



What happened at the PTO meeting this month?

This month's meeting was October 26th in the Bishop Library.
Mark your Calendar * Next PTO meeting **November 30th** @ 7:00**

Mary Ellen Aronow (PTO Co-President) started off the meeting with an overview of fundraising and community events in October.

- The Pumpkin Sale and Walkathon were successful and fun events for those who participated. Don't forget to send in the money you pledged!
- The PTO page on the Bishop web site includes links to all fundraising opportunities, including a link to click to go to Amazon (and have a percent of purchases go to the PTO).
- CoffeePond is processing photos taken back on October 12th. We should be receiving these photos shortly. Picture retake day is scheduled for December 2nd.
- The Bishop School Directory is in its final days of production.

Catherine Hoffman (PTO treasurer) reviewed the detailed budget that was handed out at the meeting. The PTO has raised about \$6,000 from about 75 families that have given to the annual fund. The first round of checks have been given to the teachers for classroom supplies, and the first big all school enrichment event of the year was held on October 21st.

- The Thompson PTO has graciously offered Bishop PTO \$2,400 to help run enrichment and events this year.

Mr. McAneny provided his principal's update including the MCAS results. His complete presentation will be made available as a link from the Bishop website. Highlights from the presentation and discussion:

- Teachers and administration have reviewed the data and the grade-level collaborative learning teams are developing goals and steps to take to address the key areas they have identified for improvement. Math is an area that almost all grade levels have identified as needs improvement.
- The district can now follow 6 years of cohorts of students who have gone through several rounds of testing and see how they are progressing.
- The school did not make annual yearly progress (AYP) target this year in Math and is addressing this through planning efforts to make improvements in several key areas.
- Several parents in attendance expressed their desire to support efforts where they can through reading or math clubs, for example.

Heather Hewitt was elected to the School Advisory Council. Congratulations Heather and thank you for contributing your time and expertise to the Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 30th Next PTO meeting 7:00 in the library
December 6th or December 8th Bishop School Craft Fair
More events will be announced as they approach

Upcoming Enrichment Events:
November 16th, MoS Weather assembly G4
Jan 12 Anti Bullying K-G5
Mar 3 NEAQ Tide Pool K
Mar 14 Minerals workshop G4
Mar 16 Motoko G2
Mar 30 NEAQ Tide Pool G1
May 3 Bay Colony Educators G3
May 4 MoS Sates of Matter G5

Remember: check out the PTO page on the Bishop web site for links to the full PTO meeting minutes, fundraising programs, and upcoming events.