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Bishop Weekly Update: October 10, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

This Saturday, 10/ 13: [Pumpkin Sale](#) (3rd grade host) and [signup](#). We need your help!
10/ 19 (Fri): [Walkathon](#) (2nd grade host) and
10/ 24 (Wed): Arlington High School Project Community Forum (Thomson School Gym, 7-9 PM)
10/ 25 (Thu): [Original Works](#) Due
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

[Bishop Community ~](#)

We have had a very successful first month of school; thank you for your collaboration with transitioning your child into the new school year! Everyone seems well-adjusted and has become familiar with their classroom and school expectations.

The areas of focus for our staff and students this year are: Social Emotional Learning- to include Mindfulness, setting personal goals-academic and personal, and perseverance. In addition to this focus, we put much emphasis on our Core Values of: Respect (for others, yourself, and your surroundings), Responsibility (for the choices we make), and Regard (for others and their differences). When a community believes in the same values and understands what is expected to succeed, the sky's the limit!

[Arlington Youth Counseling Center \(AYCC\)](#)

Did you know that Arlington Youth Counseling Center (AYCC) has a social worker in each of the Arlington Public Schools to help with the social and emotional wellbeing of our students? Please support this critical agency and come to this fabulous annual Gala on Friday, October 26th, at the Arlington Town Hall. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit: www.ayccma.org/gala

[Daily Drop Off](#)

We have had a few days of rain upon arrival to school, which has resulted in an indoor arrival process. On rainy days when we run an indoor arrival, you will notice a RED FLAG mounted on the Bishop School sign, out in front of the building. When you see the RED FLAG, students K-2 will report to the Gym, with grades 3-5 reporting to the cafeteria.

Once the snow begins to fall and the temperatures drop below 20 degrees (including wind chill), we will run the same arrival procedure.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in making our arrival a safe, efficient, and pleasant process.

[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

School Directory - DUE ASAP!

This year, the Bishop school directory will be created from information you enter on line. If you have received an email from "Arlington School Directory" please go to the link in the email or the one below and update your information, including your child(ren)'s grades. You can also update your school news subscriptions here, for example, receiving the first grade news instead of the kindergarten news. Refer to the flyer sent out in the backpack mail last week or the link below for more information.

https://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/pto_directory/

Wednesday Morning Volunteers Needed

Does your child tell you about all the fun they have in the Bishop School Garden? We invite interested parents and caregivers to join us in the Garden on Wednesday mornings, when we open the Garden during morning recess for all students to come in, harvest some veggies, grab a garden snack, or help with other garden chores. No Garden experience is needed. Our Garden Educator, Abby Wolf will be there leading informal activities for the children. Please join us - it's a great way to get involved with the school and to learn about gardening in the process. Please use the link below for more information and to sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549afad28a4fe3-fall3>.

AHS Building Committee Presentation

Last Friday Amy Speare, a member of the AHS Building Committee, and Bill McCarthy, a Committee member and Assistant Principal at Arlington High School, visited Bishop to inform about 25 parents able to attend the morning coffee. They showed a current concept and discussed options they considered and constraints they have to work with. The construction will occur in phases to minimize disruptions to students. Amy will be back with updates at our January PTO meeting. In the meantime, visit the [AHS Building Project](#) website and/or attend one of the community forums (on 10/24 and 11/27) to learn more.

Shop for Bishop

Shop at Amazon, Stop and Shop, Shutterfly and other (online) retailers and a percentage of all your shopping comes right back to Bishop at no extra charge to you. Click around, shop around, but remember to start [here!](#) Better yet, bookmark the online pages for all your future shopping. Please ask your friends and family to participate.

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. Keep inventory of all spirit wear, 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.



UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Green Team

Friday Mornings @ 7:30 AM

The Bishop Green Team will be meeting this Friday morning at 7:30 AM in the conference room in the main office. Everyone is welcome, we just ask that kindergarteners and 1st graders come with a guardian. For the next several weeks we will be learning about fossil fuels, renewable energies, and climate change. We will be discussing different ways we can reduce our carbon footprint by taking action as individuals and as a community. Please contact [Jen Davidson-Jardeleza](#) with any questions.

The Great Pumpkin Sale (3rd grade host)

Saturday, 10/13, 10 AM – 2 PM, Bishop parking lot (Sunday, Oct. 14 rain date)

Mark your calendar to come to Bishop to buy pumpkins (mini, sugar, and field), hot cider, cider donuts and other fall treats from Wilson Farm. Please sign-up to help make this a fun and successful event at <https://tinyurl.com/y7pde3ch>.

Email questions/interest to [Mark Dávila-Witkowski](#)

Attention 3rd Grade Parents

The Bishop Pumpkin sale is run mostly by 3rd grade parents. We need volunteers to help run the event on Saturday 13 October. The time commitment is usually only an hour and it is mostly a fun and bonding experience with other Bishop parents. A signup sheet may be found at the above link.

Love To Carve Amazing Pumpkins?

Do you carve fancy, jaw-dropping pumpkins every year? Are you the envy of your neighborhood? Show off your skills at the Bishop Pumpkin Sale! We're seeking a few people to carve pumpkins to be raffled off at the sale on October 13. You can carve yours at home the night before or at a table in the midst of the sale. Kids LOVE to watch! We can provide the pumpkin. You provide the passion. Contact [Mark](#) for more information.

Walk-A-Thon (2nd grade host)

Friday, 10/19

The 2018 Bishop Walk-A-Thon will be held on Friday, October 19th right after school on the Bishop Field. Students from all grades (K-5) may participate in the 30-minute run/walk. Set up your personal fundraising page at <https://pledgestar.com/bishop/> to let your family and friends support your student. The online fundraising tool is easy to use and greatly reduces the administration burden of collecting pledges. Just enter your name and email address, then click register. Finish setting up your site by following the on screen instructions. Your donors can pay by credit card or if they prefer to send a check the donation is given a unique code so it is credited to the right person.

New this year - a special surprise for the classroom with the most registered walkers!
If you have any questions, please contact [Katie Stencik](#).

Original Works

Thursday, 10/25

Your child(ren) can draw a picture and you can choose how to memorialize the unique art -- everything from mugs to mittens to mousepads! Click here for a sampling of the products: <https://www.originalworks.com/fundraising-items/all-products/>. As items start at \$6 and up, these make wonderful holiday gifts for friends and family. We will be sending all the materials home with your child this week and next so you can start the fun in creating your child's own original work! They're due October 25th, with checks written to Bishop PTO.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Interested in getting information to the Bishop community? Please email the relevant information to Junko Nagano (Communications Coordinator, Bishop PTO) at junkonagano5@gmail.com

Bridging 2 Communities, METCO Friends and Family Events

Mark your calendar for two upcoming events to bring METCO and Arlington communities together. More information will be available closer to event dates.

10/20 (Sat) Potluck in Boston - Buses will be provided

11/17 (Sat) Seasonal Crafts - At a school in Arlington

Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project Presentation

Wednesday, 10/17, 7-8:30 pm

Did you know that all Bishop students learn about Arlington's sister city Teosinte, El Salvador during 2nd grade? Come learn more about Teosinte at a special event Wednesday evening, October 17, and please join Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project (ATSCP) in welcoming special guests from El Salvador who will share with us a timely and important presentation on

The People's Resistance:

Lessons from El Salvador on the Crisis of Migration & Defending Natural Resources

This presentation will focus on the current reality of Salvadorans and their fight to defend their land and natural resources, forced migration and its damaging impact on rural communities.

Visiting from El Salvador are

Bernardo Beloso: the President of CRIPDES, an organization of the Salvadoran popular movement serving rural communities, such as Teosinte, in defense of land, safety, environment and human rights.

Zulma Tobar: the Salvadoran coordinator for US-El Salvador Sister Cities

Presentation location: 130 Jason Street, Arlington

RSVP appreciated to stdray@aol.com (but feel free to come even if you didn't!)

Light refreshments will be served. Presentation to start at 7:30. All are welcome.

For more information or questions about ATSCP, please contact [Amy Moyer](#).

AHC Intramural and Instructional Hockey Programs

(Note: this is an update of last week's item) Registration is now open for the Arlington Hockey Club's (AHC) 2018-2019 intramural programs including instructional league for both skaters and learn-to-skate, developmental league, and in-house full ice program. These programs are all no-checking and practices and games are held at Ed Burns Arena in Arlington. Arlington's intramural programs focus on providing a fun environment to learn and play hockey for children born between September 1, 2014 (instructional) and 2005 (in-house). AHC practices USA Hockey's American Development Model in its program.

Play begins soon, so if you are interested please visit our website for more information and registration at <http://arlingtonice.com/Default.asp?org=MAIL.ARLINGTONICE.COM#465977>.

AYCC Annual Gala

Friday, 10/26, 7-11 PM, Arlington Town Hall

The Arlington Youth Counseling Center (AYCC) provides comprehensive, community-based mental health services to youth and families in Arlington. Each year, hundreds of Arlington community members come together to support the work of AYCC, promote the value of community mental health, and celebrate the year's

accomplishments. This year, the gala will be honoring Arlington Police Chief Fred Ryan. In addition it will feature raffles, a silent auction, live music by the Arlington High School Jazz band, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

AYCC has been able to offer affordable, high quality, and community based mental health services for Arlington residents thanks to the funds that are raised through the Gala, grants, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) for the gala or [donations](#) made to AYCC. For more information, visit www.ayccma.org

Spooky Walk at Menotomy Rocks Park

Saturday, 10/27, 6:30-8:00 pm

Please join us for Spooky Walk at Menotomy Rocks Park (Jason Street entrance) on October 27th from 6:30-8:00 pm (rain date October 28th at the same time). It's a great way to get into the Halloween spirit and test drive those costumes!

We're also looking for 4th-5th grade volunteers/adults to dress up or create a "spooky station." If you are interested or have any questions, please email kelleymoreferguson@gmail.com



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Websites:

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

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

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