

Winter 2018



Dear Bedford Families:

**Please join us in supporting POMS through our 2018–19 Annual Appeal.
Any amount makes a difference!**

For almost 60 years, POMS (Patrons of Music Students) has provided support for music programs at Davis Elementary, Lane Elementary, John Glenn Middle School, and Bedford High School. Our town is fortunate to have a growing, thriving music and theater arts programs, augmented by POMS's support. This is possible only because of your donations of money, time, and services.

POMS raises funds in multiple ways: running the Snack Shack at BHS football games; selling concessions at JGMS and BHS theater performances; and asking for your direct contributions through this Annual Appeal.

Your donation will enable POMS to continue to offer resources and tangible supports to our students and teachers.

- POMS funds wish-list items for every music teacher, to support extra-budgetary needs. **Already this year, POMS purchased a new classroom music rug and bucket drums for Mr. Wythe at Lane, and funded a Zumba program for Ms. Hannah at Davis.**
- POMS also gives stipends for every music teacher in the district to support enhanced classroom activities, to be used at the teacher's discretion.
- We offer affordable and easily accessible private music lessons for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. **This year our private lesson program serves nearly 150 students across all grades!**
- We provide funding for costumes and other needs for the JGMS and BHS musicals.
- In the spring, we award scholarships for eight BHS graduating seniors.

Music helps our children thrive—in school, at play, and at home. Please join in POMS's legacy of support by participating in our Annual Appeal. POMS is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Emily Mitchell, *POMS President*; Becky Ricci, *Clerk*; Diane Bernstein, *Treasurer*; Jim O'Malley, *Private Lessons Coordinator*; Maureen Reyling, *Private Lessons Treasurer*; Lisa Coyne, *Shack Manager*; and *Members-At-Large*: Karen Guetersloh, Susan Harris, Venus Ho, and Tina Nappi

POMS ANNUAL APPEAL

**Please donate online at www.bedfordpoms.org or mail contributions to POMS,
in care of Bedford High School, 9 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730.**

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