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Bishop Weekly Update: April 4, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tomorrow, 4/5 (Fri): Morning Coffee and Spirit (wear) Day
Green Team Meeting by the Pollinator Garden

4/7 (Sun): Bishop Garden Work Day

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

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

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

4/25 (Thu): Bishop Science Night

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

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

That's a Wrap on Mary Poppins Jr.!

Dear Cast, Crew & Families of Mary Poppins, Jr.

Congratulations on four fantastic performances! It's an amazing feat to produce with more than 180 students, but with the support of Bishop teachers and staff and over 150 parent volunteers...we sure pull off a spectacular production! We have so much appreciation to the Bishop community and every individual who has been involved over the past 4 months. This [comprehensive list of volunteers](#) made it all happen. We could not have done it without you.

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: We have received videos of the Saturday performances and will have them available for download in the coming week! You will receive a separate email with the website and password.

SURVEY: Each year, we provide parents with a survey to gather feedback from the production and play season experience. We look forward to constructive feedback and hope you will all participate in a short survey to follow in the next few weeks.

THANK YOU:

We like to thank the parents who took on leadership roles and went beyond the call of duty! They are listed in the [PTO News section](#) along with their contribution areas.

Special thanks to: **Mr. McAneny, Ms. Gonsalves, Mr. Scopa, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Kasle, Ms. Fleming, Ms. Frank, Ms. Vaishnav, Ms. Bloch, Mr. Ham, Mr. MacFadden, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Adams, the Cafeteria Staff** and all of **the classroom teachers** for their help, support and use of their rooms. As well as **Bright Start** for providing us with the use of the gym and other spaces for our afternoon rehearsals and evening activities. And the **PTO Board** for their continued support and collaboration.

And last but not least, our trio of **Director Sarah Morrison Zeitman, Assistant Director & Choreographer Noa Barankin** and **Assistant Choreographer and Rehearsal Assistant Julie Joseph** for their creative vision, inspiration, guidance and patience with our cast and crew. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

PHEW. That's all for now...we hope to see you next year!

~The Bishop Players

Bishop Garden Work Day

Come Dig With Us! Sunday, 4/7 in the Bishop Garden

Please join us this Sunday to help get the Bishop Garden ready for the spring growing season! We will be cleaning up the garden perimeter, and working to critter proof the garden beds. Children are welcome to help with a parent or guardian. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549afad28a4fe3-bishop3>

Questions? Please contact us at BishopGardenandCompost@gmail.com

Outdoor classroom work in the Garden begins next week!

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!

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Poster boards for students are available in the Main Office.

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

Diversity Inclusion Group (DIG)

On any given day, students at the Bishop School find themselves in need of a jacket, a clean pair of socks, warm gloves, or a pair of boots. Therefore, the newly formed Bishop Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG), in partnership with the Bishop PTO, is establishing a closet across the hall from the nurse's office that will be stocked with clean clothing items for ANY student in need. Whether a student has stepped in a puddle on the way to school, fallen in the snow at recess, or doesn't own warm clothing, we will now be able to take care of all students' physical clothing needs so that students can do their best learning. However, we need your help!

This Spring, on the Greg Wright Clean-Up Day, we will be collecting **clean** used children's clothing items (hats, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, pants, shoes, boots, etc.), new packages of socks and underwear, and children's hangers. Please also feel free to drop off donations of **clean** clothing to Ms. Bell's classroom at anytime. We are also accepting checks (made out to the Bishop PTO) to purchase bins and new items for the closet. Once the closet is set-up, we will be sharing more info with the community about how students can obtain the items they need during the school day. Thank you in advance for your support!

Next Fall, the Bishop Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG) and the Bishop PTO will co-sponsor a special evening event to celebrate Bishop School's diversity. This evening will give students and families an opportunity to share about their cultural, ethnic, religious, and linguistic backgrounds as well as any other features of their family that are special. In order to make this evening a success, we need two parent co-leaders. Please respond to Sarah Eastman at sarah.a.eastman@gmail.com if you are interested.

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 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

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We would like to especially thank the following parents who took on leadership roles and went beyond the call of duty!

- **Johanna Niles** and **Sarah Popper** for organizing the parent volunteers and the many behind the scenes details of the play
- **Skye Stewart** and **Heather Breslau** for their attention to thebishopplay@gmail.com account, answering countless questions and keeping parents and staff informed of the many updates
- **Angelo Valle** and **Katie Stencik** for their tireless organization of rehearsal volunteers and numerous hours of organizing our actors during 16+ weeks of rehearsals and performances
- **Jill Fekete**, **Philana Hampton**, **Johanna Niles** and **Lori Reck** for their leadership and giving the student tech crew a major role in the production, as well as organizing props
- **Wendy Lee** and **Lindsay Pacheco** for their creative vision, organizational skills and hours and hours crafting and guiding the creation of the many period piece costumes

- **Carrie Edwards** and **Ramin Haghoie** for their vision and hard work on the set, as well as leading the set strike team
- **Ryan Spilker, Brian Carrier & Adam Anderson** for making sure that our brilliant actors could be heard
- **Judy Geyer** and **Sarah Popper** for leading on lighting and ensuring our actors shine on stage
- **Kerri Spilker, Julie Kahn Schaye** and **Jeannine Ranaghan** for managing the stage throughout dress rehearsal and performance weekend
- **Lisa Reinelt** and **Anne Thomson** for coordinating ticket sales, decorating the lobby and managing the house at all of our sold-out shows
- **Epp Brecht** for leading the make-up team and putting our 4th and 5th graders in character during dress rehearsal and performance weekend
- **Emily Muldoon Kathan, Valerie Geary, Dawn Hodge, Thierry Auperin** and **Michael Trauttmansdorff** for coordinating and producing the beautiful program
- **Christian Na** and **Alison Frank** for sharing their beautiful photography and dedicating hours capturing candid photos during rehearsals, dress rehearsal and four performances
- **Alison Vaishnav** for her invaluable guidance, ongoing support and finding the play space within the school
- **Celeste Hogan** for her financial oversight and **Ami Fatula** and **Karin Moellering** for supporting expense reimbursement and invoice payments

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.



UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Morning Coffee: AHS Building Project

Friday, April 5th, 8:15 a.m., Bishop front lawn (lobby if cold or rainy)

If you're curious to know where we are with the AHS Building Project, come for an information session with Amy Speare. Q&A to follow. For more information on the AHS Building Project, visit www.ahsbuilding.org and come prepared with your questions.

Garden Work Day

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Staff Appreciation Week

April 8-12

Staff appreciation week is next week! Thank you for all those who have volunteered. We are still looking for volunteers for the following items/activities:

- Breakfast set-up on Tuesday 4/9
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- Classroom coverage so teachers may enjoy an extended lunch on Friday, 4/12. The following teachers have no coverage so far:
 - Ms. Keveney
 - Ms. Holden
 - Ms. Thom
 - Ms. Bell
 - Ms. Hess-Mahan
- Several classrooms only have one volunteer covering - two would be easier and more fun!

Please visit the following link for more details and to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48a5ae2fa2fc1-bishop>

As a reminder, the PTO is planning activities for each day of the week. This year's activities and schedule include:

- ★ **Appreciation postcards:** Two postcards with instructions went home in backpack mail last week. Please use these postcards 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. Extra postcards will be available in the main office during staff appreciation week.
- ★ **Daily Raffle:** A daily drawing! The children really get excited cheering for their teacher.
- ★ **Monday 4/8: Chalk Messages:** Please use the weekend days to write **chalk messages of appreciation** to teachers and staff on the sidewalks and walkways around the school that will be there to greet them on Monday morning. Buckets of chalk will be placed around the building.
- ★ **Tuesday 4/9: Breakfast Buffet:** Bagels, baked goods, fruit and juice provided by parent volunteers.
- ★ **Wednesday 4/10: Therapeutic Chair Massages:** A mid-week relaxation treat!
- ★ **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.

Science Night

Thursday, 4/25, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Bishop Gym and Library

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

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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: 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!

From Last Newsletter:

Family: Three older brothers, no kids
Birthday Month: May
Hobbies: hiking, running, knitting, music
Pets: cat
Favorite Book: Stargirl
Favorite Food: Mac & cheese
Favorite Color: green
Favorite Candy: milk chocolate
Favorite Vacation: New Hampshire mountains/lakes
Favorite Music: Folk/Country
When I grow up . . . I want to be a teacher!

Answer: Beth Defossez, Fourth 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.

APS Forum on 5 Year Budget Plan Wednesday, 4/10, at 7 PM at Gibbs School

The School Committee and District Administration are pleased to announce the release of an initial draft of a five-year budget plan for the Arlington Public Schools (APS). Last spring, the Arlington School Committee asked the APS administrative team to develop a multi-year budget plan to provide a view of the school district's anticipated needs over the next few years, modeled after the principals multi-year budget plan for the elementary schools.

The plan is available here <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/budget/fy20/fiveyeardraftapsbudgetplan.pdf> on the APS website. This initial draft will continue to be revised based on feedback from the public, funding availability, and changing needs.

There will be a forum on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 pm at the Gibbs School with members of the Administration

and the School Committee to review and discuss the draft five-year plan. The School Committee is very interested in public feedback on the plan, including thoughts which items might be the highest priorities and on items missing or not fully addressed by the plan. Comments can also be submitted by email to kfitzgerald@arlington.k12.ma.us

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.

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.

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Websites:

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

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

Contact PTO Executive Board members:

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