it was such an amazing experience and we are so grateful to have been able to attend such a wonderful conference. We already have been in contact with our math specialists and shared what we learned from one of our favorite math sessions. We have created slide shows from other sessions that stood out to us and will put them in a drive to share with our colleagues. We loved attending the Expo as well and bought some literacy games to bring back into the classroom.
- Kayte Lenahan

EDUCATOR GRANTS

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My thanks to the BEF for the opportunity to learn, grow and replenish myself in a peaceful and supportive environment. The weekend allowed me to be in the role of student, which is a valuable reframing experience for any teacher, as it reminds us of the challenges and joys that come with the process of learning. I have returned with a refreshed spirit, and a renewed sense of compassion and commitment to my learners.
- Ellen Mills

MEDITATION RETREAT

Amanda Hockensmith, Mies Boet, Ellen Mills, Asa Sevelius (Hayes)

Four Hayes colleagues participated in a retreat at the Insight Meditation Society in Barre, MA, where they focused on teacher renewal, developing mindfulness skills, and building a toolkit for managing challenging situations.

TAIWAN TRAVELS: AN IMMERSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF EAST ASIAN CULTURE

Emma Siver (BHS)

Ms. Siver, a Brookline High School English teacher and leader of the African American & Latino Scholars program, traveled to Taiwan with a colleague and her Taiwanese family to gain perspectives and knowledge about East Asian cultures, informing her literature syllabus and broadening her cultural competency.



Ms. Siver & her colleague Ms. Hou in Taiwan

WRITING FOR RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT

Laura Zientek (Driscoll)

A fifth-grade teacher, Ms. Zientek attended creative writing courses at Grubb Street, exploring a personal passion, expanding her writing repertoire, and learning new skills to impart to her students as they develop as writers.

PUSHING YOUR LIMITS AND CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Matt Picard (Hayes)

Mr. Picard traveled to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area where he engaged in an intensive rock climbing workshop. Pushing outside his comfort zone, he kept a journal about the experience, and learned about the ecosystem in the American Southwest, bringing back new perspectives for his students as they learn about geology and ecology, develop habits of self-reflection, and push themselves to learn new skills.

Mr. Picard learning to rock climb



TILING PATTERNS IN SPAIN

Jennifer Jordan (Driscoll)*

Middle school math teacher Ms. Jordan traveled to Spain to study culturally and historically significant sites and ancient tiles and architecture, informing her math curriculum by deepening her understanding of the mathematical concepts of tessellations and the golden ratio.

*recipient of a special award: see page 19

EDUCATOR GRANTS

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EXPLORING SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUMS AND NATIONAL PARKS

Elizabeth Brennan (BHS)

Ms. Brennan, an art teacher, traveled to the San Francisco region to explore and immerse herself in the artwork and influences of noted underrepresented artists, including Ruth Asawa and Wayne Thiebaud, informing and expanding her curriculum.



BHS math teachers studying ancient Greek architecture in Crete

EXPLORING MATHEMATICAL INNOVATION: A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY FOR MATH TEACHERS IN GREECE

Shoshanna Kostant, Julie Padgett, Lisa Rodriguez (BHS)*

Three math educators traveled to Greece to explore and immerse in the rich history of mathematics and Greek culture, and to lay the groundwork for a potential future student trip to the region.



Ms. Hanaghan in Portugal

A WALK IN THEIR SHOES: INTENSIVE BEGINNING FRENCH LESSONS IN MONTPELIER

Kevin Whitehead (BHS)

Mr. Whitehead, a Spanish teacher, enrolled in an immersive beginning French program in France in order to revisit the experience of being a student unfamiliar with language, and to broaden his capacity for teaching additional languages at BHS in the future.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP AT PUTNEY SUMMER PROGRAM

Basha Goldstein-Weiss (Lincoln)

This workshop provided exposure to new and enhanced techniques around handbuilding and underglazing, which Ms. Goldstein-Weiss brought back to her students in the art classroom.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Rachel Wolf (FRR)

Ms. Wolf attended a conference in Cork, Ireland focusing on competencies in cultural and linguistic diversity outlined in the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, to help her more effectively understand and diagnose her students and provide more targeted, culturally-rich therapeutic services.

PORTUGAL AND THE AZORES: A JOURNEY EXPLORING MIGRATION AND AGRICULTURAL HISTORY

Jennifer Hanaghan (BHS)

Ms. Hanaghan, who teaches AP Human Geography, traveled to Portugal and also spent time in New Bedford, MA, to explore the migration patterns of different groups of people of Portuguese descent. She then incorporated what she learned about migration, geography, and agricultural history into her work with students.

*recipient of a special award: see page 19

EDUCATOR GRANTS

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ABA ACROSS OCEANS: BRINGING GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES HOME

Nicole Muldowney, Matthew Kindred-Schiff, Erin Vebber, Julie Young (Districtwide)

Four Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) serving Brookline students in BEEP through grade 12 traveled to Portugal to take part in an international conference in their field. They were exposed to global best practices, which they brought home to their students and colleagues.



*Ms. Vebber
& Ms. Young
in Lisbon*

FROM PARIS TO PASTRY: A TEACHER'S JOURNEY INTO FRENCH BAKING MASTERY

Chima Ikonne (Hayes)

Mr. Ikonne, a special educator and after-school baking teacher, traveled to Paris to enroll in a pastry-making course. He brought back to his students new recipes, strategies, inspiration and enthusiasm for baking specifically and for learning outside of one's comfort zone more generally.



*Mr. Ikonne
in Paris*

ORTON-GILLINGHAM PLUS TRAINING TO ENHANCE LEARNING CENTER PHONICS INSTRUCTION

Emily Arpey (FRR)

Ms. Arpey pursued advanced training in the Orton-Gillingham literacy instruction technique so as to enhance her abilities to provide phonics lessons and structured literacy instruction to her 3rd and 4th grade students.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF GREECE

Elyse Terry (Hayes)*

Ms. Terry, a middle school social studies teacher, traveled to Greece to gather firsthand exposure to cultural artifacts that she then brought back to her students to enrich their understanding of every day ancient life.



*Ms. Terry
in Greece*

WORKING TOWARD A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

Mark Wheeler (BHS)

Mr. Wheeler participated in mindfulness workshops through Breathe For Change, with the goal of improving his own well-being and health, and mastering techniques to share with colleagues and students.

EDUCATOR GRANTS

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COMPREHENSIVE ORTON-GILLINGHAM PLUS COURSE

Nicole Wiggins (FRR)

Ms. Wiggins pursued advanced training in the Orton-Gillingham literacy instruction technique so as to broaden and deepen her mastery of the five essential components of literacy, and gain skills in the systematic approach to the science of reading necessary to teaching her students in grades K-2.

RENAISSANCE TO CONTEMPORARY ART IN FLORENCE

Megan Burdy Kaufman (FRR; Lawrence)

This grant facilitated travel to Florence, Italy for Ms. Kaufman, a K-8 art teacher. She immersed in both Renaissance masterpieces and contemporary visual artwork, helping her guide her students' integration of contemporary themes and processes with Renaissance techniques.

AP SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

Sophie Gorlin, Nick Rothstein (BHS)

Two BHS English teachers attended the Advanced Placement summer institute workshop for their field, enhancing their abilities to teach existing English courses, to prepare students who elect to take the AP English exams either on their own or following their school instruction, and to prepare for the possible addition of AP English courses to the BHS course catalog in the future.

RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM TRAINING COURSES

Lauren Brooks, Sarah Stanton (FRR)

A 1st and a 2nd grade FRR teacher pursued training in the Responsive Classroom technique together, with the goal of creating and leading robust inclusive classroom communities and providing students with structure and continuity across the early grades.

RECLAIMING POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL VIBES

Cateriny De Pina, Dana Deingenis (BEEP)

Two BCBA's in Brookline's early education program attended the annual Black Applied Behavior Analyst conference in Jamaica. Their intentions were twofold: to learn best practices from a diverse, international group of skilled professionals in their field, and as a professional of color (Ms. De Pina) and a white ally (Ms. Deingenis, to experience the empowerment of immersion in a predominantly Black professional environment.

I was inspired to apply for this grant due to the challenges I face as the only Behavior Analyst of color in the district and the only specialist of color within BEEP. At times, I find myself being the sole voice representing the cultural differences of the families we serve, and I don't want this responsibility to fall solely on me. Attending the conference allowed us to build meaningful relationships with like-minded professionals, exchange ideas, and foster collaborations ... It's inspiring to me to have the opportunity to be in a room of people that are educated in my field and look like me.
- Cateriny De Pina



Ms. Deingenis & Ms. De Pina in Jamaica



COLLABORATIVE GRANTS

awards of up to \$20,000 to groups of educators
working in collaboration

2025 WILSON READING CONFERENCE

Four Special Educators from three different Brookline schools attended the leading conference for literacy instruction. Three participants were attending for the first time, and the collaborative time marked the first time the specialists worked together.

Laura London (Pierce)

Michelle Gokarakonda (Pierce); Jean Capizzi (Runkle); Mary Jo Bauman (Lincoln)



at the Wilson conference

ORTON-GILLINGHAM CONFERENCE

Special Educators working in or with the Language and Academic Home Base (LAHB) program at Driscoll virtually attended a leading national conference in the field of literacy instruction for students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

Melanie Christo (Driscoll)

Sydney Shapiro, Heidi Stavris (Driscoll); Jennifer Harris (Runkle)

WIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A team of five English Language educators from three schools, and their program director, traveled to Seattle to attend their field's annual conference.

Amy Ostroff (Baker)

Katya Babitskaya, Katy Ouellette (BHS); Yael Neeman-Schubert (FRR); Gretchen Thompson (Lincoln)

INTEGRATING MINDFULNESS PRACTICES INTO ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

One elementary and one middle-school classroom teacher received training together in mindfulness and yoga-related social emotional learning techniques through Breathe For Change.

Lora Smid, Shannon Egna (Lawrence)

BHS WARRIORS AGAINST MISINFORMATION (WAM)

A large group of high school educators, including department chairs, classroom teachers, administrators and librarians, received a workshop training around media literacy, and spent collaborative time developing best practices specific to their disciplines for teaching students about misinformation.

Shelley Mains (BHS)

Alexa Bader, Gabrielle Dean, Jennifer Hanaghan, Laura Honeywood, Bridget Knightly, Jen Martin, Betty Strong, Danielle Thiessen, Stacy Williams, Megan Zhang, Alexandra Zembruski, Lisa Francescon (BHS).

*"WAM" educators
present to BEF Board
members*



SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENT SKILLS TRAINING

A group of educators from three schools attended the national conference on autism and intellectual/developmental disabilities in order to develop strategies together for better addressing the needs of their students.

Bridget Baird-Francescone, Rachel Keegan-McGlinn (Hayes), Brian Ake, Daniel O'Brien (Baker)
Jamey Rondau, Hannah Weiss (Hayes)

COLLABORATIVE GRANTS

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2026 NAEA CONVENTION

The Visual Arts department attended the annual conference in their field, working together during and after the conference to synthesize what they learned in light of the multifaceted role of arts educators in the current moment.

Emily Manning-Mingle (FRR)

Basha Goldstein-Weiss (Lincoln), Abi Robichaud (Lawrence), Elizabeth Brennan, Jessica Jiao (BHS)

INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS SUMMIT CONFERENCE

A team of classroom teachers, specialists, and the Hayes principal attended a conference together focusing on innovative teaching strategies, at-risk students, and trauma-informed schools.

Jennifer Harty (Hayes)

Kyssandra Perkowski, Carolyn Magnanti, Asa Sevelius (Hayes)

AI AS AN INSTRUCTIONAL TOOL ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Administrators and chairs of all departments at BHS, as well as many educators from within each department, received training from Future Design School on ways to utilize AI in their work with students, and then worked collaboratively to incorporate the use of AI into instruction where appropriate.

Brian Poon, Ben Berman (BHS)

Evan Mousseau, John Andrews, Briana Brown, Rachel Eio, Robin Fabiano, Kenny Kozol, Jen Martin, Josh Paris, Mindy Paulo, Donna Sartanowicz, Britt Stevens, Carlyn Uyenoyama (department chairs, BHS).

TEACHERS AS SCHOLARS

Four BHS educators were selected by lottery to participate in the Teachers As Scholars program, immersing themselves in learning along themes of their choosing.

John Andrews (BHS)

Neva Taylor, Noah Grondlund-Jacob, Rachel Reagan, Megan Zhang (BHS)

I love the BEF! It did so much for me in my years in Brookline. In case you need to hear this today: *you are doing such important work for teachers* -- extending careers, rejuvenating teachers' creativity, energy, and commitment -- and helping thousands of students, past and present, as a result. I know that's what the BEF did for me.

- Mary Burchenal, retired BHS English teacher, director of Teachers As Scholars, Inc.

VISION OF A LEARNER

Administrators working closely with state accreditors on the development of a clearly-articulated "Vision of a Learner" traveled together to attend two workshops to help them focus their work and develop a clear roadmap for the initiative.

Anthony Meyer (BHS)

Robin Benoit, Matthew Rosenthal (districtwide); John Andrews, Brian Poon (BHS)



IDEA LAB GRANTS

awards of up to \$1,500 to be spent in the same year on project-based learning

CHOMPSAWS FOR ENHANCED SAFETY AND INNOVATION

Alaina Ortiz (Runkle)

This grant funded the purchase of ChompSaws, an innovative new technology which makes it easier and faster for younger students to cut cardboard. Ms. Ortiz's students were then able to create more intricate shape-based art with cardboard.

MENTORING

Amanda Baranowsky, Susan Leipman, Deborah Levine, Jesse Carson (Pierce)

Pierce's "Buddies" program, which pairs educator mentors with students identifying as Black or Latinx, used these funds to plan a whole-group, community-building bowling trip for all of the mentor-student pairs in the program, building on the success of last year's BEF-funded escape room outing.



Pierce "Buddies" on the bowling trip

IMPROVING SELF-REGULATION THROUGH SCHOOL-WIDE MOVEMENT INTERVENTIONS

Bridget Baird-Francescone (Lawrence)

This grant enabled the Lawrence Special Education team to furnish an activity space for students to use (with adult supervision) when they need to expend some energy before engaging productively with classroom activities.

APPLIED GAME DESIGN: LEVERAGING AI TO TEACH BRANDING AND COLOR PSYCHOLOGY

Britt Stevens (BHS)

Ms. Stevens' Business and Marketing students designed and created their own board games using supplies purchased with this grant, in order to explore marketing concepts and their execution using AI as well as more traditional methods.

GROWING MINDS: AN ACCESSIBLE GARDENING PROJECT FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

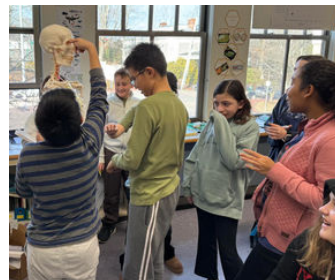
Chima Ikonne (Hayes)

Mr. Ikonne constructed raised indoor planting beds and guided his students in planting, caring for, harvesting, and utilizing herbs and vegetables.

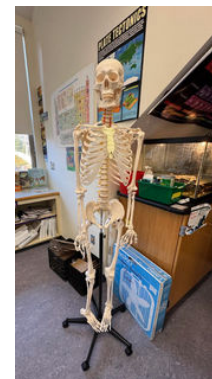
SCIENCE AND ART SUPPLIES

Basha Goldstein-Weiss, Honey Bennett (Lincoln)

This interdisciplinary project (science and art) purchased skeleton models and additional art materials with the goal of advancing students' figure drawing skills and their understanding of human anatomy.



Lincoln students use the skeleton to hone their anatomical drawing skills



IDEA LAB GRANTS

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BROOKLINE OF THE FUTURE

Constance Fugate, Corey Clifford, Kathleen Bury, Eileen Ford (Lincoln)

The Lincoln School 5th grade team worked together throughout the winter and spring with students in small groups to design and construct models of their vision of Brookline's various neighborhoods and businesses in a more sustainable future. The project culminated in a fair where each team will share and explain their vision with community members.



students, teachers, & community members at the Brookline of the Future exposition



MEDICAL SIMULATION FAB LAB

Ed Wiser (BHS)

Mr. Wiser's medical simulation lab received an upgrade as he designed and constructed less expensive models of the materials used in medical schools to train future medical assistants, nurses, doctors, and EMT's, enabling more students to try their hands at medical skills and techniques.



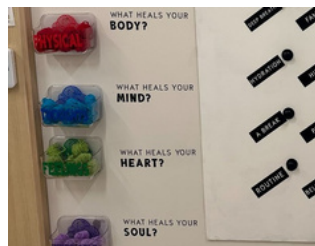
Korean fan dancers perform at Baker

WHAT HELPS ME HEAL

Emily Rubin (Driscoll)

An interactive art installation acts as a destination for students visiting the nurses' office at Driscoll. Students add their reflections about ways to stay healthy and regulate physical and mental well-being to the art installation throughout the year.

[visit Emily's project website here:](#)



close-up of Nurse Rubin's art installation at Driscoll

UNRULY SPLAT

Haeyoung Koh (Baker)

Ms. Koh piloted the use of innovative, movement-based instructional tools in her classroom.

REFRACTIONS: LITERARY JOURNAL UPGRADE

Janet Kelley (BHS)

This grant supported the printing of a new edition of the BHS literary/art journal "Refractions", featuring student-created and student-curated writing and works of visual art.

KOREAN FAN DANCE: HANDS-ON CULTURAL LEARNING THROUGH MOVEMENT AND ART

Keumjoo Armstrong (Baker)

Ms. Armstrong purchased and refreshed the materials used by her popular and growing after-school Korean Fan Dance club.

LANGUAGE LAB IN MOTION: 3D DESIGN AND EXPRESSION FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

Kirsten Konefal (Driscoll)

Ms. Konefal integrated 3-D modeling into the language lab, to assist in her students' self-expression and language growth.

TABLE LOOM FOR COLLABORATION AND HIGHER-LEVEL THINKING

Lauren Spallone (Driscoll)

Acquiring a table loom enabled Ms. Spallone to further integrate the fabric arts into her curriculum, as her students explored the history, culture, and craft implications of this collaborative, creative endeavor and created even more intricate group fabric projects in the classroom.



Driscoll students at work exploring the fiber arts



SECOND STEP SEL BOOK LIBRARY

Nicki Farrington (BEEP)

Ms. Farrington purchased classroom copies of beloved books for her students so as to reduce her reliance on the library when launching the different, relevant phases of her curriculum which each book supports.

THE GEOMETRY OF ART

Olivia Reyelt, Annmarie Mazzocchi (Driscoll)

Building on the BEF-funded Educator grant which took a Driscoll math teacher to study the tiling patterns in Spain, this grant purchased the supplies needed for students to experiment with tessellations and patterns in their art and math studies.

SPIKE PRIME: A MEDIUM FOR STEM EXPLORATION AND SDG RESPONSE IN 7TH GRADE MATH

Victoria Cavanaugh (FRR)*

In this hands-on STEM project, students designed and built robotic prototypes using Spike Prime Kits from Lego Robotics to explore the intersection between 7th grade mathematics and coding while working on a response to one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through this process, students studied and applied 7th grade math concepts such as circle area and circumference, angle measurements, proportional relationships, and appropriate uses of negative numbers. Additionally, students were introduced to coding (block coding) or encouraged to take on an additional challenge through the study of Python. Students demonstrated their creations for 6th grade students at FRR at an exposition event in the Spring.

Students demonstrate their robotic designs



WINNING WITH ROBOTS

Matt Picard (Hayes)

Mr. Picard purchased robotic kits for his WIN group of students to use as they explored engineering and coding.

*recipient of a special award: see page 19

SYSTEMWIDE GRANTS

grants made to the district to further central office goals for Brookline educators



FY26 LEADERSHIP RETREATS

District leadership held two sets of all-staff retreats, one in July and the other in August, 2025. At the July gathering, senior leadership met to strategize about the coming year, and in August all returning staff came together for a series of workshops and planning sessions.

it is just SO COOL THAT THIS EXISTS!!! I have gotten a few grants from the BEF in my 25 years in PSB, and the generosity astounds me. I have had some really incredible experiences, which absolutely influenced my teaching, gave me new perspectives, and kept me excited about the subjects I teach. The BEF grants have made me feel like a valued member of the teaching staff, and of the community in general. So, please pass along my tremendous thank yous to everyone.
- Dominique Gonyer

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE FOR DR. GIVENS

This grant supported the Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Finance's attendance at two conferences: the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) annual conference in May 2026, and the Association of School Business Officials, International (ASBO) conference in October, 2025 in Grapevine, Texas. These conferences provide an opportunity for this PSB leader to meet and learn with and from other public school administrators in the same field from across the country and around the world, and to receive the latest information on changes in federal funding and regulations.

SUPERVISION TRAINING

This grant extended the district's work with Ribas Associates to provide additional training and support for evaluators, with the objective of building consistency in the evaluation process and the feedback that educators receive across the district. Additionally, it provided additional professional learning into needed areas, such as observation calibration, working with educators that have been identified through the evaluation process as needing support and improvement, and support and coaching for new evaluators.

MA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS - IDEAS: INITIATIVES FOR DEVELOPING EQUITY & ACHIEVEMENT FOR STUDENTS

This grant supports 22 seats for educators looking to improve their skills in these areas in the IDEAS 1 and 2 course sequence.

LEADING CULTURE AND INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE

The district partnered with Novak Education to build leadership expertise in Universal Design for Learning. UDL is aligned with the district's goals of building inclusive and equitable learning environments for all students as well as the work on MTSS. Attending a series of PD offerings developed leadership capacity and expertise with a train-the-trainer model that helps support educators with instructional design as well as the PSB goal of building a Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) across the district.

ED Kim Barnum and Superintendent Bella Wong address the BEF Advisory Board



INNOVATIVE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Membership in the Urban Collaborative-All-in for Inclusive Education provided district leaders with a national network of more than 100 school districts committed to increasing effective and inclusive special education services. This includes monthly virtual meetings with school leaders across the country, professional development meetings with national experts, practice and research-based newsletters and exposure to cutting edge research, policy initiatives and innovative best practices from around the country.

I attended the Celebrating Teachers Event in May and was moved by the beautiful speeches and tributes for the Caverly and other Award honorees. The list of grants was long and the variety of opportunities for educators in Brookline was extensive. I left that afternoon feeling very lucky to be an educator in the Public Schools of Brookline. Thank you Brookline Education Foundation.
- MaryJo Bouman

K-8 FISHTANK COACHING

This grant funded a partnership between the SchoolKit company and PSB to provide support as PSB rolls out its new Fishtank literacy curriculum. The funds covered supported strategic planning for district leaders and two days of onsite coaching for educators in all 8 elementary schools.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BEEP OPPORTUNITY GRANT

A generous grant from the Kitchings Family Foundation provides music and dance instruction for BEEP students throughout the year.

HAYES/RUNKLE RISE ART PROGRAM

An anonymous donor funds the provision of art classes for students in the RISE program at Hayes and Runkle schools.



WE HONOR & CELEBRATE EDUCATORS

2025 MARGARET METZGER FELLOWSHIP

In 2014 the BEF established a fellowship program to honor veteran educator **Margaret Metzger**, who taught English at BHS for more than 40 years, influencing thousands of students and educators through her teaching, writing, and mentoring.

Since its founding, this program has been a highlight of the BEF program calendar. Past Fellows often identify their participation as a highlight of their teaching careers. Each year, six fellows meet for a week during the summer with their coach. Together, they craft personal essays about teaching, which they present to the public at the “Tales From The Classroom” event in the Fall.

[View this year's Tales from the Classroom event on the BEF's YouTube channel!](#)



(left to right: **Zac Broken Rope**, emcee for the evening and prior Fellow; **Meredith Ritter** (Baker), **Erica O'Mahony** (BHS), **Kevin Wang** (BHS), **Sarah Haheisy** (Runkle), **Kevin Mackenzie** (Lawrence), **Marissa Drossos** (BHS), **Kim Barnum**, BEF Executive Director. Not pictured: **John Andrews**, program facilitator and coach)

2025 MARGARET METZGER ENCORE FELLOWSHIP

In 2025, the BEF expressed our gratitude to BHS English department chair John Andrews, for his partnership in and leadership of the Metzger program for the ten years since its inception. For John's final year coaching the Fellows, we hosted an “Encore” version of the program. Veteran Fellows returned for a second experience, crafting new essays with the goal of publication. At least three of these pieces have since been published, and the event was held in conjunction with the New Teacher Training program, with dozens of first- and second-year Brookline educators in attendance.



(left to right: **Tracy Bare** (Pierce), **Alexa Cuff** (Baker), **Paul Epstein** (BHS), **Evan Mousseau** (BHS), **John Andrews** (facilitator), **Wan Wang** (BHS), **Jon Weinberger** (Lawrence), **Barbara Kleeman** (Metzger Fellowship co-founder)



Barbara Kleeman (Metzger Fellowship co-founder) congratulates and thanks **John Andrews**

SPECIAL HONORS FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS



the David E. Pradell award

winner: **Jennifer Jordan** (Driscoll)
grant: *Tiling Patterns in Spain*



the Adam Russell Gelfand award

winner: **Elyse Terry** (Hayes)
grant: *The Foundations of Greece*



the Charlie Baker Legacy award

winners: **Shoshanna Kostant, Julie Padgett & Lisa Rodriguez** (BHS)
grant: *Exploring Mathematical Innovation: A Cultural and Educational Journey for Math Teachers in Greece*



the Elizabeth Ascoli award

winner: **Victoria Cavanaugh** (FRR)
grant: *Spike Prime: a Medium for STEM Exploration & SDG Response in 7th Grade Math*

2026 ERNEST R. CAVERLY AWARDS for excellence in teaching



Ernest R. Caverly Awards for Excellence in Teaching were presented this year to **Jen Nixon Mathis** (pictured, left), Ruffin Ridley wellness educator, and **Carolyn Castellano** (right), music educator at BHS.

These inspiring educators were honored alongside all of the year's grant, award, and fellowship winners at the BEF's annual event, ***Celebrating Teachers***, in the Brookline High School STEM Commons. Please click or scan below to watch their incredible speeches as well as introductions by their colleagues and brief comments by BEF Executive Director Kim Barnum and members of the BEF's Board.

Jen Mathis' Caverly speech



Carolyn Castellano's Caverly speech



View the whole event on our YouTube channel!



students, colleagues, and BEF staff and Board members congratulate Carolyn (above) and Jen (right)



(l-r) **Kim Barnum**, BEF Executive Director; **Carlyn Uyenoyama**, PSB Wellness coordinator; **Jen Nixon Mathis**; **Kenny Kozol**, PSB Performing Arts coordinator; **Carolyn Castellano**

WE ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

FIFTH GRADE SPELLING BEE

Brookline fifth graders came together for the 28th BEF Spelling Bee in November. Free and open to all 5th graders in Brookline Public Schools, the Bee is a treasured community tradition.

We are grateful to Brookline librarian **Abbey Stephens**, who served as Pronouncer, to Judges Brookline Police Sergeant **Casey Hatchett** and Officer **Katie McCabe** (with support from Bear the dog), and BEF Treasurer Alan Kurd. And thank you to this year's Spelling Bee sponsors: **Centre Pediatrics**, **Friar Tuck's Comics**, **Wegmans**, the **Brookline Booksmith**, **Hummingbird Books**, and the **Brookline Teen Center**.

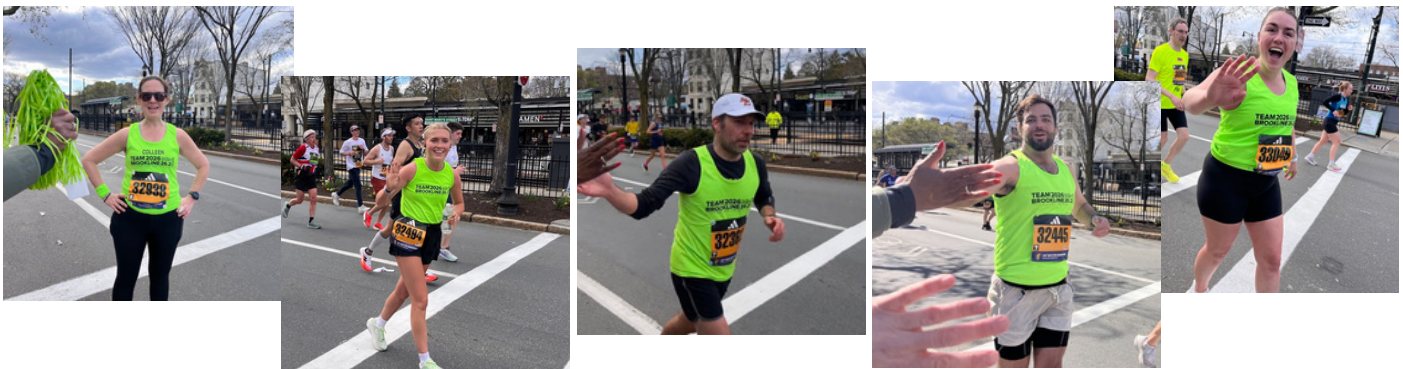
Congratulations to winner **Theo Veski** (Runkle), and to runners-up **Ian Kim** and **Iris Hafiz** (Baker) and **Neev Kapur** (FRR). The winning word was "debris."



130th BOSTON MARATHON – TEAM BROOKLINE

The BEF is honored to be included among the organizations who comprise Team Brookline, and we are so grateful to the five amazing runners who signed up this year to run the Marathon and raise funds to support us! As a team, the BEF Team Brookline runners raised over \$50,000 to support Brookline educators!

This year's BEF runners were **Colleen Boyle**, **Allie Chappell**, **Tim Chezar**, **Ryan McManus**, and **Erin Murdock Smith**. Thank you so much for all of your hard work! Congratulations on this major achievement! And thank you to BEF Board member **Lia Marino** for serving as Team Brookline Liaison, and to all of the BEF volunteers who came out on race day to cheer on the runners!



OUTREACH TO THE NEWBURY

The BEF is proud to have collaborated with the Newbury of Brookline to host an informational conversation between BEF Executive Director Kim Barnum and Public Schools of Brookline Superintendent **Dr. Bella Wong**. Residents of the Newbury and BEF Board and Advisory Board members heard from Dr. Wong about her personal and professional journey and her reflections on the current and future state of our public schools, and had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussion. Thank you to former BEF Executive Directors **Deborah Brooks**, **Kathleen Sheehy**, and **Elizabeth Ascoli** for their hard work in creating this exciting partnership.



SAKER AUTHOR VISIT FROM PABLO CARTAYA

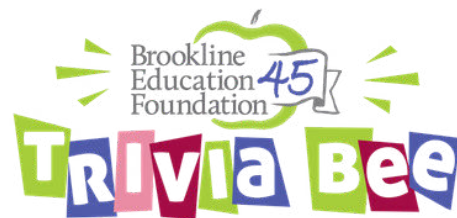
In March, 2026, renowned middle-grades author Pablo Cartaya visited the Driscoll, Lawrence, Runkle, Pierce, and Hayes Schools. His presentations centered around the ideas he lives for: family, culture, and community. Switching between Spanish and English, Mr. Cartaya shared personal anecdotes illustrating his creative and collaborative process with the students, engaged in more informal conversations, and signed books which were donated by the Brookline Education Foundation and will remain in each school's library.



We are grateful to the Saker family and donors for founding and maintaining the **Todd Saker Fund** to support author visits such as these. The Fund was established by Linda and Wayne Saker to honor the memory of their son Todd, a Baker School student and voracious reader.

BEF TRIVIA BEE

We held our annual Trivia Bee in March, once again in the 22 Tappan Street Commons at BHS. Over 200 community members, including educators, parents, alumni, and Board members, came together for great fun, food, competition, and to support Brookline's schools in our central fundraising event of the year. It was an evening filled with energy and connection, and we're so grateful to everyone who helped us to uplift Brookline educators by attending, donating, or sponsoring the event.



Watch this year's BEF video, highlighting grant activities by teachers from Driscoll and BHS.



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Fiscal year 2026 marks the end of Jen Rothstein’s remarkable tenure as a Board member of the BEF. Jen has served for twelve years, most of them spent as part of the Executive Committee, first as Secretary and for the most recent term, as Board President. Her kindness, her quiet thoughtfulness, her institutional knowledge, and her passion for supporting educators in the Public Schools of Brookline, will be deeply missed. Thank you, Jen!



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In this fiscal year, the BEF is proud to have raised **over \$400,000** in charitable donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations. We are grateful for every dollar and in-kind donation, which show your appreciation for Brookline educators, and directly impact students and learning in the Public Schools of Brookline, pre-K through grade 12.

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Thank you, once again, for supporting this work. It is inspiring to know that we have, among us, people who are excited about, and encouraging of, the work we are trying to do.

This grant helped make it possible for us to launch a project that became an incredible experience for our students. As the project developed, the students' ideas, as well as our vision for bringing them to life, continued to grow. It's amazing what students come up with when we tell them the sky's the limit. Thank you again for your support. We truly appreciate the BEF's investment in innovative learning experiences like this one.

-Corey Clifford

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-Jill Arnold

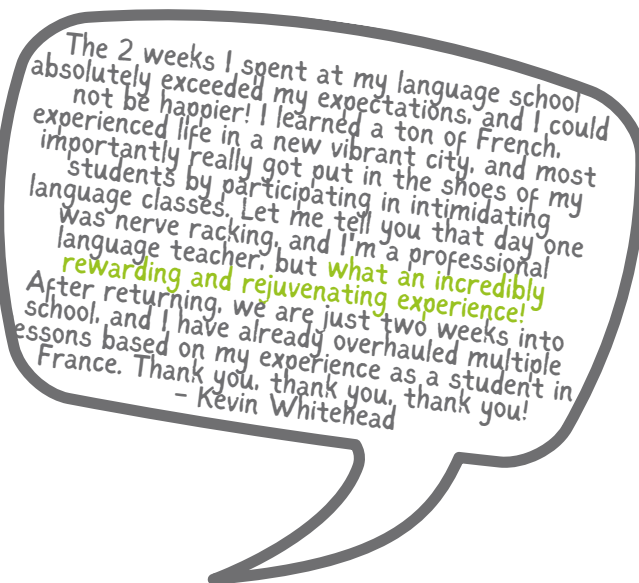
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