



September 2022



## A Welcome Note from the PTO



Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

Did you know that all parents of current Bancroft students are automatically members of the Bancroft PTO? It's true, and we'd love to have you attend an upcoming PTO meeting, volunteer at an event, or share an idea. Your voice is always welcomed and appreciated!

The PTO runs [numerous events](#) throughout the year as varied and fun as the Bancroft community itself. Many events allow us to fundraise in support of PTO initiatives — including academic enrichment, cultural arts programming, and teacher/staff discretionary spending — and some are strictly social events intended to bring people together for fun! See highlights and photos from past events [here](#).

Here's to another wonderful year at Bancroft!

Best,  
Sara Blais & Stephanie Barry  
Bancroft PTO Co-Presidents

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## Bancroft Bucks

Bancroft Bucks is the largest PTO fundraiser to support and enrich our school academics and environment. We ask for donations one time each year and funds raised through Bancroft Bucks provide 50% of the PTO budget that supports student activities throughout the year,

like field trips, cultural arts events, and more. We need everyone's help to make Bancroft Bucks a success!

Bancroft Bucks packages will be sent home with children in the next few days and are **due back by Friday, September 30**. Bancroft Bucks winners will be announced Tuesday, October 4 through Friday, October 7. You can see the winners on our website as well as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Additionally, many parents have requested a way to [donate directly](#) without having to fill out the raffle tickets so we are pleased to offer that option this year. 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.

Does your company offer corporate matches for donations? Double your donation by requesting a match!

To see how your donation is used, click [here](#) for more information.



## Stock up on Spiritwear!

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 Friday, September 9! Purchase your Spiritwear [here](#). Orders placed by Wednesday, September 7 will be delivered to your home in time for Spiritwear Day.



# Get Involved with the PTO

Being active in the PTO is a great way to support the school, Bancroft's amazing teachers, and all of the kids in our community. There are many ways to get involved.

Please consider attending our first PTO meeting (**Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm** at Bancroft) to [meet the board](#), meet the new principal Mrs. Leavitt, and learn more about what all the PTO is planning for the school year.

For those who have more dedicated time to participate in the Bancroft PTO, opportunities exist to run individual programs and events, to become a grade-level representative to the PTO, or to join the PTO Board. Please view our full list of [current PTO roles and positions](#) (updated August 2022). To join one of our existing committees or lend a hand to one of the events, please reach out to the contact listed or to [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).

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## PTO Meetings

Mark your calendar for the following in-person PTO meetings at 7:00pm at Bancroft. Where possible, Principal Leavitt and/or other administration/faculty will attend:

- Tuesday, September 13 (after K-2 Open House)
- Tuesday, November 15
- Tuesday, January 10
- Tuesday, March 14
- Tuesday, May 9

Hope to see you there!

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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.

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).



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## Car Visors



Do you need a car visor for student pickup at Bancroft? if you haven't received a visor for parent pickup please reach out to [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).

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## 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](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).



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## 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, library duty, 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. It can take 2-3 weeks for your application to process and you will not receive a notification once it's complete. You can confirm your status with 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 APS 2022/2023 calendar on the APS Website.](#)

**September 2-5:** No School (Labor Day Recess)

- **September 6:** First Day of School (Grade K)
- **September 7:** Bancroft Bucks Packages Home

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- **September 9:** Bancroft Spiritwear 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 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 (7:00pm at Bancroft)

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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.

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