



## Bancroft Bucks



**Less than two weeks to go for Bancroft Bucks!** Bancroft Bucks packages are due back by Friday, September 30, both sold AND unsold tickets. Winners will be announced Tuesday, October 4 through Friday, October 7. You can see the winners announced on our [website](#) as well as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

If you would prefer, you can [donate directly](#) instead of 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.

## Student Directories

Student directories started going home with students last week. If you did not receive a copy, or if you have two households and you would like an additional copy, please contact us at [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).



## Classroom Contributions

Classroom contributions are completely separate from Bancroft Bucks and go directly towards each classroom, supporting things like classroom parties and class gifts. We apologize that we are asking for contributions at the same time of year as Bancroft Bucks but we need the funds at the beginning of the year so that we can have the funds in advance of upcoming festivities, like Halloween parties and holiday gifts for teachers/IAs.

This year, we're asking for each child to contribute \$25. [The easiest way for you to make this payment is by clicking here and signing up for the slot specifying your child's classroom.](#)

Please note that if you don't want to contribute \$25 (or would like to contribute even more), SignupGenius also allows you to contribute a different amount. Thank you!

October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Nature's Classroom (5th Grade)	Bancroft Bucks School Picture Day	
2	3	4	5	6	7	
		Bancroft Bucks Winners Announced		Bancroft Sports - MacArthur Travel		
9	10	11	12	13	14	
No School (Holidays)				Extreme Science		
16	17	18	19	20	21	
				Early Release Day		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Halloween Festival	Fall Learning Lab					
30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	
		Robin Prevez, Nels		Bancroft Sports - Kindergarten Co. No School for Nels		

## Calendar Syncing

We are pleased to announce that we now support syncing events from our Bancroft PTO calendar to your personal calendars. Any calendar provider that supports subscribing to a URL/feed can take advantage of this feature. [Click here for more information and setup instructions.](#)

## PTO Meeting Recap

Thank you for the fantastic participation in last week's PTO meeting. It was great to see so many new faces and gather in-person again! We covered a lot and are excited for the year ahead. Meeting minutes will be posted to the website soon. Join us for our next in-person meeting Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm in the Media Center.



## Halloween Festival



Fall is almost here and with it comes Halloween! We're kicking off our festival now, looking for volunteers and tickets are now available. Join us for a fun-filled night and a chance for kids to wear their costumes, see their friends, and get excited for Halloween! We will have games, prizes, a costume contest, dinner, music, trick or treating, and other fun activities!

[Click Here to Buy Tickets or Volunteer](#)

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## Cultural Arts Volunteers Needed



Want to see the planets up close, touch a wild animal, 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 a traveling planetarium, 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, click the button below.

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

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## Destination Imagination





**CHALLENGE ME, INC.**  
The Destination Imagination Community of Andover MA and beyond

## Parent Information & Team Formation Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 27th 7:00 - 8:30pm Doherty Middle School

How about a Creativity Break? The 2022 Destination Imagination (DI) Season is ready, are you?

Destination Imagination is an extra-curricular activity where teams with up to 7 students (K-12) unleash their imaginations using **creativity, inquiry, and teamwork** to problem solve open-ended STEAM-based challenges which they present at our regional tournament in March. CMI is proud to have supported our DI kids and team managers for over two decades.



Questions? Reach out to us at: [andoverkids@gmail.com](mailto:andoverkids@gmail.com)

We want kids to get back into the swing of:  
**CREATING | BUILDING | ACTING | HAVING FUN!**

Learn how the program works and the role you can play as an involved parent or perhaps a team manager. Afterwards, we will begin the Team Formation Process for interested families.



Scan the code or go to [challengemeinc.org/rsvp](https://challengemeinc.org/rsvp) to register.

Visit us to learn more about Destination Imagination and Challenge Me, Inc.:

[challengemeinc.org](https://challengemeinc.org)

[facebook.com/challengemeinc](https://facebook.com/challengemeinc)

[Click Here to Signup or for More Information](#)

## Literacy Coalition

# The Merrimack Valley Jewish Coalition for Literacy

*Does reading a book with a child sound like fun?  
You bet!*



*Help Change the World, One Child at a Time!*

Become a literacy volunteer for one hour per week and make a huge difference in the life of a child. No experience necessary.

Our literacy volunteers have said:

- *“What a wonderful program. How rewarding it was for me to see my student blossom and progress.”*
- *“I have really enjoyed my time as a volunteer.”*
- *“This has been a wonderful experience and I treasure my weekly endeavor.”*

Please contact Claire Shaby, 978-886-5193, [claire\\_shaby@yahoo.com](mailto:claire_shaby@yahoo.com) for more information about becoming a literacy volunteer in the Andover Public Schools.

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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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