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## Bishop Weekly Update: November 1, 2018

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Tomorrow 11/2 (Fri): SPIRIT DAY!**

**11/4 (Sun):** Daylight Saving Time Ends (set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night)

**11/6 (Tue):** NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)

**11/8 (Thu):** [Bishop Play](#) Online Registration Opens

**11/10 (Sat):** [Kids Night Out](#) (at AHS, AHS Student Council Host)

**11/12 (Mon):** NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)

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

**11/14 (Wed):** [PTO Meeting](#) 7:00 pm at the Bishop library

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

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### Bishop Community ~

Happy November 1st!! Don't forget to FALL BACK this weekend (Daylight Saving Time)

### Veteran's Day - Poppy Distribution

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I was ended by an armistice agreement between the two sides. Around the world, November 11<sup>th</sup> has been a day to remember ever since, and in the USA it became a day to honor all American veterans, wherever and whenever they had served – Veterans' Day.

This year, marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of "the war to end all wars", we decided to make a special effort, and to distribute poppies to all our teachers and staff in the week leading up to the holiday. As the war ended, poppies were already blooming on the battlefields of Europe, and Moina Belle Michael, a schoolteacher from Georgia, decided that the poppy would make a perfect symbol for the courage and sacrifice of US soldiers. She was so successful in achieving her goal, that the poppy is now recognized, and used for remembrance, in countries around the world, and sold to raise money in support of veterans' programs.

For example, in 2014, to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the War in Europe, a sea of almost 900,000 ceramic poppies was installed outside the Tower of London, one poppy for each British or colonial soldier who died. If you are interested, images of this installation, and the special assembly that was broadcast for schools that year, can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

Next week in Library we will read Moina's story to our older grades, and a book about veterans and veterans' day to younger grades, and we will offer a poppy to each student, to wear or to decorate their backpack, and to honor our veterans.

We are grateful to the PTO for supporting this and purchasing the poppies with a donation to the VFW of MA.

Alison Vaishnaw and

Justine Bloch

### Bishop's New Website!

I'm happy to announce the launch of the new and improved Bishop School website!

A huge THANK YOU, to Bishop parent and Bishop Webmaster, Colin McCarthy and to the APS IT team.

Check it out!

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

## Arlington Education Foundation - Fundraising Celebration

**When:** Monday November 19, 6-8pm, at Tryst

**Where:** 689 Mass Ave - Arlington, MA

Please join us to learn about innovative initiatives in Arlington Public Schools that are funded by AEF, and to hear from the new Gibbs and Ottoson School Principals, Kristin DeFrancisco and Brian Meringer, respectfully.

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Please RSVP by November 12th

Suggested donation \$100 per person or \$150 per couple.

<http://aefma.org/wp/annual-fall-event>

### [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

### **Spirit Wear Orders**

The next spirit wear order will be placed **November 1st** in hopes of receiving them in time for holiday gifts. The first Friday of every month, students are encouraged to wear their Bishop t-shirts or Bishop colors (yellow/gold and blue). Order forms were distributed this week via backpack mail or download an [Order Form](#) and return with payment to your child's teacher.

### **Walkathon Participation Winners**

Congratulations on Ms. Thom's class for having the most number of registered participants for the school Walkathon!

### **ISO Volunteer Leads**

We have the critical need for the following areas. The coordinator positions can be shared among 2 people. Being a lead is a fun and satisfying way to be involved in the Bishop community. Please consider volunteering. Refer to previous newsletters for more information

- **Fundraising Assistant.** Assist the Fundraising Coordinator.
- **Spirit Wear Coordinator.** Staff booths at school activities and manage spirit wear sales.
- **Science Night Coordinator (5th grade host).** Organize the Science Night's events, which takes place on April 4, 2019.

### **Grants Approved as of 10/31/18**

*The Bishop School PTO offers grants to Bishop teachers, staff and community members to benefit the children of the Bishop School and the Bishop community. The intention of PTO Grants is to fund projects that*

are not or will not be funded through traditional funding channels such as the school, classroom or PTO budgets. There is no set amount for a PTO grant – funds will be paid on actual expenses incurred only. For the 2018/19 school year, approximately \$10,000 has been budgeted for PTO grants for Curriculum Enhancement and Technology and Infrastructure. Those interested in seeking PTO grant monies should apply [here](#).

- Fifth Grade - SpellingCity.com subscription
- Third Grade - EdHelper.com subscription
- Mrs. Capaldo's new classroom - shelving and storage bins (replacing hooks)
- Third Grade - Elne Kleine Consort's proprietary "The Recorder Goes to School" program: Participatory in nature, the students are invited to play their recorders along with the ensemble in several of our musical selections.

### **School Improvement/Capital Projects**

As budgeted, the PTO recently purchased a 65" Full HD Commercial Flat Screen (including wall mount and LCD software) to be displayed in the front lobby of the school. The screen can be divided into many formats and will display upcoming events and reminders, student artwork, etc. - the ideas are limitless! Stay tuned for when it will be up and running.



## **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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### **PTO Meeting**

**Wednesday, 11/14, 7 PM, Bishop Library**

We have a timely topic this month with a guest speaker Kathy Little from NitWits in Belmont to talk to us about head lice, transmission, and treatments.

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### **Bishop Play 2019: Mary Poppins, Jr.**

We are busy preparing for this year's production - **Mary Poppins, Jr** - led by talented children's theatre director

Sarah Morrison and assistant director and choreographer Noa Borankin.

- **Online registration for all grades opens on Thursday, November 8 at 8 a.m.**

- Registration link will be live at [www.bishopschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play](http://www.bishopschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play)

- Registration closes on Monday, November 12 at 9 p.m.

Grades 4-5 can audition for large roles, register for supporting roles (no audition required) or register to participate in Tech Crew

- Grades 2-5 can register for midsize ensemble roles
- Grades K-1 can register for a small ensemble role

\*If the play is oversubscribed, we will confirm participation based on time of registration and payment.\*

- \$60 for grade 2-5 cast members
- \$30 for K-1 ensemble and grade 4-5 Tech Crew
- Scholarships are available; please contact Mr. McAneny

Other key dates:

- Grades 4-5 Auditions: Tuesday, Nov 27, 1:15-3:15 PM and Friday, Nov 30, 2:45-4:45 PM
- Grades 4-5 Call Backs: Tuesday, Dec 4, 2:45-4:45 PM
- Mandatory Parent Volunteer Meeting: Monday, December 10, 7 PM
- Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 1:15 – 3:15 PM & Fridays, 2:45-4:45 PM
- Dress Rehearsal: March 23, 2019 (one rehearsal each cast)
- Performance Weekend: March 29-31, 2019 (2 performances each cast)



## 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: Husband and two daughters

Birthday Month: May

Hobbies: Reading, knitting

Pets: Small dog

Favorite Book: Harry Potter

Favorite Food: Sushi

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Candy: Milky Way

Favorite Vacation: Bermuda

Favorite Music: 80s

When I grow up . . . I look forward to visits with my kids and hanging out.

Stay tuned next week for the big reveal!

### From Last Week:

Family: One Boy

Birthday Month: September

Hobbies: Baking, running, reading

Pets: None  
Favorite Book: The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman  
Favorite Food: Baked goods  
Favorite Candy: Lake Champlain Chocolates  
Favorite Color: Blue  
Favorite Vacation: Anywhere in Europe  
Favorite Music: Anything but country  
When I grow up . . . I want to be a principal  
**Answer: Rebecca Bell, Fifth Grade Teacher**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Bishop's Buddy Bench**

The Buddy Bench is courtesy of Troop 69204 and the 5th grade class of 2015. In an effort to foster a more inclusive playground, the Buddy Bench is a place where kids can sit when they're looking for kids to play with, signaling to other kids to invite them to play. Students and teachers alike will hear more details about the intentions behind the Buddy Bench in the weeks ahead. The Troop worked very hard to create [a video to inform](#) the community about the Buddy Bench and its purpose. We encourage you to talk with your kids about the bench and promoting kindness and inclusivity on the playground (and to please refrain from damaging it, so it will be there for future Bishop students to use).

For more information, contact [Bishop Junior Girl Scouts](#).

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### **TONIGHT! Hate Has No Home Solidarity and Action Gathering** **Thursday, 11/1, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Arlington Town Hall**

The Arlington Human Rights Commission invites members of the community to come together in support of the Jewish, immigrant and refugee communities and in action against hatred and bigotry of all forms. There will be opportunities for kids to participate at this event including letter writing to the Squirrel Hill Jewish community, social justice books and a community board for adults and kids to add ideas about stopping hate in our community. Arlington Town Hall is located at 730 Mass Ave. For details, please see the Arlington Human Rights Commission [Facebook page](#).

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### **Halloween Candy Buy Back** **Friday 11/2, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 11/3, 8 am to 2 pm**

Children (and parents) are invited to drop off their Halloween candy at the Arlington Orthodontics office at 800 Mass Ave. Arlington Orthodontics is once again offering their "Halloween Candy Buy Back" event to promote good oral health and support our troops abroad. They will pay you \$2/pound (\$10 max), ship the candy to our troops serving overseas, and give our PTO the matching donation for a win-win-win combination. Last year, we sent over 1600 lbs of candy to our troops and raised over \$3000 for Arlington Elementary School PTOs! They had a great showing from all 7 of the Arlington Elementary schools.

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### **Arlington Food Pantry Annual Food Drive for Thanksgiving** **Thursday, 11/01, to Thursday, 11/15**

The Board of Youth Services is once again organizing their Annual Food Drive this Thanksgiving season. We are being asked to help provide Thanksgiving food and supplies to Arlington families who may need community support this year. As you shop for your Thanksgiving feast, if you are able, please consider putting something extra in your cart for our fellow community members for whom the food pantry will help complete their feasts.

Donations of non-perishable food and supplies can be dropped in marked bins in the front hallway of the school. Monetary donations are also accepted. Gift cards in denominations of \$10 and \$20 to Stop and Shop or Market Basket are also encouraged. Gift Cards allow families to buy a turkey or other foods that are part of their family's traditions. Please put gift cards in an envelope marked Annual Food Drive and give to Miss G in the main office.

**Donations will be gratefully accepted all school year long.** Food pantries are a vital resource for many members of our community. Located at 117 Broadway, Arlington residents are welcome to shop and/or volunteer. See this link for details. [www.arlingtonfoodpantry.org](http://www.arlingtonfoodpantry.org)

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### **Community Dialogue About Building a New High School** **Wednesday, 11/7, 7pm - 8:30pm, Thompson School, 187 Everett St., Arlington**

The AHS Building Project and [True Story Theater](#) present:  
**Perspectives and Perceptions on Building a New High School**  
*A community dialogue on what a new high school means to you*

Through True Story's interactive storytelling theatre, community members are offered a space to have their experiences heard and reflected back with creativity and respect. Audience members are invited to share their thoughts and feelings, and actors honor what was shared, through drama, movement, and music. From this simple interaction, people can gain fresh perspectives and insights. It's fine to just come and witness.

*This is a free public event of The Listening Project: 'Strengthening civic dialogue through storytelling theatre' which is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.*

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### **Kids Night Out (AHS Student Council Host)** **Saturday, 11/10, 5:30-8:30 PM**

The Arlington High School Student Council presents: Kids' Night Out! On Saturday, November 10th from 5:30-8:30pm, children in grades K-4 are welcome in Arlington High School's Blue Gym for a night of games, crafts, movies and more! A delicious pizza dinner and snacks will be provided.

This event is organized and run by high school students, but there will be an adult advisor present at all times. And in the incredibly unlikely event of injury, we have people who are CPR certified and first-aid certified present at the event as well.

An RSVP is recommended, but not required. Kids can stay for the whole three hours, or just come for an hour or two! The cost is \$20 for the first child, and then \$10 for each additional sibling. All of the proceeds from this event will be going towards the AHS Student Council mini-grant fund, a new program that gives grants to AHS clubs, and allows Arlington students to go out and do incredible things.

To RSVP email Theo Rosen, [trosen2020@spyponders.com](mailto:trosen2020@spyponders.com), Please include your child or children's: Name(s), Age(s), How long they plan to stay, and any dietary restrictions they have. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us. We hope to see you there!

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**All ages sing and celebration, music of the Indigo Girls and R.E.M.  
Sunday, 11/11, 3 PM at Arlington Town Hall**

The Family Folk Chorale (FFC) celebrates R.E.M. & Indigo Girls at Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass Ave., Arlington.

**About the Concert:** Alternative rock pioneer band R.E.M. and folk-rock duo Indigo Girls both emerged out of Georgia's music scene to dominate the airwaves in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Crossing generations of music fans, this iconic music combined with all ages singing along makes for a dynamic program and energizing afternoon!

The Indigo Girls and R.E.M. share common roots and collaborations, yet their complementary musical styles and presentations combine to form a dynamic, richly contoured program. The Indigo Girls offer powerful sincerity with "Galileo" and "Closer to Fine" and an enduring call to social action, as with "Pendulum Swinger", "Let it Be Me", and "Hammer and a Nail". The R.E.M. selections emphasize many of the fun, upbeat singable favorites like "Stand" and "Shiny Happy People", the high energy "End of the World", along with well known classics that resonate like "Fall on Me", and "Night Swimming". With a prolific 25 years of R.E.M. and almost 30 years of Indigo Girls' writing and performing, the concert program promises a rousing sing along celebration crossing generations of music fans. As with every FFC concert, this familiar repertoire will take on new meaning and a wholly unique twist as heard through the FFC's multi-generational perspectives and skillfully crafted arrangements sung by earnest yet practiced voices, accompanied by professional band.

Tickets are \$15 (child/senior \$12). You can [buy them online](#) or at the box office, opens one hour before concert.

**Family Folk Chorale:** The Family Folk Chorale seeks to inspire community, compassion and discovery through music made together by families of all ages (3-80) performing meaningful, uplifting songs and creating a powerful connection between audience, singers, band, and songwriters. For more information, see their [web site](#).



**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)

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