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## Bishop Weekly Update: April 24, 2019

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**TODAY! 4/25** (Thu): Bishop Science Night

Stars Program for AEF due

**This week:** All schools Textile Recycling Competition -- get rid of fabric/shoes that you can't donate

**5/3** (Fri): Spirit (wear) Day

**5/4** (Sat): Annual Greg Wright Spring Cleaning

**5/9** (Thu): Annual Spring Choral Concert

**5/10 & 5/17** (Fri): Used Goods Drop Offs

**5/18** (Sat): BEAR FAIR, rain date 5/19

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### **Bishop Science Night is TONIGHT!!!**

Join us for a fun night full of science 6:30 – 8:30 pm!

No late entries please!

We still need volunteers

Please sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4caaad2fa3f94-bishop1>

Come watch students present their experiments!

Check out the live demonstrations of cool experiments!

Visit the website to sign up for an experiment presentation and to volunteer run a demo!

<https://sites.google.com/site/bishopsciencenight/home>

Please direct any questions to Anna Pisania (apisania@gmail.com)

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## **Bishop Class Placement**

Class placement for the 2019-20 school year will begin in the coming weeks. This is an important process for all of us and we know that working together as a community will help to make the best decisions for our students. We would like to extend to you the opportunity to provide input in this process. You may do so by submitting a letter to me by Friday, May 10th.

Please take the time to review the following class placement policy to help you understand our process. In addition, this policy will outline how you can provide information to support and supplement this process.

### **Class Placement Policy**

In making class placements for the following year, classroom teachers, guidance counselors, specialists, special educators and administrators consider the following:

1. Academic needs of students
2. Social/Emotional needs of students
3. Teaching and learning styles
4. Gender balance
5. Existing models/programs within the building

Taking into account these variables, placement teams strive for heterogeneous, balanced classes. If families believe that there are extenuating circumstance(s) that should be considered beyond those listed above, they may submit a detailed, written description to Mark McAneny by May 10th. Only written considerations received by May 10th will be considered in the placement process.

Submissions will be considered part of a rigorous class placement process at the Bishop School; however, given the extensive time, effort, and expertise exercised by placement teams, decisions made by these teams will be considered final.

**NOTE: *we are unable to honor requests for specific teachers. Submissions requesting specific teachers will not be considered as part of the placement process. A submission does not guarantee that the consideration will be granted.***

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## **MCAS Resumes Next Week** ([MCAS Schedule](#))

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## **Important Kindergarten Dates to Note**

**Wednesday, May 22nd at 8:30** New Student Orientation - Parent Only Event

**Monday, May 20th and Thursday, May 23rd** Parent/Teacher Conferences for current students

**Tuesday May 28th at 1:30** Child/Parent visit for incoming students

**Friday, June 14th** last day for current kindergarteners (full day)

**Monday, June 17th and Tuesday, June 18th** Screening of incoming kindergarteners

Detailed information related to incoming families will be sent out in the near future.

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## **Bishop's Annual Spring Choral Concert - Thursday, May 9th @ 9:00am**

Please note the format change for this event. Mr. MacFadden and our wonderful students will hold ONE time for the chorus concert, starting at 9:00am. This event will run straight through until ALL grades have performed.

Kindergarten students will kick the show off, with the following grades singing in succession 1-5..



## **Spring Cleaning?**



Please consider donating your children's used clothing, shoes, and boots to Bishop School's new Recess Closet.

The Bishop Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG), in partnership with the Bishop PTO, is establishing a special closet across the hall from the nurse's office that will be stocked with clothing items. By providing all students with warm, clean, dry, and appropriately sized clothing, we can meet students' physical needs and

maximize learning.

We Are Collecting:

- Winter Coats, Spring/Fall Coats, and Rain Coats
- Hats, Gloves, Mittens, and Scarves
- Snow Pants
- Pants & Jeans
- Long-sleeve and short-sleeve shirts
- Sweaters & Sweatshirts
- New Packages of Socks
- New Packages of Underwear
- Clothing Storage Containers (i.e. plastic bins, shoe boxes)
- Boots
- Sneakers and Shoes

Please feel free to drop off donations of clean clothing at Ms. Bell's classroom anytime. We are also accepting checks made out to the Bishop PTO. Finally, we will be accepting donations during the Greg Wright Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 4 from 10-1.

Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to help set-up and maintain the Recess Closet, please email the Bishop DIG at [bishopdig@gmail.com](mailto:bishopdig@gmail.com).

## Save the Date

### Bishop's Field Day

**Monday, June 10th with a rain date of Wednesday, June 12th.**

### Bishop's 5th Grade Recognition -

**A Monday, June 17th @ 9:00am - Reception to follow**

## PTO NEWS

### **The Fan Pass Savings Book**

Reminder that orders for "The FunPass" is **due this Friday, April 26** to help fundraising. Order yours so you and your family can enjoy discounts at area attractions, including Story Land, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Edaville Family Theme Park, York's Wild Kingdom, Whale's Tale Water Park, Cog Railway, CoCo Key Water Park North Shore, Discovery Museum, Discovery Museum & Planetarium, Quassy Amusement & Waterpark, Canobie Lake Park, and more! Check out the complete list at [www.breathenh.org/fun-pass](http://www.breathenh.org/fun-pass). Payment should be "Bishop PTO" and order forms dropped off at the school front desk.

If you did not get the brochure in your child's backpack (sent April 12th), pls txt (914-420-9576) or email ([christian.na@icloud.com](mailto:christian.na@icloud.com)) and I can provide one.

## Bear Fair Silent Auction Items

We are accepting donations for the Silent Auction at the Bear Fair (May 18th!). If you have any valuable items or services that might generate some fun bidding wars, we would love to include them in the Silent Auction. It is a simple way to promote your business while supporting the Bishop community. And remember, the value of the item/service would be tax deductible!

## Mary Poppins, Jr. Photo and Video Links

**PHOTOS:** All photos from the weekend shows are uploaded to the Shutterfly account. For privacy reasons, the Shutterfly account is only accessible to parents and guardians and can be accessed at this link: <https://marypoppinsjrbishopschool.shutterfly.com>. If you have trouble accessing, please email us at [thebishopplay@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopplay@gmail.com) and we will provide you with an invitation.

**VIDEO:** Please refer to the email sent before the vacation week to Bishop Play participants



## UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

### Bishop Science Night is TODAY!

Join us for a fun night full of science 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Bishop!

Come watch student scientists describe their experiments and check out cool demos!



Pizza will be available for purchase.

### Annual Greg Wright Bishop School Clean Up Day May 4<sup>th</sup> 9-12pm

For adults and kids!

Please come for as much or as little time as you can to help improve Bishop outdoors! Tools will be provided but please bring your own gloves and any extra tools. Pizza will be provided! Children should be accompanied by adults!

- ❖ Paint rocks for around Charlie's garden/Rock.
- ❖ Create a perennial garden outside of the 4th/5th grade exit.
- ❖ Mulch
- ❖ Critter Proof the garden
- ❖ Trash pick up
- ❖ Replenish gravel around the Green Team Garden
- ❖ Edging and weeding of gardens and trimming of bushes

Contact [meredithdimola@gmail.com](mailto:meredithdimola@gmail.com) or text 617-458-1744 for additional information

## BEAR FAIR IS COMING!

### Spring Cleaning? Have old stuff to donate?

#### Bring it to...Bishop School Used Goods Drop-Offs

Friday, May 10, 2:45- 6 pm

Friday, May 17, 2:45- 6 pm

Start your spring cleaning and donate your quality used goods to the Bishop Bear Fair's Used Goods Sale. We will accept donations of **Books, Sporting Goods & Gear, Toys & Games, Baby Gear, Bicycles, Arts & Crafts, Household Goods, Knick-Knacks, and Jewelry**. Bikes, trikes and strollers heartily welcome! Items need to be clean and in good condition. All donations will be sold at the Bishop Bear Fair Used Goods Sale on May 18 (except for clothing and stuffed animals, which will be recycled in the new **Bishop School Textile Recycling Bin**). High value items will be sold on the Bishop School PTO's eBay site.

#### How To Donate Used Goods!

1. **Sort your stuff** (Toys, Games, Household, Kitchen, Baby, Books, Random Stuff, etc)
2. **Box your stuff** (Use boxes, not bags, so we can stack them in storage)
3. **Label your boxes** by category
4. **Bring your boxes** to the Drop-Off
5. **Bring large items "as is"** (ie bikes, strollers, small furniture, etc)
6. **Get a donation tax receipt** from the Used Goods Team!

Thank you for your Used Goods donations!

Donation tax receipts provided. All proceeds from the Bishop School Used Goods Sale benefit the Bishop School PTO, a non-profit organization. The Bishop School PTO funds enrichment, grants, library books and teacher supplies for the Bishop School.

Have any Used Goods questions? Contact Amy Moyer at [aewilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:aewilliams@hotmail.com)

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### Donations for the Bear Fair Prize Table

Kids earn prize tickets playing games at the Bear Fair that they can redeem for prizes. Do you have extra or left over party favors? Do you have new (or hardly used) toys that your kids never played with? Consider donating these items for the Prize Table at the Bear Fair. We are looking for small, medium and large new prizes for boys and girls to redeem their game tickets. The age range is from preschool (4) to middle school (13+).

Starting tomorrow, there is a bin labeled Bishop Bear Fair Prizes in the school lobby. Please consider donating.

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### For Sale: Bear Fair raffle tickets

A big part of the money raised from the annual Bear Fair comes from the Super Raffle.

We ask that each Bishop student sells at least **5 raffle tickets to family, friends and neighbors**. These tickets went home in backpack mail before vacation and extras are available in the school office. Each raffle ticket sells for \$2. Three raffle winners are selected at the Bear Fair on May 18 and have the chance to win prizes such as: a Nintendo Switch, Red Sox tickets and Revolution tickets.

SOLD tickets and proceeds need to be returned to the Bishop office **by the end of school on Thursday, May 16 to be counted for the prizes** for ticket sellers.

The student who sells the most raffle tickets **WINS A FREE DAY AT THE BEAR FAIR!** (Note: This is an individual prize. Students cannot group their sales to win.)

The K-2 class and the grade 3-5 class that sells the most raffle tickets in total wins a **CLASS PIZZA PARTY.**

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**The Bear Fair Is Saturday 5/18**  
**Bishop Building Ground Level and the School Grounds, 10am - 3pm**

Please join the Bishop Community for this great family tradition – *celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> year!*

See the Bishop Fields transformed with Games, Bounce Houses, the Famous Tarp Maze, Cake Walk, Used Goods Sale, Silent Auction, Super Raffle, Face Painting and...a DUNK TANK! Plus, all the Food, Drinks, Cotton Candy, Slush and other baked goods to make your spring Saturday awesome!

**Looking for Volunteer Leads – Please Help!**

- We are looking for someone to lead **GAMES**. This is a role that requires a few hours of time before the Bear Fair to organize the games and inventory the supplies, as well as help with set-up and clean-up of the games the day of the Fair. (There are also parent volunteers to help the day of the fair.)
- We are looking for a lead for **CAKE WALK**. This is a fun tradition at the Bear Fair. It involves minimal prep time before the event and help with the set-up and clean-up.

If you can help with either of the above activities, please reach out to [Heather.Breslau@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.Breslau@gmail.com)



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT!**

Each week we spotlight a member of the Bishop staff on the bulletin board outside the main office to get to know them better. Did you guess the last week's staff?

**STAFF OF THE WEEK:**

Family: Husband, two girls, one boy

Birthday Month: November

Hobbies: yoga, gardening

Pets: cat

Favorite Book: A Man Called Ove

Favorite Food: Doritos

Favorite Color: blue

Favorite Candy: dark, dark chocolate

Favorite Vacation: Vermont

Favorite Music: Brandi Carlile, K.D. Lang

When I grow up . . . I will be organized!

**From Last Newsletter:**

Family: one boy and one girl

Birthday Month: August

Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family

Pets: dog

Favorite Book: Love You Forever

Favorite Food: Nachos

Favorite Color: Green  
Favorite Candy: Swedish Fish  
Favorite Vacation: Beach  
Favorite Music: All music  
When I grow up . . . I want to be a teacher.  
**Answer: Liz Higgins, First Grade Teacher**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Give a Teacher a Star to Benefit AEF Due 4/25 (return form or give online)**

The Stars Program is a fundraiser for the Arlington Education Foundation while showing appreciation for your child's teachers.

#### **How the Stars Program Works**

1. You make a donation in the name of your teacher. Recognize your child's teacher(s) by making a donation in their name. Return the form sent in the backpack mail or go to [www.aefma.org/stars](http://www.aefma.org/stars). For elementary school teachers, we ask a minimum \$20 donation per teacher.
2. Teacher receives a certificate of appreciation, letting them know a donation has been made in their name
3. Your donation funds innovative school projects across the curriculum.
4. Arlington students and teachers benefit!!

Arlington Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides grants for exciting educational projects and programs that benefit Arlington's students and teachers. AEF is funded solely by generous donations from community members and is not directly affiliated with the Arlington Public Schools. Visit [www.aefma.org](http://www.aefma.org) for more information on the latest grants and to support the AEF.

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### **More Courageous Conversations about Race with Our Children Tuesday, 4/30 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Location: Brackett School Auditorium (66 Eastern Ave, Arlington MA)

Dr. Liza Talusan, a nationally recognized educator on issues of diversity and inclusion, is returning to lead us in a follow-up workshop that will further our learning about the challenges and opportunities in talking about race and racism with our families. Here is an interview of Liza talking about the first event:

<https://acmi.tv/videos/talk-of-the-town-liza-talusan/>

Please join us whether or not you attended the first workshop!

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/CC2-register>

FB event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1808483885919928/>

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### **Update on In Charlie's Spirit - A Bishop Sculpture Garden**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bishop Sculpture Garden in memory of Charlie Buck. It has exceeded its fundraising goal on April 22. Any additional funds raised will be used to ensure maintenance of the sculptures and garden.

The three sculptures are chosen and an artist has already donated her time to the design efforts. The GO FUND ME site is now live: <https://www.gofundme.com/InCharliesSpirit>, which includes a short video about



Charlie and the sculptures to be installed.

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## Join Arlington Hockey Club Registration Open Now

Interested in playing ice hockey in Arlington?

Registration is opening April 15 for the Arlington Hockey Club's (AHC) 2019-2020 intercity travel hockey programs. These programs are no-checking and practices are held at Ed Burns arena, while games are held at Ed Burns arena, and/or, in the greater Boston area, depending on the selected program. AHC's focus is on providing a fun and safe environment to learn and play hockey for boys and girls at all ability levels. If you are interested please visit our website for more information and registration at: <http://arlingtonice.com/>.

**U10 Girls Team** is looking for a goalie. A U10 age girl that maybe skates out on another team, but wants to play goalie will be welcomed by the team. There are some discounts available if they are only playing goalie.

AHC practices USA Hockey's American Development Model in its program.

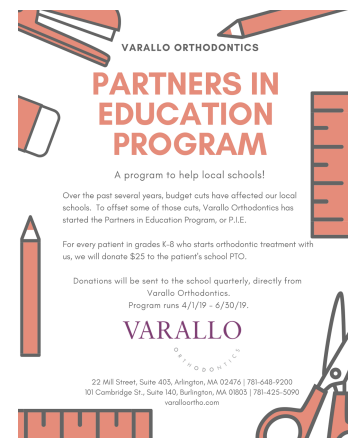
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## Varallo Orthodontics Partners in Education Program Between 4/1/19 and 6/30/19

Over the past several years, budget cuts have affected our local schools. To offset some of those cuts, Varallo Orthodontics has started [the Partners in Education Program](#), or P.I.E. For every patient in grades K-8 who starts orthodontic treatment with us, we will donate \$25 to the patient's school PTO.

Program runs 4/1/19 - 6/30/19.

To schedule a free consultation or find out more, visit us at [varalloortho.com](http://varalloortho.com).



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## Day and Overnight Camps at URI Discounted until May 1

Take advantage of this great deal by registering today! We offer camps for all ages at Environmental Education Center at University of Rhode Island:

Overnight Camps 8-16 years old  
Eco Zone Day Camp 8-12 years old  
Farm Day Camp 5-8 years old

For more information, visit [their web site](#) and view their brochure.



**KEEP UP TO DATE**

**Bishop PTO Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BishopPTO/>

### Websites:

Bishop School: <https://bishopschool.net>

Bishop PTO: <http://www.bishopschoolpto.com/>

**Contact PTO Executive Board members:**

Co-Presidents: [Sarah Eastman](#) (Senior) and [Elisa Komoni](#) (Junior)

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