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Bishop Weekly Update: November 8, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TODAY - 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 ~

Fire and Safety Drills This Week

On Monday, November 5th, the Bishop School, in accordance with the Arlington Fire Department, ran a fire drill, and this morning we ran our fall safety drill. In both instances our students reacted calmly, followed teacher direction, and enjoyed interacting with our first responders and seeing their trucks!



We routinely assess our practices to ensure our preparedness is effective and safe while we drill. As part of our safety drill roll out in 2014 we alerted our community neighbors about upcoming safety drills. Last spring the Arlington Police Department discussed aligning our evacuation procedures more closely to our fire drill procedures. In collaboration with the Arlington Police Department and the Arlington Fire Department, the decision was made to move away from alerting our community neighbors in order to limit the amount of information delivered about our student's activities outside of the building. We feel this decision is in the best interest of the safety of our students; always our top priority.

Veterans Day Appreciation

Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor and give thanks to those who have served or are serving in the military. Sandwiched between the excitement of Halloween and Thanksgiving, this day can sometimes go unnoticed by kids, but I do like teaching kids about Veterans Day and start to help them understand its significance. There are some very simple and age-appropriate ways we can teach young kids to show respect and appreciation to veterans.

TALK WITH KIDS ABOUT VETERANS

Help kids understand who veterans are. Adults often describe veterans as soldiers, people who wear uniforms, and live on military bases. Of course, these things are true, but they can be very abstract for kids who aren't familiar with military families. And it is likely that kids encounter many veterans on a regular basis; they just might not realize it.

SAY THANK YOU

Be a model for your children. When you see a veteran, simply say, "Thank you." Our kids learn from us. Talk with them about why you say thank you to the soldier at the grocery store and the soldier you pass in the airport. It is such a simple act of gratitude, but it means a lot.

MAKE A CARD OR BAKED GOODS FOR A VETERAN

Kids can also make cards to say thank you to veterans they know. Even pre-writers can make a simple card with sticky foam letters or by simply coloring a background that an adult can write on. If you live close to a veteran, you could even help your child make some cookies or another treat to deliver.

ATTEND A CEREMONY OR PARADE

Many cities or schools host Veterans Day ceremonies or parades. Check your local community calendars to find out which ones might be best to take your kids to. We are looking forward to attending the Veterans Ceremony in our local area this weekend.

<https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/teaching-kids-about-veterans-day-resources-and-ideas.html>

AEF Fall Fundraiser and Grant Showcase

Monday, November 19

6-8 pm at Tryst Restaurant in Arlington

RSVP: 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!

[2018-19 District Calendar Link](http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/calendar/)

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

[2018-19 MCAS Dates](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html)

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



PTO NEWS

PTO Budget Update

Thanks to generousities of many in the Bishop community and students' participation, our fundraising is making a good progress towards this year's goal. The two popular fall events the Pumpkin Sale and the Walkathon have raised \$5,500 and \$13,000 respectively. We received \$450 from Not Your Average Joe's from your dining on Tuesdays in September. We have already received over 60% of the Annual Fund goal.

Funds disbursed this fall include checks for classrooms activities, checks for classroom supplies for teachers, a digital screen in the lobby to post school information and student art (to be mounted), and upcoming enrichment field trips and activities you may have seen in the backpack mail. This year, we're also funding Green Team's activities, which benefit the school. In addition, several grant applications were approved in October. Refer to [last week's newsletter](#) for the detailed list of PTO grants.

School Photo Retake Day

Monday, 11/19

More information will be available in the coming days.

Volunteer Survey

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!

Bishop 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

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. Come and find out the latest information on how to keep from transmitting, for example, not sharing winter hats, and treatments.

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.

Bishop Play 2019

The Bishop Play 2019: Mary Poppins Jr. Registration is OPEN!

Registration opens today for our 2019 production. It will remain open until 9 PM on Monday, November 12.

Please visit www.bishopschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play to register and learn more details about the rehearsal and production schedule. There is a very helpful "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" on the website as well. You can also contact thebishopplay@gmail.com with any additional questions.

Note: In case of oversubscription, we will confirm participation on a "first come, first served" basis.

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; Thursday December 6th at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington Center. Students interested in having their own table can contact [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.



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: 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

Stay tuned next week for the big reveal!

From Last 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.

Answer: Alison Vaishnaw, Library Coordinator



COMMUNITY NEWS

Halloween Candy Buy Back

Arlington Orthodontics had another successful Candy Buy Back year. Thank you and your children for donating for our troops abroad. The office will send the boxes of candy to [Operation Gratitude](#) who will sort and send out the packages. The organization told Arlington Orthodontics that the troops appreciate candies not only for themselves but for sharing with local children to build better relations. See the post on the PTO Facebook page for a picture of what their office looked like mid-day Saturday.

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. Donations of non-perishable food and supplies can be dropped in marked bins in the front hallway of the school. Refer to flyers in the backpack mail for list of most needed items.

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 the envelope 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

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, 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!

Family Folk Chorale concert, 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! 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](#).

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 (see attached picture) for \$5.00.

To purchase your wallet, please send \$5.00 via paypal to 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

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



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Websites:

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

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

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