

March 2022



March Events and Information

Meet the School Committee Candidates

Andover has a town election coming up on Tuesday, March 22. Of note, there will be two vacancies on the School Committee with several candidates running for election. On Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm, the League of Women Voters is hosting a public forum at Memorial Hall Library to meet all candidates running for election. The event will also be streamed live on Andover TV. Submit questions in advance to LWVANAQuestions@gmail.com. The list of candidates is as follows:

- [Erin Cash](#)
- [Emily DiCesaro](#)
- [Jo Thorlin](#)
- [Shishan Wang](#)
- [Sandis Wright](#)

The primary responsibilities of the School Committee are to review and approve budgets for public education in the district and to establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the district.

The poster is blue with white and red text. It features the LWV logo on the left. The main text reads: "League of Women Voters Andover Candidates Forum Tuesday, March 8th @ 7:00 PM Memorial Hall Library Public Welcome!". Below this, there are three sections: "participate" with a question mark icon and instructions to send questions to LWVANAQuestions@gmail.com; "watch" with a TV icon and instructions to watch on Andover TV Stations (Comcast 8 & Verizon 47); and "vote - March 22nd" with a ballot box icon and instructions on how to vote (in-person or absentee ballot) and contact information for the Town Clerk's office (978-623-8230).

Bancroft's Kindergarten Reading

Workshop

Kindergarten parents and caregivers, come join Bancroft's Reading Specialists for a workshop to support your budding readers at home!

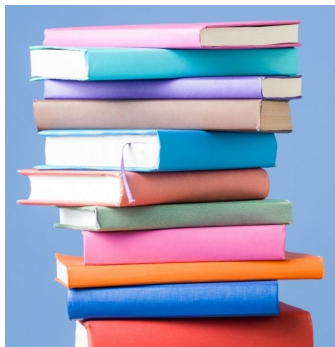
This virtual workshop is scheduled for Monday, March 7 from 1:00-1:45pm. Join the Zoom meeting [here](#). (Meeting ID: 716 6851 3091; Passcode: Z8vLgF).

SEPAC Student Services Overview

SEPAC and Student Services are hosting an informal presentation about the Student Services programs and services available at APS. The district offers a wide variety of services from preschool to young adult, learn-to-work, specialized programs, at risk programs, transitional programs.... It can be confusing! On March 8 at 7:00pm, there is a virtual "tour" of these services, along with a Q & A with department heads.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Volunteers Needed: Community Read Along



The annual Bancroft Community Read Along will take place at Bancroft School on Friday, March 11. Nearly 30 town officials, community leaders, retired teachers, and other community members will visit Andover classrooms to share their love of reading. Parent volunteers are needed to donate refreshments for the reader reception and/or greet readers (1:45pm arrival).

To volunteer or to get more information, please visit this [Sign-Up Genius form](#).

Spring Learning Labs Update

We are excited to announce that another session of Learning Labs will begin after April break. This session will only include before school learning labs; no learning labs will be running after school. Please stay tuned for more information about the classes being offered and how to register.

Art to Remember

Bancroft is once again participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized

with your child's art! There will be more than 50 products to choose from and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Students have started to work on their art for this exciting fundraiser and more information will be coming soon about how you can place your orders!



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- COFFEE MUGS
- JEWELRY
- T-SHIRTS
- NOTE CARDS
- STICKERS
- FRAMED ART
- ORNAMENTS
- & MORE!

Substitutes Needed!

There is an urgent demand for substitute teachers at Bancroft! Currently, there are open positions for lunchroom assistants, daily substitutes, and building-based substitutes. A substitute can determine the number of days they want to work and the jobs they want to accept, so this is great for someone looking for flexibility.

If you are interested in applying, please visit www.aps1.net and click on Employment for more information. If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Rabold at kimberly.rabold@andoverma.us.



Andover Public Schools Now Hiring Substitute Teachers

\$85 per day base
\$100 per day with Bachelor's Degree
\$115 per day for retired teachers
\$125 Building Based Substitutes

For more information or to apply online
please visit www.aps1.net and click on
employment

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.

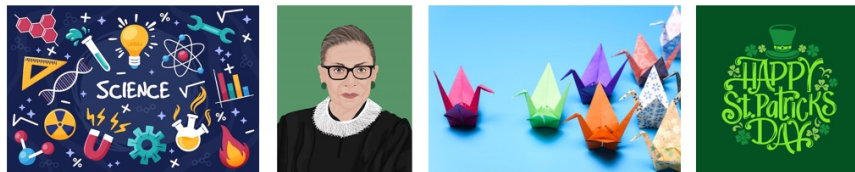
We need a few people to serve as liaisons between our guests and the school. To learn more about the opportunities available and to volunteer please sign up [here](#).

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).

PTO Funds Hard at Work



The PTO continues to use our funds to support the Bancroft community, most recently purchasing extra Kleenex boxes and Clorox wipes for teachers to use as well as 12 playground balls, 12 soccer balls, 12 basketballs, and chalk to be used during outdoor recess once the weather is better.

We're also excited to have a full roster of in-school educational and cultural programming this spring, including Techsploration, the Discovery Museum, and more. See the calendar at the end of this email for this month's events.

Thank you for making it all possible!

Important Reminders

- PTO meetings for the school year all be virtual. The remaining meeting will take place on **5/10** at 7:00pm. Join the meeting [here](#).
 - 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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Save the Dates!

With warmer weather on the horizon, the PTO is excited to announce an exciting line-up of spring events. Please save the following dates:

- Friday, May 6: Spring Fling
- Saturday, May 7: Progressive Dinner (parents/caregivers only)
- Friday, June 3: Fun Run and Picnic

Additional information about each event, including volunteer sign-ups, will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please contact president@bancroftpto.org with any questions or to volunteer for any of these events. Cheers to a fun spring ahead!

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.](#)

- **March 4:** Bancroft Spirit Wear Day; Techsploration - Sound (Grade 1)
- **March 7:** Kindergarten Reading Workshop at 1:00pm
- **March 8:** School Council at 8:15am, SEPAC Student Services Overview at 7:00pm
- **March 11:** Bancroft Community Read Along; Sheryl Faye Presents Ruth Bader Ginsberg (Grades 2 & 4)
- **March 17:** Brian Corcoran Celebrates St. Patrick's Day (Grades K-5)
- **March 18:** Early dismissal at 12:15pm
- **March 25:** Discovery Museum - Force & Motion (Grade K)
- **March 28:** Discovery Museum - Magnets (Grade 3)
- **March 30:** Origamido Origami Program (Grade 4)

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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