



June 2022



## June Events and Information

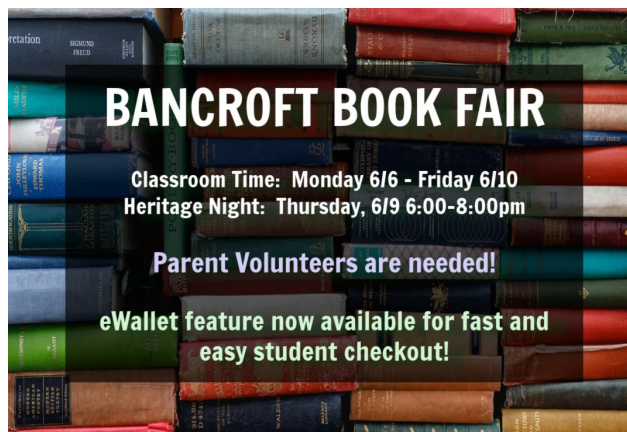
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### Canceled: Spring Picnic

After watching the weather all week, we have made the tough decision to cancel the Spring Picnic scheduled for today, Friday, June 3. With a 60-80% chance of rain, we just couldn't risk it. And, with a busy calendar for the remainder of the school year, we aren't able to reschedule. Refunds have been issued for everyone who purchased food and you should have received a confirmation email from SignUpGenius. Please reach out to [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org) if you don't receive a refund or if you have any questions.

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### Spring Book Fair



It's book fair time at Bancroft! All kids will have a scheduled period to purchase books during school hours from **Monday, June 6 to Friday, June 10**. The book fair will also be open during Heritage Night on **Thursday, June 9** from 6:00-8:00pm.

Go cash-free with the Book Fair eWallet, a safe and convenient digital payment option for your student to shop the Book Fair cash-free. Visit [this link](#) to set up an account to avoid sending cash or checks to school!

**Volunteer for the Book Fair!**

Join us by helping out at the book fair and see first hand how much our kids love the book fair. Volunteers with active CORI checks on file are invited to sign up through [this link](#).

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## Heritage Night & Book Fair

# Bancroft Heritage Night

*Thursday, June 9th 6:00 - 8:00pm*

Join us for the 4th annual Bancroft PTO Heritage Night, in conjunction with the Book Fair, to celebrate the heritage and different cultures of our Bancroft families and staff.

### We are seeking volunteers to:

- Host a table to profile a country from your heritage,
- Provide an ethnic food dish,
- Submit your favorite recipe for our digital cookbook,
- Provide entertainment such as music or other live performance.

Contact [communityawareness@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communityawareness@bancroftpto.org) with questions. Visit [bancroftpto.org](http://bancroftpto.org) to access the SignupGenius.



Save the date for Bancroft's Heritage Night on **Thursday, June 9 from 6:00-8:00pm**. Various cultures from the Bancroft community will be on display through interactive tables with ethnic food, music, dance, and traditional costumes.

This year, Heritage Night will be held in conjunction with the Spring Book Fair, which is always a huge hit with the kids. Books will be available for purchase with cash, credit card, check, or eWallet.

We are still in need of volunteers to help make this event a success. Please sign up to host a table, provide an ethnic food dish, or volunteer in another capacity - **today is the last day to signup!**

**SHARE YOUR CULTURE**

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## Brownie Troop Book Drive

Bancroft Brownie Troop 70400 is collecting gently used and new books for an elementary school in Lawrence without a school library. There will be a collection box at school from **Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9**, where kids can drop off donations. The bin will also be out at the Book Fair during Heritage Night. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful cause!

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## Join the PTO!

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

- Secretary (board seat)
- Environmental chair (board seat)
- Garden committee
- Display case manager
- Yearbook and Grade 5 end of year party coordinators (Grade 5 parents)
- Graduation coordinators (Grade 4 parents)
- Book Fair coordinators
- 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](http://www.bancroftpto.org)) or contact [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE PTO

### Farewell, Ms. Costa!

Our beloved principal, Ms. Costa, will be departing at the end of the school year to take on a new role in Rye, NH. Mr. Harkins is inviting students and parents to record a short Flip Grid video about what they love about Ms. Costa. Please submit your video by **Friday, June 10**.

<https://flipgrid.com/9861355d>

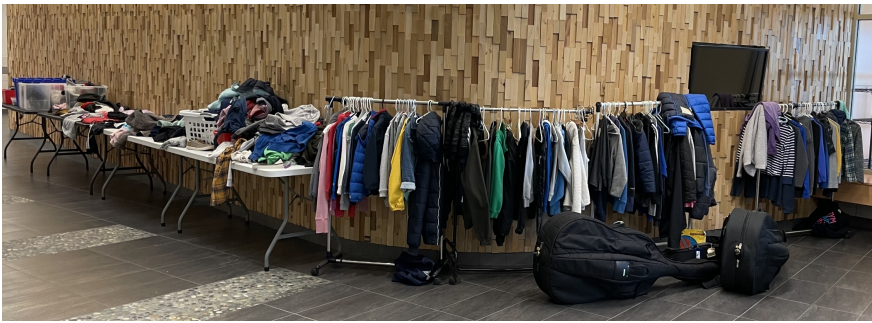
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The PTO is also celebrating this year's retiring/departing teachers and staff with small thank you gifts and notes of appreciation. In addition to Ms. Costa, recipients include Jennifer Cann, Dianne Caraviello, Andrea Famiglietti, Pamela Frederico, and Laurie Pappas-Kirk. Thank you for your hard work over the years!

### Check the Lost and Found

Please encourage your children to check the school's Lost and Found in the school lobby before the end of the year to reclaim missing items. Parents are also welcome to check anytime they are in the building. Anything that is not claimed by the end of the year will be donated.



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## Crossing Guards Needed

There is an urgent demand for crossing guards across the district! Depending on school and location, the hours would be 8:25-9:00am and 3:20-3:45pm on school days through the rest of the year.

Interested parties should contact Transportation Manager Cindy Button via phone (978-247-7065) or email ([cindy.button@andoverma.us](mailto:cindy.button@andoverma.us)).

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## Incoming Kindergarten Playground Meet-ups

For those of you with incoming Kindergarteners, we're excited to announce the dates of our summer playground meet-ups:

- Sunday, June 26 @ 4:00pm
- Sunday, July 17 @ 4:00pm
- 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. Look for more information from the PTO Kindergarten welcome committee as the dates get closer.

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## 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](#).

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## Upcoming Community Events

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## ACE Teacher Tributes

Thank  
you!

## Honor a Teacher and Support Andover Coalition for Education (ACE)!



Celebrate a special teacher, assistant, coach, aide, counselor, or other school staff member, who has made a difference.

ACE will celebrate Andover Public School teachers and staff by:

- Notifying the teacher or staff member of your gift with a **hand-delivered, personal note along with a wrapped rose!**
- Sharing honoree names with the Superintendent and principals.



Make your tribute gift  
online today!  
All donations received by  
June 10th will be  
delivered by June 14th.



Learn more about ACE and how your donation is making a difference in our schools.

## Samāgata



Samāgata is a coming together — of the dance and dancer, of the artist and the audience, and of three different Indian dance forms. Enjoy this unique experience on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 7:30pm at Andover Town House, 20 Main Street. Admission is free. [Registration](#) is recommended.

## A Note from the PTO

Thanks to your contributions, the PTO was able to support **40+ initiatives and events** at Bancroft this school year, including Spirit Wear, Learning Labs, book fairs, new playground equipment, Teacher Appreciation Week, Cultural Arts, and family events like the Halloween Festival, the Spring Fling, and Heritage Night. We're already gearing up for another exciting year next year!

This will be our final newsletter of the year, but we will be back in touch in August as we receive classroom assignments, kick off our Backpack Drive, and begin ramping up planning efforts for our fall

activities and events.

Please note that there are still advertising opportunities available in the school directory, starting at \$25 for 1/8 page space. Please contact [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org) if your organization would like the additional exposure.



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## Important Reminders

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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.

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## 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.](#)

- **June 3:** SPIRIT DAY; 12:15pm Early Release
- **June 6:** Whale Mobile (Grades K and 1)
- **June 7:** Band and Orchestra Concert (at Doherty, 7:00pm); Field Trip to Addison (McCall, Moriarty classes)
- **June 8:** Day of Kindness; Field Trip to Addison (McDonough, Lovejoy classes)
- **June 9:** Special Olympics in Andover; Butterfly Museum Field Trip (Grade 2); Field Trip to Addison (Touseau class); DrumatiX Performance (Grade 4); Heritage Night/Book Fair (6:00-8:00pm)
- **June 10:** Butterfly Museum Field Trip (Grade 2)
- **June 13:** Beach Blanket Bango; Colorful Tropical Island Spirit Day
- **June 14:** Flag Day Assembly; Rain Date for Beach Blanket Bango
- **June 15:** Moving On Ceremony (Grade 5, 9:30am)
- **June 16:** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; End of Year Assembly (9:45am); Early dismissal (12:15pm)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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**HAVE NEWS TO SUBMIT TO THE BOBCAT?** Email us at [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto: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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