



January 2022



January Events and Information

You're Invited: Virtual PTO Meeting

Please join us at our next virtual PTO meeting Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00pm. We'll be discussing future school improvements, upcoming cultural events, and more! See you there!

To join the video meeting, click this link: meet.google.com/kch-skow-emt

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 956-704-1474 and enter this PIN: 458 204 875#.



In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we hope you'll join us for the 2nd Annual Andover Community Service Day being held on Monday, January 17.

How can you help?

- Review the service projects available at <https://apsserviceday.org/> to determine how you can volunteer.
- If you're with an organization, such as a PTO/PAC or other community-based group, consider being an ambassador to help coordinate and host efforts amongst your group.
- Please share this information with your groups/social networks.
- If you don't see a project that interests you, but have suggestions for volunteer projects to add, submit one for consideration [here](#).
- If you participate in one of these events/drives, take a picture or a video and [send it to us!](#) We'll showcase your efforts on the website.

Have any questions? [Visit our FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions) or

contact info@apsserviceday.org. We hope to see you on January 17!

Andover SEPAC Monthly Meeting

All are welcome to attend the virtual monthly meeting hosted by Andover SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) on Tuesday, January 11 from 7pm – 8:30pm. Guest Speaker Dr. Jason Fogler, M.A., Ph.D will give a presentation entitled, “ADHD and Executive Functioning: Typical and Atypical Development, and What Parents and Educators Can Do To Support Their Student.”

Please see the full agenda and virtual meeting details [here](#).

APS ST Math Family Workshop



Andover Public Schools invite you to a live virtual workshop

FAMILY WORKSHOP: ST Math and Supporting Your Student

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 | 6:30 PM

In this workshop, parents, guardians, and caregivers will:

- Learn about ST Math's unique approach to learning math and why it is important in developing a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics.
- Discover how learning occurs in ST Math and learn how to support your student working in the program at home.
- Locate additional resources for ST Math at home.

[CLICK HERE FOR MEETING LINK](#)

This event is brought to you by
ST Math
Created by MIND Research Institute

Join us for an interactive learning experience.
Students are welcome to join.

For more information, visit stmath.com/parent-math-resources
Need help? Email support@stmath.com

To join the meeting, click on the image above or visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7140540272#success>. For more information about ST Math, [visit their website](#).

Home Away from Home Forum

Bancroft's next Home Away from Home forum is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00pm and will focus on social emotional learning at Bancroft Elementary.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73432997995?pwd=SnhBcE9sUlczSFQwMWNWZFU3OXBZZz09>

Meeting ID: 734 3299 7995

Passcode: wZ7y6y

Andover Parent 2 Parent Virtual Speaker Series

Enough As She Is: How to Help Girls Move Beyond Impossible Standards of Success to Live Healthy, Happy and Fulfilling

Lives

Girls have never been more successful, yet they've also never struggled more with anxiety, stress, and depression. In this talk, Rachel Simmons translates the toxic messages about achievement that girls have internalized, and teaches parents the tools to help girls practice self-compassion, redefine success, pursue purpose, and – most importantly – let them know they are enough as they are.

Rachel Simmons is an internationally recognized educator and author of the New York Times bestsellers *Odd Girl Out*, *The Curse of the Good Girl*, and *Enough As She Is: How to Help Girls Move Beyond Impossible Standards of Success to Live Healthy, Happy and Fulfilling Lives*.

This virtual event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26 from 7:30-8:45pm. Register to attend [here](#).

Cracking the Boy Code - How to Understand and Talk With Boys

This program is practical and for those seeking a closer, more meaningful relationship with boys. This includes knowing how to communicate with boys who don't seem to express much emotion, or who may be glued to cell phones and game systems. Learn what to ask yourself before you try to motivate boys, and learn what is the most important, yet almost completely un-discussed topic in counseling with boys.

Adam J. Cox, PhD is a clinical psychologist, author, speaker, and educational consultant. He is the author of *Cracking the Boy Code: How to Understand and Talk with Boys*, *On Purpose Before Twenty*, *No Mind Left Behind: Understanding and Fostering Executive Control – The Eight Essential Brain Skills Every Child Needs to Thrive*, and *Boys of Few Words: Raising Our Sons to Communicate and Connect*.

This virtual event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 from 7:00-8:30pm. Register to attend [here](#).

Cultural Arts Volunteers

Want to see wild animals up close or learn a cool science experiment? The PTO is in need of volunteers to work with the great performers and educators coming to school this year. The cultural arts committee has booked great in-school events for every grade level, including Wildlife Encounters, the Discovery Museum, authors, and scientists.

We need a few people to serve as liaisons between our guests and the school. To learn more about the opportunities available and to volunteer please sign up [here](#).

Library Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering in the library this year? If you already have an approved CORI (see below under important reminders) and are able to help please [click here to sign up](#).

If you have not completed a CORI yet and would like to volunteer this school year please complete one as soon as possible (see the

Important Reminders section at the end of this email for more information).

Community News and Events

Andona's 70th Anniversary Calendar

Andona's 70th Anniversary Calendar is now available to pre-order. This fun community-based calendar celebrates Andona's 70th year of helping the youth of Andover to learn, grow and achieve. Calendars are now available for pick-up. Order your calendar [here](#).

Important Reminders

- PTO meetings for the remainder of the school year will all be virtual and will take place on **1/11**, **3/8**, and **5/10**.
- 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 2021-2022 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 Andover Public Schools 2020/2021 calendar on the APS Website.

January 7: SNOW DAY - Stay safe!

- **January 11:** School Council 9:00-9:30am (virtual) and PTO Meeting 7:00pm (virtual)
- **January 17:** NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day and APS Service Day
- **January 19:** Top Secret Science (Physics) for Grade 3 and Top Secret Science (Electricity) for Grade 4
- **January 24:** First term ends
- **January 25:** C3 Meeting 8:15-9:00am and Home Away from Home forum at 7:00pm
- **January 28:** 12:15 Early Dismissal
- **February 8:** Report Card/Progress Report portal opens for parents
- **February 21-25:** NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

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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