



June 2022



School starts in less than three weeks! Here is some important information to help everyone get ready for the upcoming school year. Enjoy the last days of summer vacation!

Join the PTO!



We are currently seeking volunteers to join the Bancroft PTO for the 2022-2023 school year. Open positions include:

- Environmental chair (board seat)
- Cultural Arts coordinator
- Staff Holiday Lunch coordinator
- Staff Appreciation Week coordinator
- Progressive Dinner
- And more!

Please see the full list of positions and sign up via the button below. For more information on any specific position, please look at the PTO website (www.bancroftpto.org) or contact president@bancroftpto.org.

Bancroft Bucks

Bancroft Bucks is the largest PTO fundraiser to support and enrich our school academics and environment.

Want to get a jump on the new school year? Many parents have requested a way to [donate directly](#) without having to fill out the raffle tickets. Your child will still earn the Bancroft prizes just as they would have if they had sold tickets. Direct donations also count toward the totals for the classroom pizza party.

Funds raised through Bancroft Bucks provide 50% of the PTO budget that supports student activities all year. We need everyone's help to make Bancroft Bucks a success! To see how your donation is used click [here](#) for more information



Spirit Wear Available Today!

Get ready for the new school year with some Bancroft Spiritwear, including shirts, hoodies, headbands, and winter hats. The first Spiritwear Day of the year is September 9th! Purchase your spiritwear [here](#).



Seeking Room Parent Volunteers

Becoming a room parent is a great way to volunteer at Bancroft. Room parents support and work together with our teachers. Ideally, two to four parents will work together in each classroom to plan activities throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a room parent for your child's class, please sign up [here](#). The PTO is in the process of creating a room parent FAQ that will provide recommendations on the various events you might consider planning as well as suggestions for how to allocate your class funds and more helpful information.

Add your child's teacher assignment to the
CLASSMATE LOCATOR
to see who will be in their room with them this year!



Classroom assignments were put on the Aspen Family Portal on Wednesday. Traditionally, receipt of classroom assignments kicks off a lot of communication between parents trying to identify their child/s classmates. The PTO is here to help make this process easier! If you would like to add your child's name to the Bancroft Classmate Locator, click [here](#).

Lunch/Recess Monitors Needed

There is an urgent demand for lunch room and recess monitors across the district. This is a perfect opportunity for someone looking for part-time work during the school day. For more information, click [here](#).

School Supply Lists

Click [here](#) to access this year's school supply lists for all grade levels.



Incoming Kindergarten Playground Meet-ups

For those of you with incoming Kindergarteners, there is one more summer playground meet-up coming up on Sunday, August 28 @ 4:00pm.

These meet-ups are a great way for kids to become familiar with Bancroft and its playgrounds as well as meet other incoming Kindergarten families.

Backpack Drive

If you have signed up to donate backpacks for the backpack drive please drop off donations **by the end of the day today** at Stephanie Barry's house (in the designated bin at 124 Chestnut St.). Please include a removable note with your name and the grade level for each donation so we can keep track of what has been provided. If you are not able to drop off your backpack by the end of the day today, please contact Stephanie Barry at president@bancroftpto.org to make other arrangements. Thanks in advance for your support!

Silent Auction Donations

This year the Bancroft PTO silent auction will be held online, kicking off at the start of our annual Halloween Festival. Your generous support of the Bancroft PTO can make a difference in our children's education. We hope you can help us by considering a donation of a gift certificate, item, and/or service(s). If you are able to make a donation, please contact Stephanie Barry at president@bancroftpto.org.



Important Reminders

Andover Public Schools require a new Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check every year for anyone who volunteers at a

school or school event (i.e. field trip chaperones, volunteers for class parties, etc.). If you would like to volunteer during the 2022-2023 school year, please fill out the [APS CORI check form](#) and return it in person to a school administrator with an original government issued ID. Blank forms are also available at the front office.

Upcoming Calendar Items

Click here to access the full Bancroft PTO Calendar
Click here to view the full APS 2022/2023 calendar on the APS Website.

- **August 23:** New Student Orientation, 9:30am
- **August 31:** First Day of School (Grades 1-5)
- **September 2-5:** No School (Labor Day Recess)
- **September 6:** First Day of School (Grade K)
- **September 7:** Bancroft Bucks Starts
- **September 9:** Bancroft Spirit Wear Day
- **September 13:** K-2 Open House (6-7pm), PTO Meeting (7pm)
- **September 14:** 3-5 Open House (6-7pm)
- **September 16:** Len Cabral, Storyteller, for Grades K-5
- **September 23:** Early Release Day (12:15pm)
- **September 24:** Role Model Training for Grade 5
- **September 29-30:** Nature's Classroom for Grade 5
- **September 30:** School Picture Day, Bancroft Bucks Packages Due
- **PTO Meeting Dates:** 9/14, 11/15, 1/10, 3/14, 5/9

HAVE NEWS TO SUBMIT TO THE BOBCAT? Email us at communications@bancroftpto.org. All submissions must be received by the end of the month to be included in the next monthly update.

Bancroft PTO

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