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## Welcome to the New Year!

On behalf of the DEEP Board, I would like to wish all members of the Danvers Community a Happy New Year!

There are so many great things happening at the start of this new year. In this issue you will find a list of the recipients of this year's DEEP Teacher Grants – we are proud to have awarded over \$18,000! Thank you to all who applied and to the Grant Committee for their careful consideration of each application.

DEEP also sponsored the HRMS Spelling Bee that took place last week. Thank you to Domino's and to our corporate sponsors, Cherry Farm Creamery and North Shore Dance Academy, for their support of this year's Spelling Bee and the students in the Danvers Public Schools.

The DEEP Board would also like to extend a warm welcome to Daniel Bauer, newly appointed Superintendent of the Danvers Public Schools. We look forward to working with Mr. Bauer and his administration in continuing to support the students and staff in the Danvers Public Schools. DEEP is grateful for the collaboration and support from all members of the Danvers school community who work together to help make learning in the Danvers Public Schools the best it can be for all students.

Wishing everyone a great 2023!



*Mary Beth Verry*  
DEEP President

### *Thanks to Our Sponsors for Their Support of Our Mission:*

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- Merchants Liquor Mart
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**DEEP's Mission:** The Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership is committed to enriching the educational processes of the Danvers Public Schools through a unique partnership comprised of schools, community volunteers and businesses.



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual DEEP / HRMS Spelling Bee

Congratulations to 7<sup>th</sup> grader Paige Sherman! She survived 7 rounds to win the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual DEEP/HRMS Spelling Bee!

Paige's winning word was *mediation*. Congratulations also go out to the two runners up: 8<sup>th</sup> grader Amelie Bertelli and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Kaitlyn Rosa.

Paige will compete in a virtual elimination round on March 1. The top spellers from that round move on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee at Lynn Auditorium on March 21 and the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in June!

Thanks to Danvers Community Access Television (DCAT) for live streaming the event; DEEP sponsors Cherry Farm Creamery and North Shore Dance Academy for providing the t-shirts for the spellers and Domino's.

# Congratulations to the Recipients of Our Winter 2022 Teacher Grants!

**Kristina Aste-Mayer, Tracie Ewing, Will Ford and Annie Grover / DHS:**  
Digital Theatre+

**Alex Conant and Meghan Sorel / HRMS:** Filament for 3D Printer

**Michele DeMaino, Renate Uhlig and Rebecca Wait / HRMS:**  
Additional Stools to Complete Math Stand-Up Stations

**Julie O'Neill and Jeff Surette / DHS:** Studio Portraits with Strobes

**Jessica Bombardier / HRMS:** Items for the Mindfulness Center

**Sophia Schissel / HRMS:** Protective Gear for Beekeeping Club

**World Language Teachers / HRMS:** World Language Classroom Readers

**Sarah Doran and Jessica Rowe / Great Oak:** Hallway Tactile & Sensory Wall

**First Grade Teachers / Great Oak:** Games/Activities for Literacy Centers

**Jessica Massero and Michaela Call / Great Oak:** Decodable Readers

**Jennifer Bissett / Highlands:** Code and Go Robot Mouse Activity Centers

**Alana Kellard / Highlands:** Sensory Learning Path

**Jennifer Dennett / Riverside:** SEL in the Music Classroom

**Meghan McCrea / Riverside:** Decodable Books

**Jennifer Morgan / Riverside:** Media Center Materials

**Sara DeMato and Mindy Sheehy / Riverside and Thorpe:**  
Articulation Therapy Materials

**Kindergarten Teachers / Smith:** A to Z Animals Carpets

**Stephanie Gouker / Thorpe:** Cognitive and Language Skills Materials

**Grade 2 Teachers / Thorpe:** Interactive Read-Aloud Library

**Kindergarten and Grade 1 Teachers / Thorpe:**  
Social-Emotional Learning Literature

**Annie Tricca / Thorpe:** Magna-Tiles

**Rose Zall and Estelle Rand / Thorpe:** Paper Circuit Kits





# Danvers Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting

Hundreds braved the weather on Saturday, December 3, as the community came together to celebrate the season!

Thanks to Danvers Recreation, Endicott Park, the Danvers Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, the Electric Light Department, the Danvers Public Schools, and all of the DEEP sponsors and local businesses who helped make the day such a success!

Special thanks to Rockland Trust for hosting Santa this year, and to Keri Smith Holian for donating the beautiful 35' Christmas tree that was the star of the show!



## DEEP TEACHER GRANTS IN ACTION!

The Holten-Richmond Middle School Beekeeping Club began last school year as a way for interested students to find out how to keep honeybees and learn about the importance of honeybees as pollinators. Students spent much of the year learning about the inner workings of a beehive and what it takes to care for a hive successfully. In the spring, with the funding received from DEEP, the club advisor, Sophia Schissel, was able to purchase all the necessary equipment for a hive that is now kept at the community garden at Endicott Park. By the end of the school year, students were making visits to the hive to participate in hands-on hive inspections. The club is seeing even more interest this school year, and we hope it will keep growing in the years to come!





**JOIN US**

DEEP is looking for parents to join the board and help us continue our commitment to the schools. Help us fundraise, select grants and plan for the future. The time commitment is short, but the benefits are many.

Plus, it's a great way to continue your support of the schools during the middle and high school years when opportunities for direct participation in the classroom are limited.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, February 15, at 8:00 a.m. – Brookline Bank, 107 High Street.

Not a DEEP member yet? Choose the membership/sponsorship level that's right for you and/or your business:

- Individual/Teacher – \$10
- Family – \$20
- Community Partnership – \$100
- Bronze Level Sponsorship – \$250
- Silver Level Sponsorship – \$500
- Gold Level Sponsorship – \$1,000

To learn more about the benefits of the different membership levels and become a DEEP member or sponsor, visit our website at: <http://www.supportdeep.org/contribute/>. Thank you!

### **DEEP Officers**

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Mari Matt,  
Teacher Grant Coordinator

### **Board of Directors**

Glenn Boutchie  
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## 2022/2023 DEEP Meeting Dates

February 15, 2023

March 15, 2023

April 12, 2023

May 17, 2023 (at DHS)

June 14, 2023

Meetings are held at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, Danvers and begin at 8:00 a.m.

All are welcome!



Grab your best hat and stay tuned for more info on our

## **KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY ON MAY 6!**

*Follow the Links Below to Special Events and Offers from Our Sponsors:*

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