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Bishop Weekly Update: March 21, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

3/26 (Tue): Eat at Not Your Average Joe's (all March Tuesdays)

3/29 - 3/31 (Fri - Sun): Bishop Play, Mary Poppins Jr.

4/5 (Fri): Spirit (wear) Day

4/7 (Sun): Bishop Garden Work Day

4/8 - 4/12 (Mon-Fri): Staff Appreciation Week

4/15 - 4/19 (Mon-Fri): No School - April Vacation Week

4/25 (Thu): Bishop Science Night

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Bishop Families - Student Progress Reports Will Go Home in Backpacks, Tomorrow, March 22nd.

If your child is not at school tomorrow, progress reports will be mailed home.

Bishop Garden Work Day

Sunday, April 7

Spring is almost here and we could use your help getting the Bishop School Garden ready for our Spring activities! Please join us for our Spring Garden Work Day on Sunday, April 7. We will be working to Critter Proof the garden beds, which will involved digging out each bed and lining them with wire mesh. Children are welcome to help with a parent. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0549AFAD28A4FE3-bishop3>

Questions? Please contact us at BishopGardenandCompost@gmail.com

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.

Save the Date

Bishop's Annual Art Show (To be held separately from the chorus concert this year) -

Thursday, April 11th @ 6:30pm

Bishop's Annual Spring Choral Concert -

Thursday, May 9th -

[Concert times are staggered; please take note - k-2 @ 9:00am - 3-5 @ 10:00am](#)

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

Family Dance Pictures Available

The pictures from the 2019 Winter Dance Photo Booth is up on shutterfly!

Click this link to view. <https://qq0u.app.link/e/TectLIIEkU>

You can order prints directly from the shutterfly site (this is not part of any PTO fundraising).

If you would like the original high-res photo for your keeping/use, just take a screenshot of the photo you want and email me at christian.na@icloud.com. I can then find the original pix and email you the high-res file.

Activity Ideas for Box Tops

Thank you to all the families who are collecting box tops for the school! To make it a bit more fun, below is a link where you can print "collection sheets" with various designs and graphics for your child(ren) to glue and paste the box top clippings for submission. You can then drop off the sheets at the school front desk as usual.

For collection sheets, click here: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>

For list of participating products, click here: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>



UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Mary Poppins Jr. is Almost Here

Hello Mary Poppins Jr. Families, Here are some additional details on tickets, costumes and posters. Several pieces of information to share:

TICKETS:

Tickets will open to the general public for Mary Poppins Jr. performances on Friday, March 22 at 7 am. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4076924>. It will also be posted on the [PTO website](#).

- Reserved floor seats are \$5.00 each.

- Bleacher seats will also be available for \$3.00 at the door 45 minutes prior to each performance.

DRESS REHEARSAL:

This Saturday is the mandatory dress rehearsal. Please refer to your email for more details on call times and for parent volunteer commitments.

COSTUMES:

Costume pieces will be waiting at school when your child arrives for dress rehearsal and performances but all cast members and Tech Crew should arrive wearing a base costume. Details can be found in the document link below. Tech Crew attire is dark pants, dark shoes, and their Tech Crew t-shirt.

[Mary Poppins Base Costume info](#)

For base costumes, we encourage you to use items already in your closets or borrowed from friends or neighbors. The PTO Facebook page can also be a helpful place to ask for an item you may not already have. If your family requires financial assistance with base costume items, please contact Mr. McAneny.

NO LIGHT UP SHOES, please.

Please remind your actors that the costumes (apart from the base costume pieces that you will be providing) belong to the Bishop Play, and that no part of any costume is to be taken home at any time.

POSTERS:

We typically decorate the lobby/entrance to the gym with artwork from our students that represents the theme of the play. If your child would like to participate, please send in a drawing (drop-off in the school office) that depicts something from Mary Poppins, Jr. Thanks!

Not Your Average Joe's Every Tuesday in March

Eat at NYAJ every Tuesday in March and earn \$\$ for your school! Simply mention Bishop Elementary and a portion of your bill will be donated to the school. It's that easy! Bring your friends or make it a grade-level social!



Calling all Student Scientists -- Science Night is Coming! Thursday, 4/25, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Bishop Gym and Library

Our fifth annual Science Night is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th. Start thinking of experiments to do with your kids. Help them conduct an at-home experiment or research a question that sparks their curiosity. They can present their results on Science Night! Posters can be submitted by individual students or groups of students working as a team. All grades welcome. If they have the idea, we have the poster board. Here are a few of the questions that Bishop Student Scientists asked in previous years:

- How can you launch your own rocket?
- How do earthworms move?
- What makes a paper airplane fly far?

- Why do we dream?
- How can you measure the volume of melted snow?
- How are stalactites formed?

This is an annual ALL-FAMILY FREE event sponsored by the PTO and we rely on **PARENT VOLUNTEERS** to assist with the planning and preparation of this year's event.

How can you help?

- Create a New Hands-On Demo
- Lead an Existing Hands-On Demo
- Organize the Pizza Dinner
- Help with set-up and clean-up

If you're interested in volunteering and would like more information, please contact Anna Pisanian at apisania@gmail.com

The Green Team

Friday Mornings at 7:30 AM in Bishop Library

Green Team will be learning about wind turbines this week. Kids will have an opportunity to engineer their own blades and compare different designs. We will also be continuing to plan Eco-week activities April 22nd - April 26th. During Earth Week we'll be looking for volunteers to help with activities, please contact [Jen Davidson](#) if you are interested in learning more.

Green Initiatives

Button Battery Collection Box - Main Office

Help our Green Team and our planet by recycling your button batteries. Keeping button batteries out of the trash keeps mercury and other toxins out of our environment. Last year, some of the proceeds from collecting button batteries, was gifted by Arlington's Garden Club, to help pay for the pollinator garden that our Green Team planted and maintained.

March Enrichment Update

Friday, 3/22, for 4th grade

Spellman Stamp Museum

A Spellman Stamp Museum educator will visit each of the 4th grade classrooms to explore the history of stamps and the U.S. Postal System. The presentation and hands-on activities will include discussion of US geography covered in 4th grade curriculum.

Monday, 3/25, for 3rd grade

Discovery Museum Force & Magnetism

Students will review the basics of force and motion and explore ideas of balanced and unbalanced forces while working with and learning about magnetic force. Applying what they learn, students construct an original moving toy of their own design that uses the force of magnetism to operate.

Bishop PTO Camp Auction

Monday, 3/18, to Sunday, 3/24 POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Still thinking about plans for the summer? The Bishop Camp Auction is finally ready to launch! Be on the lookout for a link to bid on March 18. The auction will stay open until Sunday, March 24th. As in past years, we've got some great camp donations, with more coming in this week. Thank you for supporting the Bishop PTO and your



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, three daughters, two grandchildren

Birthday Month: August

Hobbies: quilting, exercising, swimming

Pets: none

Favorite Book: Dogzilla

Favorite Food: pizza

Favorite Color: blue

Favorite Candy: Caramel Creams

Favorite Vacation: Walt Disney World

Favorite Music: Classic Rock

When I grow up . . . I want to be healthy and happy.

From Last Newsletter:

Family: Bishop Bears!

Birthday Month: March

Hobbies: basketball, running, trying new restaurants

Pets: none

Favorite Book: Harry Potter 6, then 7, then 3, 5, 2, 4, 1

Favorite Food: sushi, red curry, pasta, mexican, good pizza

Favorite Color: purple and Celtics green

Favorite Candy: Reese's peanut butter cups or pieces, twizzlers

Favorite Vacation: Barcelona or Rhode Island beaches

Favorite Music: Hip Hop and Broadway Musicals

When I grow up . . . I don't want to! That's why I keep playing so much!

Answer: Aly Frank, Fifth Grade Teacher



COMMUNITY NEWS

Apply for AEF Innovation in Education Grants

Applications due April 15th

Please consider applying for Arlington Education Foundation's (AEF) [Innovation in Education](#) grants. Applications are due April 15th.

These \$250-\$3,000 grants support innovative teaching and learning projects - from classrooms to school communities. Arlington teachers, administrators, parents, or community members may apply (non-school-based applicants must be partnered with the Arlington Public Schools). Read [more](#) about proposal guidelines, how to apply, and samples of past grants to get your ideas going. Our school representative to AEF, Judy Guyer, can offer advice and answer questions about the application process. Email: info@aefma.org and include "Bishop" in the subject line to contact her about the grant process.

Arlington Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Now through Wednesday, 3/27

Please help fill the bins in the front hallway at Bishop this month! We are asking **2nd grade families** and everyone who would like to help to bring non-perishable items between now and Wednesday, March 27. For a list of items the pantry is need of, please visit: <https://arlingtonfoodpantry.org/donate-food/>
Thank you for your support!

The Arlington Food Pantry is dedicated to eliminating food insecurity by providing nutritious and culturally appropriate food in a respectful and compassionate manner to any Arlington resident in need.

Arlington EATS Fundraiser Saturday, 3/23, at Town Hall

Join us on March 23 for the Arlington EATS fundraiser at Town Hall. This years beats for EATS is going to bigger and better than ever before with an exciting silent auction, drinks, hors-d'oeuvres, dancing, and seriously good music.

Tickets are [on sale](#) now. If you can't make it, consider signing up to bid in the [silent auction](#) from the convenience of your home. Or, making a [donation](#). And, if volunteering at the event is more your speed, get your first choice of options [here!](#)

All of the money raised in this event will go to feed kids in food-insecure homes in our neighborhoods. We are grateful for your support!

Arlington EATS and Arlington Food Pantry

April Vacation Programs Registrations are Now Open

Moving Arts Program at Gore Place

Want something to do during April school vacation? [“Stories! Movement! Art!”](#) will provide students in grades 3-6 the opportunity to tell stories through their art! By using low-tech materials, we'll create art that physically moves or uses optical illusion to showcase movement! This program runs **Monday, April 15 to Friday, April 19 from 1-3:30pm**. Each day we will be working on smaller, individual art projects that will be presented to parents on Friday at 3:30pm.

The program will take place inside the Carriage House at Gore Place in Waltham (the large building next to the parking lot). More information can also be found on the Gore Place website under "Programs" or we also have a Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/330922114200195/> . This program is \$20 for the whole week, or \$5/day. **Tickets:** <https://art-workshop.bpt.me>

Stories! Movement! Art!
@ Gore Place

Spend your school vacation telling stories through art! We'll engage in low-tech art projects that physically move to tell a story:

- Moving panoramas
- Flip books
- Puppets
- Artist Trading Cards
- Thaumatropes
- And more!

April 15-19
1:00-3:30pm
Grades 3-6

\$20 for program or \$5/day

Email Marisa at marisacalisse@goreplace.org for any questions!

art-workshop.bpt.me

Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills

Lumos is offering 2-day beginner's Public Speaking workshops during April break (April 15-16, April 17-18, or April 19-20) in Newton, Lexington, and Acton! Your child will love Lumos' friendly instructors and fun activities as they learn about:

- Speaking Confidence
- Impromptu Speaking
- Debate Fundamentals
- Argumentation and Reasoning

Right now you can use the code COMMUNITY to get \$20 off. Email info@lumosdebate.com or call 781-474-3359 with any questions. To register, go to lumosdebate.com/vaca-workshop

April Vacation Fun

Arlington Community Education April VacationFun! and SummerFun! Registration Now Open
You will be amazed by the scope of choices available to create dynamic vacation experiences for your children in the Arlington Community Education April [VacationFun!](#) and [SummerFun!](#)programs enrolling now.

International Summer Camp for 11-Year Olds

For summer 2019 the Boston chapter of CISV, a non-profit organization which focuses on inter-cultural cooperation and education, is seeking applicants for an international summer camp for 11 year-olds in Waterloo, Ontario. Delegations from 10-12 different countries will attend the camp. The Boston chapter will send 4 child delegates and an adult leader. The camp will take place between August 4 and August 31. You can find more info about our programs at www.cisv.org and www.cisvboston.org, or feel free to contact Daniel Bonardi by [email](mailto:) or phone (617 281 3712) with any questions.



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)

Co-Treasurers: [Ami Fatula](#) (Senior) and [Karin Moellering](#) (Junior)

Fundraising Coordinator: [Christian Na](#)

Room Parent Coordinator: Laura Tikonoff

Communications Coordinator: [Junko Nagano](#)

Recording Secretary: [Sheelagh Stirling](#)



PTO Budget School Year 2018-2019

What types of activities and supplies does the PTO support?	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	2018-2019 Proposed Budget
Enrichment for the students. Themes include science, engineering, math, art, culture, social studies and geography.	\$15,500	\$15,500
Enrichment - garden. This pays for a professional garden coordinator, supplies, and a curriculum connected to each grade.	\$4,200	\$4,200
Field trips busses.	\$5,600	\$5,000
Community grants (curriculum and technical).	\$14,500	\$12,000
Teacher checks. This gives each teacher \$200 twice a year to pay for necessary classroom items that they would otherwise have to pay for themselves.	\$13,000	\$13,500
Classroom fund. Room parents receive \$250 twice a year to pay	\$9,000	\$9,500

for necessary classroom activities (class parties, class gifts, etc.).		
Classroom supplies. This includes agenda books, paper towels, wipes, tissues, glue sticks, etc. Volunteers shop a few times a year to restock a supply closet that the teachers can utilize all year long. Classroom rug cleaning is also included.	\$5,400	\$5,550
Playground and grounds improvements.	\$10,000	\$1,200
Library books and supplies.	\$2,000	\$2,000
Fifth grade recognition.	\$3,500	\$3,500
Scholarships.	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subscriptions (Scholastic, movie license, etc.)	\$2,500	\$2,500
Science Night.	\$1,600	\$1,600
Teacher appreciation and holiday recognition.	\$3,300	\$3,500
Other Community Initiatives (Movie Night, beginning of the year kick-off activities, general & admin PTO expenses, etc.)	\$3,800	\$4,250
Digital Communication Signage NEW THIS YEAR ONLY		\$6,000
TOTAL:	\$95,900	\$91,800

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