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## Bishop Weekly Update: November 15, 2018

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**11/13-16 (Tue - Fri):** Fifth Grade Science Camp

**11/19 (Mon):** School Photo Retake Day

**11/21 (Wed) Noon:** Early Release 12:00 pm (**no lunch** will be served)

**11/22-23 (Thu, Fri):** NO SCHOOL (Happy Thanksgiving!)

12/4 and 12/7 (Tues, Fri): PLAY Grades 4-5 auditions and Call-Backs

12/4 and 12/11 (both Tues): Parent-teacher conferences, **Early Release 11:15 - No Lunch**

12/6 (Thurs): Craft Fair (4th grade host)

12/7 (Fri): Spirit(wear) Day!

12/7 (Fri): Morning Coffee: Mental Health (Katie Martin, School Nurse)

12/10 (Mon): PLAY Parent Volunteer Meeting 7:00 pm

12/13 (Thurs): Evening Conferences, **6:00pm-8:00pm**

12/21 Early Release 12:00 pm (**no lunch** will be served)

12/24-1/1 NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

#### **Bishop Community ~**

On behalf of the entire Bishop staff, we wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving holiday. I'm extremely grateful for being part of this wonderful, caring community.

Reminder: **Early Release - Wednesday, November 21st @ 12:00pm - Lunch will not be served. Please make arrangements**

#### **Conference Season in December**

Conferences will be held on Tuesday(s), December 4th and 11th, with EARLY RELEASE of students at 11:15am (NO LUNCH SERVED) - Evening Conferences will be held on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

You will be receiving, if you haven't already, notice from your classroom teacher regarding the scheduling of conferences, in the very near future.

Translation Services - If you are in need of translation services for Parent/Teacher conferences, please inform your classroom teacher as soon as possible; thank you so much.

#### **News From the Library**

The New Book Sale is coming soon (week of December 10th) – more details/volunteer opportunities to follow after Thanksgiving!

#### **And .....a Special Library project for the Holidays!**

It is time for our annual project - inspired by the recent tradition of a "National Day of Listening," which takes place each year on the day after Thanksgiving. The concept was introduced by the StoryCorps organization in 2008, with the aim to connect families across generations, and to ensure that family stories are passed down to younger generations.

Last year we asked students in grades 3-5 to interview an older family member (or family friend) about that person's real-life superhero. This year we are asking them to find out about their interviewee's favorite country in the world (excluding the USA.)

Before Thanksgiving, each student will be given a worksheet ([Interview Worksheet 2018-9](#)) to guide them, since the Holiday may provide many with the opportunity to be together with family and friends. The students have until January 2nd to complete their interview, to allow them additional opportunities to conduct an interview over the December holiday break instead. A phone or Facetime/Skype interview would also be fine if a face-to-face interview

is not possible.

StoryCorps interviews are recorded with audio or video, but we will just be using pencil and paper. We would really appreciate your help in facilitating this project. It would be very helpful if you could talk to your child(ren) about who they should interview (parent, grandparent, family friend~ any one of an older generation would be ideal). It may also be a good idea to speak to possible interviewees to make sure that they are happy to help. We ask that you remind your child(ren) to complete the assignment and worksheet over the next few weeks along with other assigned homework. It is a short exercise. Once they have completed their sheet, they should hand it in to us in Library and we will collect and keep them all until we are ready to write up and illustrate them. If your child misplaces their sheet, please click on this link to print a new one. [Interview Worksheet 2018-9](#)

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

If you are interested to know more about StoryCorps and THE GREAT THANKSGIVING LISTEN (which is aimed at high school students, and has yielded over around 100, 000 interviews for the Library of Congress) you can do so at the following links:

<https://storycorps.org/participate/the-great-thanksgiving-listen/>

<https://storycorps.org/about/#intro-video>

This placemat is a great conversation starter for the Thanksgiving table.

[https://storycorporg-staging.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/GreatListenPlacemat2017\\_final.pdf](https://storycorporg-staging.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/GreatListenPlacemat2017_final.pdf)

Thank you!

Alison Vaishnaw and Justine Bloch

## EDUCATE AND EMPOWER YOUNG WOMEN

Dear families, friends, and community members,

This year, students in the fourth grade at Bishop School, are collecting money to help send a girl to school through the organization called **Heifer International**. Two fourth grade students helped inspire this decision. We need to raise \$275 and would like to raise the money by early December. Here is a description from the website of Heifer International:

### EDUCATE AND EMPOWER YOUNG WOMEN

This gift provides a family with training and livestock so they can earn the income needed to pay for their daughter's school fees and supplies. When you send a girl to school with your donation, this gift:

- Empowers girls and young women through education
- Equips them with books, paper and other learning materials
- Provides for their tuition and other school expenses

Girls often suffer the most from gender discrimination. **They are often denied the opportunity to go to school because resources are limited.**

Heifer International and our partners support programs designed to give every girl the chance to fulfill her potential. Join us in breaking this cycle.

We are excited to have this fundraiser. Thinking about others and showing that we care is so important during the holidays. If you would like to contribute, please contact one of the Bishop School fourth grade students or one of the teachers. Thank you so much!

Mrs. Allan, Ms. Brubaker, and Ms. Defossez

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## **METropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity Engagement**

### **Bridging 2 Communities**

**Saturday, 12/1, 4 - 6 PM, Twelfth Baptist Church, Roxbury: RSVP by 11/29**

All are invited to the upcoming the METCO-Arlington event, where family and friends are coming together to enjoy great food, fun and conversation at Twelfth Baptist Church, 160 Warren St., Roxbury, MA 02119. Dinner is catered; please bring your special desserts to share with families and new friends from Pierce, Bishop, Hardy, Gibbs, and Ottoson.

Please RSVP with number of guest/attending school, and grade no later than Nov 29, 2018 to Nikecia Gadson at [ngadson@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:ngadson@arlington.k12.ma.us) and cc Bill Hayner at [bill\\_hayner@comcast.net](mailto:bill_hayner@comcast.net).

**METCO Arlington  
Superintendent Kathleen Bodie**

**Invites you to**

## **"BRIDGING TWO COMMUNITIES"**



**Saturday December 1, 2018  
4:00 - 6:00pm  
Twelfth Baptist Church  
160 Warren St. Roxbury, MA 02119**

families and friends coming together to enjoy good food,  
fun and conversation

Please RSVP with number of guest / attending school / grade  
**no later than Nov. 25, 2018**  
Nikecia Gadson at [ngadson@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:ngadson@arlington.k12.ma.us)  
Bill Hayner at [bill\\_hayner@comcast.net](mailto:bill_hayner@comcast.net)

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Pierce, Bishop, Hardy, Gibbs and Ottoson

## **AEF Fall Fundraiser and Grant Showcase**

**Monday, November 19**

**6-8 pm at Tryst Restaurant in Arlington**

**RSVP:** [www.aefma.org](http://www.aefma.org)

Come raise a glass with us to celebrate and support enriching Arlington's schools.

The district's newest leaders will share their vision for middle school in Arlington:

\* Brian Meringer, Ottoson Middle School Principal

\* Kristin DeFrancisco, Gibbs School Principal

We will also have a showcase of AEF grants in action. Come see what YOU, our awesome donors, have funded - both through the STARS program and your direct contributions!

I hope you can join us to celebrate the partnership between Arlington Education Foundation and our schools!

[Find more information and RSVP](#) here. Thank you!

## **Show thanks to your teachers by telling them they are STARS!**

The Arlington Education Foundation *Stars* program is a way to tell teachers and school staff, "Thank you for all you do!"

For a donation of \$20 or more, the teacher or school staff member of your choice will receive a certificate that honors him or her with a gift to the Arlington Education Foundation in his or her name. You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

*Stars* donations go back into our schools as funding for AEF grants both large and small, including Continuing Scholar Awards and Innovations in Education grants that go directly to teachers. Read more about AEF grants here:

<http://www.aefma.org>

You can give a teacher a *Star* at any time during the year, but the deadline is December 5 to ensure delivery before the holiday break.

Look for the mail-in form in your child's home-to-school folder, or:

Give your Star Online: <https://www.tfaforms.com/393046>

## **2018-19 District Calendar Link**

<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/calendar/>

## **2018-19 MCAS Dates**

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html>

I will send out a detailed calendar in the next month for your planning purposes.



## PTO NEWS

### **Photo Retakes and Sibling Photos** **Monday, 11/19**

Coffee Pond Photography will be back at Bishop for photo retakes and sibling photos on Monday, November 19, per their website. Please indicate if your children will be participating by completing this [sign-up form](#) so we can make sure they are on the schedule. If you have any special instructions for the photographer, use the [form on the Coffee Pond](#) website and attach it to the envelope of photos you're returning.

Please feel free to contact Rosemary Foster at [fosterpadien@gmail.com](mailto:fosterpadien@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### **Volunteer Survey** **Respond by 11/30**

The PTO needs you! Please consider volunteering by responding to the [online Survey](#) or downloading the [Volunteer Survey Form](#) and returning it to the school via backpack mail. As you saw on the budget update section, we're well on our way to our goal of raising ~\$51,000 for enrichment activities and supplies. We also aim to foster a sense of community through social events such as Movie Night, Bishop Night Out, and the Family Dance and Social. As you can imagine, these events require lots of help! A volunteer shift can be as short as 30 min, may be flexible, or may be more involved. The survey includes a comments and ideas section. We'd love to see some new faces and hear fresh ideas!

### **Library New Book Sale** **Week of 12/10, Bishop Library**

Look for New Book Sale coming in early December. The proceeds benefit the school library and is a great holiday shopping opportunity.



## UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

### **Green Team**

**Friday Mornings @ 7:30 AM**

This week we will be meeting in the conference room in the main office. For the next several weeks we will be preparing to participate in the Bishop Craft Fair. This week we will be making eco friendly cleaning supplies and brainstorming other ideas. Come learn something new and share your ideas.

Please contact [Jen Davidson-Jardeleza](#) with any questions or suggestions.

### **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.

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## Bishop Play 2019

Registration for Mary Poppins Jr. is closed. If you registered a child/children for the play, you will receive communications in the coming weeks confirming enrollment and payment as well a cast list and details for rehearsals for your cast. For questions, please email [thebishopplay@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopplay@gmail.com) or visit the [www.bishopschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play](http://www.bishopschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play)

Important Dates to Note on Your Calendar:

**Grades 4-5 Auditions and Call-Backs:** Tuesday, December 4 and Friday, December 7  
**PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING:** Monday, December 10, 7 PM

Dry-Tech Rehearsal: Friday, March 22

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, March 23, 12-5 PM (one rehearsal for each cast)

Four Public Performances Weekend of March 29-31:

Friday, March 29, 7 PM; Saturday, March 30, 2 and 6 PM; Sunday, March 31, 2 PM

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## Craft Fair

**Thursday, 12/06, at Knights of Columbus**

Planning has begun for this year's Craft Fair. It's a fun family event for the whole community. Join us for a night out and do a little holiday shopping on Thursday December 6th at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington Center. Students interested in having their own table can contact [Jen Davidson-Jardeleza](mailto:Jen.Davidson-Jardeleza) for more information. We're looking forward to having many new crafters this year from within and around our community. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

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## December Enrichment Update

Our first enrichment of the year is coming up in December. Lots more programs for all grades coming in 2019!

### Thursday, 12/6, for 5th Grade

Museum of Science - States of Matter

Students will observe how solids, liquids, and gases change phases when subjected to extreme temperatures, and learn how to define the states of matter. The Museum of Science's demonstrations involve intensely cold liquid nitrogen. Students will see balloons shrink, a tea kettle whistle without a stove, and lids pop off snack cans.

### Monday, 12/17, for 1st grade

Discovery Museum - Lights and Lasers

As students compare white light and laser light they identify key properties including how light must be reflected in order to be seen. Students work with flashlights, prisms, lenses, and a variety of materials that block, reflect, or allow light to pass through.



## 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. Can you figure out who this week's spotlight is?

**STAFF OF THE WEEK:**

Family: two brothers  
Birthday Month: December *Happy Birthday!*  
Hobbies: running, playing sports, hiking, traveling  
Pets: two dogs, one cat  
Favorite Book: Harry Potter Series  
Favorite Food: tacos  
Favorite Color: blue  
Favorite Candy: Reese's  
Favorite Vacation: Cape Cod  
Favorite Music: pop  
When I grow up . . . I want to travel the world!

Stay tuned next week for the big reveal!

**From Last Week:**

Family: parents, brother and sister-in-law, nephew  
Birthday Month: July  
Hobbies: crafting, cooking, furniture redo, plants/gardening  
Pets: two black cats  
Favorite Book: The Giver  
Favorite Food: cheese  
Favorite Color: purple  
Favorite Candy: M&Ms  
Favorite Vacation: Napa Valley  
Favorite Music: 90s pop, 2000s  
When I grow up . . . I want to see all 50 states in the US

**Answer: Christina Capaldo, Third Grade Teacher**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Parent Forum: How to Raise Ethical/Thoughtful Children in the Age of #MeToo Friday, 11/15, 7 - 8:30 PM, Ottoson Middle School**

As we are bombarded by the wave of unethical, criminal, and sordid behaviors of political, educational, entertainment, and sports figures, how do we help our children develop a moral compass and make decisions that are grounded, appropriate and compassionate? This dialogue is suitable for all parents who are invested in raising their children.

Presenter: Damon Blank is a licensed marriage/family therapist. He has been in private practice for over 35 years. He works with individuals, couples, families and groups.

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### **Arlington Education Fund's Annual Fundraising Event Monday, 11/19, 6 - 8 PM, Tryst**

None of AEF's work would be possible without Arlington's generosity. AEF's annual fundraising event is coming up Monday, November 19 from 6-8pm at Tryst and I'd love for you to join me. Our theme this year is 'Innovate,



Educate, Empower' and our guest speakers will be Arlington's newest leaders of the schools that every child in the Arlington Public School district will attend from this year forward:

Brian Meringer, Principal of Ottoson Middle School  
Kristin DeFrancisco, Principal of the Gibbs School

Come find out how Brian and Kristin are reinventing middle school in Arlington. Recent grant recipients at the district, high school, middle and elementary levels will also be there to showcase their innovative programs funded by AEF!

100% of our grants are funded by donations and YOU can make a difference in the lives of our students. Suggested donation is \$100/person, \$150/couple. You can RSVP directly online at [www.aefma.org](http://www.aefma.org).

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## **Community Forum: Arlington High School Building Project** **Tuesday, 11/27, 7 - 9 PM, Arlington Town Hall**

As the design of the new school takes shape, this series of public forums (Sept. 24, Oct. 24, Nov. 27) will keep the public informed, and give residents the chance to ask questions and provide feedback.

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## **Support Arlington Pop Warner Cheer!** **By 11/30**

Calling all Arlingtonians and Spy Ponders Fans, show your Ponder Pride while supporting Arlington Pop Warner Cheer! Arlington Pop Warner Cheer B Team are the Regional Champs and are competing in the Pop Warner National Cheer Competition in December. To help fundraise for their trip, the B Team is selling Spy Ponders smartphone wallets for \$5.00.

To purchase your wallet, please send \$5.00 via paypal to [Kiela@comcast.net](mailto:Kiela@comcast.net). Please be sure to include your full name and address, and your wallet will be delivered to your home. Any questions, feel free to email Kiela Lyons at [Kiela@comcast.net](mailto:Kiela@comcast.net)

!! Thank you for supporting Arlington Pop Warner Cheer !!



## **KEEP UP TO DATE**

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

### **Websites:**

Bishop School: <https://bishopschool.net> **NEW!**

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](#)

Communications Coordinators: [Junko Nagano](#) and [Christina Marko](#)

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