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Bishop Weekly Update: April 11, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Staff Appreciation Week Continues

Tonight - 4/11 (Thu): Bishop's Annual Art Show

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

4/21 (Mon): Last Day to Sign up for **the Science Night Posters**

4/25 (Thu): Bishop Science Night

5/9 (Thu): Annual Spring Choral Concert

Save the Date - 5/18 (Sat): BEAR FAIR, rain date 5/19

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Bishop's Annual Art Show - TONIGHT - Thursday, April 11th @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Join us for this year's all-school art show! Every student in grades K-5 created artwork in their weekly art class to contribute to the Bishop School Art Show. This year's theme is "What inspires you?"

The art will be on display in the Bishop Gallery in the main hallway near the office. 3-D works will be on display in the Library.

We will also have some origami and drawing tables in the cafeteria!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

April Break

I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and safe April break! School will resume, Monday, April 22nd!

More Courageous Conversations about Race with Our Children Tuesday, April 30 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in Brackett Auditorium

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. Please join us whether or not you attended the first workshop! Here is an interview of Liza talking about the first event: <https://acmi.tv/videos/talk-of-the-town-liza-talusan/>
Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/CC2-register>

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

Thank you!

Bishop Science Night is only 3 weeks away!

Mark your calendars for April 25th, 2019 6:30-8:30 pm!

Join us for a fun night full of science!

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>

Poster boards for students are available in the Main Office.

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

MONDAY, April 22 - FRIDAY, April 26: All-Schools Textile Recycling Competition

All Schools will be competing to collect the most textiles during the competition week and to win a prize and town recognition.

Drop off your textiles (all old, worn, torn clothes, shoes, bedding, stuffed animals, etc) to the Bay State Textiles collection bin outside your school from April 22nd - April 26th.

Here is more information about textile recycling and why it's important:

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-textile-recovery>

<https://www.smartasn.org/SMARTASN/assets/File/resources/SMARTInfographTextileRecycling.pdf>

<https://www.smartasn.org/SMARTASN/assets/File/resources/SMARTDoubleLifeofRecycledTextiles.pdf>

For questions about the competition, you can contact Rachel Oliveri, School Sustainability Coordinator, at roliveri@arlington.k12.ma.us.

PURCHASE ARLINGTON-THEMED APPAREL

Hey Bishop Parents!

My name is Lauren Bain, and I am writing on behalf of Arlington High School's Sophomore Student Government! We are holding a fundraiser selling Arlington-themed apparel to Arlingtonians EVERYWHERE!

By supporting our cause, you can help us lower the price of tickets to Proms and other events as well as fund other class-bonding events. These items make great gifts for your kids, your relatives, and even you (you definitely deserve it!!)

These items are limited edition and will not be sold again after April 30th, so make sure to purchase them as soon as possible! Click on the links below to check out all of the items! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me via email at lbain2021@spyponders.com!

Thanks so much for your support! GO ARLINGTON!

Arlington Water Bottle: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/arlington-water-bottle>

Arlington T-Shirt: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/arlington-tee-shirt>

Arlington Sweatpants: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/arlington-sweatpants>

Arlington Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/arlington-quarter-zip>

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 Spring Choral Concert - Thursday, May 9th @ 9:00am

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

The Fun Pass Savings Book

Please look out for "The FunPass" brochure and order form in your child's backpack this Friday. The FunPass is a book of coupons (more than \$2,000 in savings) for area attractions such as Story Land, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Edaville Family Theme Park, York's Wild Kingdom, Whale's Tale Water Park, Cog Railway, CoCo Key Water Park Boston North Shore, Discovery Museum, Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Connecticut Science Center, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Discovery Museum & Planetarium, Quassy Amusement & Waterpark, Canobie Lake Park, and more! For the complete list, check out www.breathenh.org/fun-pass.

The Fun Pass coupon book costs \$35 and provides a total savings of over \$2,000. One example is a \$38 coupon for Story Land which pays for the whole coupon book. We are hoping this will be great for enjoying the many area attractions during coming vacation months. The order will be due back April 26, 2019 so we can get the coupon books to you by **May 3, 2019**.

Mary Poppins, Jr. Photo and Video Links

PHOTOS: All photos from the weekend shows will be uploaded to the Shutterfly account shortly. 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 and we will provide you with an invitation.

VIDEO: Please refer to the email sent last week to Bishop Play participants



UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Staff Appreciation Week April 8-12

Staff appreciation week is on-going! Thank you for all those who have volunteered.

As a reminder, the PTO has planned activities for each day this week. Remaining activities include:

- ★ **Appreciation postcards:** There is still time to write thank-you postcards. Please use the postcards sent home the previous weeks to write or draw messages of appreciation to teachers, assistants and other staff. Students may [return the postcards the week of April 8 to a collection box in the main office](#), or personally deliver the cards to the staff member. The PTO will distribute cards left in the collection box. Pick up extra postcards in the main office during staff appreciation week.
- ★ **CHALK MESSAGES during the Art Show:** In coordination with Debra Fleming, we will once again have the chalk out during the art show. Please write messages of kindness and appreciation to our Bishop Staff.
- ★ **Daily Raffle:** A daily drawing! The children really get excited cheering for their teacher.
- ★ **Thursday 4/11: Cupcakes:** The PTO will provide cupcakes for a sweet after-lunch treat.
- ★ **Friday 4/12: Extended Catered Lunch:** The PTO will provide a yummy lunch.

Bishop Science Night is less than three weeks away! Sign up until Monday, 4/21

Mark your calendars for April 25th, 2019 6:30-8:30 pm!

Join us for a fun night full of science! Come watch students present their experiments and live demonstrations of cool experiments!



Students of all grades can conduct AT HOME experiments or research a question that sparks their curiosity and present their results on Science Night!

Posters can be submitted by **individual students** or groups of students **working as a team**. To submit your experiment, click here: [Science Night Student Poster Sign-Up](#)

Students may sign up to present their experiment until the 21st of April, 2019.
Poster boards for students are available in the Main Office

Need some Ideas? Look through [the Information for Student Scientists page](#).

Parents,

Visit the website an experiment presentation, <https://sites.google.com/site/bishopsciencenight/home>, Sign up for an experiment at [this link](#).

Volunteer to run a demo or help to set-up/clean up at [this link](#).

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

It's Time for the Bear Fair Super Raffle!

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 are going home with students in backpack mail this week and extra tickets 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**.

The Green Team

Friday Morning at 7:30 AM Meet by the Pollinator Garden Tomorrow

Green Team is taking advantage of the nice weather and doing a garden clean-up this week. We'll also be doing a litter pick up and everyone is welcome to help. Green Team meets before school on Friday we will meet outside by the pollinator garden.

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.

The Bear Fair Is Coming

Saturday, 5/18, 10am - 3pm

Please join the Bishop Community for this great family tradition – *celebrating its 45th 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!

Bear Fair and Used Goods proceeds provides nearly half of the PTO annual operating budget.

Looking for Volunteer Leads for the Bear Fair – 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



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: 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: Sweedish Fish
Favorite Vacation: Beach
Favorite Music: All music
When I grow up . . . I want to be a teacher.

From Last Newsletter:

Family: husband, one girl, two boys
Birthday Month: May
Hobbies: beach, walking, reading
Pets: dog
Favorite Book: Owl Moon
Favorite Food: pizza and salad
Favorite Color: blue
Favorite Candy: swedish fish
Favorite Vacation: Ireland, Scotland, Cape Cod
Favorite Music: classic rock and country
When I grow up . . . I want to be a teacher!

Answer: Geraldine Holden, Third Grade Teacher



COMMUNITY NEWS

In Charlie's Spirit - A Bishop Sculpture Garden

Please help raise funds for a sculpture installation in memory of Charlie Buck in the Bishop garden. The Bishop community was a big part of Charlie's life before his sudden and untimely death and since this would be his graduating year. We want to show the family how much the school cared about him and misses him.

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.

Apply for AEF Innovation in Education Grants

Applications due This Monday, 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.

Join Arlington Hockey Club

Registration Opens 4/15

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.

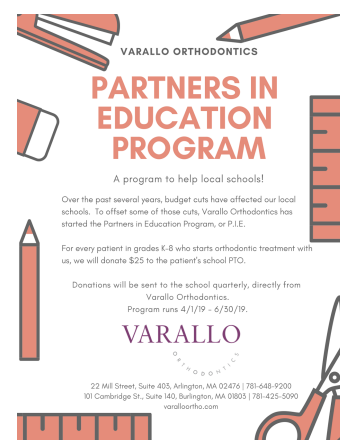
Varallo Orthodontics Partners in Education Program

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.



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:

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