

November 2022



## November Events and Information

### Heritage Night



Join us for the 5th annual Bancroft PTO Heritage Night on **Tuesday, November 15 from 6:00-8:00pm** to celebrate the heritage and different cultures of our Bancroft families and staff. There will also be a special opportunity to purchase items at the Fall Book Fair.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the evening to represent your heritage in the following areas:

- Host a table to profile a country from your heritage (6:00-8:00pm),
- Provide a special food dish (6:00-7:00pm),
- Provide entertainment such as music, dance, or other live performance (7:00-8:00pm),
- Volunteer to submit a recipe for the third edition of our [Heritage Night Cookbook](#).
- [Submit a FlipGrid video \(15-30 seconds\)](#) of your child sharing something special about their cultural heritage; to be shown on stage at the start of Heritage Night performances.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGNUP!](#)

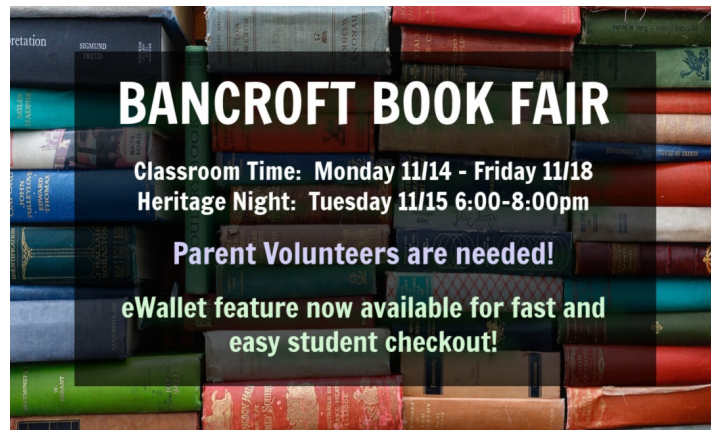
[SUBMIT A FLIPGRID VIDEO](#)

We're excited to make Heritage Night another success at Bancroft and look forward to celebrating Bancroft's diversity!

If you have any questions, please contact [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org).

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## Fall Book Fair



It's book fair time at Bancroft! All kids will have a scheduled period to purchase books during school hours from **Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18**. The book fair will also be open during the Art Show/Heritage Night for parent shopping on **Tuesday, November 15** 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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## PTO Meeting: Tuesday, November 16

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00pm** in the Bancroft Media Center. Shannon Scully, AHS Building Committee Co-Chair, will be attending to provide an update to parents about the AHS building plans.

We hope to be able to provide a simultaneous virtual option as well for those who do not want to meet in person. We will be testing next week and if it works out, virtual meeting information will be posted to our [website calendar](#).

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## Halloween Festivities: Thank YOU!

**THANK YOU  
FOR ANOTHER  
FANTASTIC  
HALLOWEEN  
FESTIVAL!!**



**SHARE YOUR PICTURES  
WITH THE PTO!**



**CLICK THE  
LINK IN THE  
POST OR  
SCAN THE  
QR CODE.**

Between the Halloween Festival on Sunday, October 23 and this week's class parties, it's safe to say Halloween at Bancroft was a huge success! Thank you to all of the amazing parent volunteers who helped plan and execute these events. The kids had a blast! [Click here to check out our video recap](#), and the full photo album will be posted [here](#) by the end of the weekend. Want to include your photos? [Click here to upload them to us!](#)

If you won a silent auction item in conjunction with the Halloween Festival, you will receive additional information about collecting your item(s) in the coming days. Deliveries of winning items will begin this weekend. If you have any questions, please reach out to [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org).

## Cultural Arts Volunteers

**Cultural Arts  
Volunteers Needed!**

**Come give us a helping hand and get a front row seat to the amazing programs your kids get to take part in!**

The poster features a woman smiling, children working on a craft project, a book titled "All About Penguins", a woman holding a child, a cartoon character, and a man playing a guitar. The text "TOP SECRET Science & Math" is also visible.

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 for the following upcoming events (and more):

- **Wednesday, November 9:** Brookline Puppet Theater, Grades K & 2
- **Friday, December 16:** Mass Audubon, Arms Tails & Legs, Grade 3

To learn more about the opportunities available, see a complete list of events, and to volunteer please sign up, click the button below:

VOLUNTEER

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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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## Upcoming Community Events

### SEPAC Workshop: Understanding the IEP

Please join Andover SEPAC and Clare Vann from the Federation for Children with Special Needs for a Basic Rights Workshop: Understanding the IEP on **Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00pm**. Advanced registration is required for this free workshop. Register [here](#).

Please contact Andover SEPAC Co-Chairs Lauren Kinney ([AndoverSEPAC.chair1@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverSEPAC.chair1@gmail.com)) or Melissa Irvin ([AndoverSEPACchair@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverSEPACchair@gmail.com)) with questions.

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### School Committee Informal Forum

The School Committee welcomes the community to join us for an informal forum on **Friday, November 18 at 9:30am** at Memorial Hall Library.

These forums have no set agenda, and the community is welcome to stop in at any time to speak with two members of the School Committee on any topics related to our schools.

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

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## Support Andover Schools

On **Thursday, December 1**, there will be a special town meeting at the Collins Center to vote on additional funding for the West El/Shawsheen preschool project due to a variety of factors, including the increased cost of construction. This vote needs a 2/3 majority to pass. This vote will impact all Andover students; **if the additional funding is not approved at this meeting, the much-needed AHS building plans will be deferred**. More information to come but please save the date and help spread the word about this.

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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.](#)

**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 15:** School Picture Make-Up Day Fifth Grade Picture Day; Heritage Night, K-2 Art Show, Book Fair (6:00-8:00pm at Bancroft)
  - **November 16:** PTO meeting (7:00pm in the Bancroft Media Center)
  - **November 18:** Hayley LaPoint, Meteorologist, for Grade 1
  - **November 23:** Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15pm
  - **November 24-25:** No School - Thanksgiving
  - **December 2:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
  - **December 9:** Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15pm
  - **December 16:** Mass Audubon Arms, Tails & Legs, for Grade 1
  - **December 26-January 2:** No School - Winter Break
  - **PTO Meeting Dates:** 11/16, 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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