



October 2022



October Events and Information

Bancroft Bucks

THANK YOU for making this year's Bancroft Bucks fundraiser a big success!

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](#).

If you missed the initial fundraiser, you can still [donate directly](#).

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



Halloween Festival



Fall is officially here and with it comes Halloween! We're excited for this year's Halloween Festival, scheduled for **Sunday, October 23 from 5:00-7:00pm** at Bancroft. 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! To volunteer to help or to get your tickets now, please click the button below:

[VOLUNTEER OR BUY TICKETS](#)

Room Parent Informational Meeting

New to being a room parent this year or just looking for a refresher and some handy tips and tricks to make this year the best ever? Join us for an informational meeting for all room parents on **Thursday, October 6 from 9:00-10:00am** at Town Market. We will discuss the logistics of being a room parent, including how to budget for parties and gifts. We will also share tips and ideas to make parties and buying gifts easier. Coffee and pastries will be provided. New and returning room parents are all welcome. Please sign up to attend [here](#).

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 submit your classroom contributions by Saturday, October 15.**

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!

Fall Learning Labs are Coming!



Each Fall and Spring, Bancroft School offers “Learning Labs” that are before and after school classes in the arts, sports, STEM, cooking, and many other topics. These classes are run by Bancroft parents and grandparents, Bancroft teachers and staff, local community members, and local businesses that run enrichment programs for kids.

In order to make Learning Labs a success, we are currently in need of teachers for these classes. If you have a special talent or skill that you would like to teach or you know someone who would like to teach a learning lab, please contact [Judy](#) or [Karen](#) ASAP.

Looks for a separate email from the PTO when Fall Learning Lab sign-ups open for registration on **Tuesday, October 11**. Registration closes on Wednesday, October 19 and late sign-ups will not be accepted. Learning Lab classes kick off on Monday, October 31.

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.



Stock up on Spiritwear!

Get ready for the new school year with some Bancroft Spiritwear, including shirts, hoodies, headbands, and winter hats. The next Spiritwear Day is **Friday, October 7!** Purchase your Spiritwear [here](#). Orders placed by today, Wednesday, October 5 will be delivered to your home in time for Spiritwear Day.



Cultural Arts Volunteers



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:

VOLUNTEER

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).



Stay in Touch with APS



Communication with APS families is essential to the success and wellness of our students. To assist our families and help them to connect with the appropriate staff and to understand who is best suited to answer questions or resolve concerns, the district has recently updated the "[Who We Are & Stay Connected](#)" page on their website. The information on this page will provide a detailed list of contacts for a variety of topics and an overview of platforms the district uses to communicate with our families.

Upcoming Community Events

Bradford Ski Program Registration

Andover Recreation's Bradford Ski Program opens for registration at 10:00am on **Thursday, October 6**. The program is open for Grades 3-8 and participants will be transported to Bradford from Bancroft after school. For more information, please click [here](#).

ACE Scarecrow Festival and Pumpkin Patches



Be on the lookout October 15-29 as the ACE Scarecrows come back to downtown Andover for the 10th Annual ACE Scarecrow Festival! The Scarecrow Festival will kick-off on **Saturday, October 15** with ACE's Scarecrow

Family Fest at Old Town Hall from 2:00-5:00pm. All are invited to this free event to celebrate ten years of Scarecrows with hands-on kids' activities and yummy fall treats.

Can't make the Family Fest? No problem! Get involved with the Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt happening October 15-29. You can grab a form at the Scarecrow Family Fest, the Andover Bookstore, Memorial Hall Library, or on aceandover.org. Complete the scavenger hunt and win a prize.

In addition, ACE is hosting an ACE Pumpkin Patch at each elementary school and Shawsheen Preschool. For every \$10 donation to ACE, we will "plant" a pumpkin at your elementary school between October 17-29. To make a donation, please click [here](#).

The mission of the Andover Coalition for Education (ACE) is to partner with the Andover Public Schools to support innovative, curriculum-enhancing, district-wide initiatives. ACE's privately-funded initiatives are distinct from the annual school budget and with nearly \$1M (so far!) awarded to schools, programs, and teachers, it's very likely your child has benefited from an ACE-funded project. We need your help to keep it going.

Hispanic Heritage Month Open Mic Night

**Celebrate
Hispanic Heritage
Month**

**OPEN
MIC
NIGHT**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE AND
EDUCATE ON HISPANIC CULTURE

OCTOBER 19, 2022, 7:00 PM

ANDOVER CENTER FOR HISTORY
AND CULTURE
97 MAIN ST. ANDOVER, MA 01810

SEATS ARE LIMITED,
REGISTRATION IS FREE! SCAN HERE!

ANDOVER COMMISSION FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Andover PE Fun Run

**PRESENTED BY:
ANDOVER PE DEPT
AND
AHS CROSS COUNTRY**

**4TH AND 5TH GRADE
SUPERHERO
CROSS COUNTRY RUN**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
RAINDATE: THURS. OCT 20TH**

**Where: Andover High School Track
Time: Arrival and Stretch 4-4:30
Race Starts @ 4:40**

FEEL FREE TO WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO GEAR

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.

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.](#)

October 4, 12, 17: Eureka2 Workshops (details and sign up here)

- **October 6:** Room Parent Informational Meeting (9:00am at Town Market)
- **October 7:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
- **October 7:** McAuliffe Traveling Planetarium, for Grade 5
- **October 10:** No School, Fall Recess
- **October 11-19:** Fall Learning Labs Sign-Ups (no late registrations)
- **October 14:** Extreme Science for Grades K-5
- **October 21:** Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15pm
- **October 23:** Halloween Festival (5:00-7:00pm at Bancroft)
- **October 31:** Fall Learning Labs begin
- **November 4:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; K Conferences (no school for K only)

- **November 8:** No School - Election Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **November 9:** Brookline Puppet Theater, for Grades K & 2
- **November 11:** No School - Veterans' Day Observed
- **November 14-18:** Fall Book Fair (during school hours)
- **November 14:** PTO meeting (7:00pm at Bancroft)
- **November 15:** School Picture Make-Up Day; Heritage Night, Art Show, Book Fair (6:00-8:00pm at Bancroft)
- **November 18:** Hayley LaPoint, Meteorologist, for Grade 1
- **November 23:** Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15pm
- **November 24-25:** No School - Thanksgiving
- **PTO Meeting Dates:** 11/14, 1/10, 3/14, 5/9 (7:00pm at Bancroft)

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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