



February 2023



February Events and Information

Spring Learning Labs are Coming!

Mark your calendars for the return of Learning Labs! Spring Learning Labs registration will open at **7:00pm on Monday, February 6**, with a course preview going out to parents the morning of Sunday, February 5 so you have time to review and discuss course options with your child(ren) before sign-ups open. Look for an email bulletin from the PTO Sunday morning with additional information.

If you have any interest in running a learning lab in the future, or if you have any other questions, please contact communications@bancroftpto.org.

Bancroft Science Fair



**** Please note that the Science Fair has been rescheduled from the original date of Wednesday, February 8 ****

Please join us as we welcome back the annual Bancroft Science Fair on **Wednesday, March 8** in the Bancroft Cafeteria from 6:00-7:00pm (snow makeup day is Wednesday, March 8). Students of all ages are encouraged to showcase their unique, innovative, and creative science projects, experiments, and inventions.

Registration closes on **Friday, February 17**, so sign-up now! The fee is \$15/child, which fee covers the cost of a T-shirt and a project poster

board. Please note that it is the project, not each child, that is registered, and each project can have between one, two, and three participants.

Please contact Justin Baker at jbaker618@gmail.com with any questions. To view photos and videos from our 2020 Science Fair, [please click here.](#)

For more information or to sign-up now, please click the button below.

SIGN UP TO EXHIBIT

The Bancroft Play is Back!



Bancroft used to do a play every year with a traveling theater company. It was a wonderful experience for students who were new to theater or experienced in theater to have the opportunity to be in a play at Bancroft that their fellow students and families could watch. This year, we are bringing back this tradition with a local theater company, ACT Infusion, who will be directing the show.

The play will be open to students in Grades 3-5 at Bancroft and rehearsals will take place over a two-week period after school at Bancroft from **Monday, March 13 to Thursday, March 23**, culminating in two performances on **Friday, March 24** (one during school hours for Bancroft students and one evening performance for the Bancroft community).

In order to participate in the play, students must commit to attending the after school rehearsals every day for two weeks (one missed rehearsal is fine, but please don't commit if you need to miss more than one). The exact schedule is still being finalized, but we anticipate rehearsals will be 3:30-5:30pm.

Students will need to audition in order to participate, however, all students who audition will be guaranteed a role in the play. Auditions will take place on **Sunday, February 12**, at ACT Infusion/Dance Infusion (19 Lupine Rd.) from 2:00-5:00pm. Students should each sign up for a 10-minute audition slot using the button below:

SIGN UP TO AUDITION

There is a \$100 fee per student to participate in the production, which includes the auditions, rehearsals, costumes, sets, programs, etc. We are asking that this fee be paid before the audition, however, families

have until the day after the audition to ask for a full refund if a student decides not to participate. After that time, we can no longer accept refunds because students will be cast in their roles in the play. Registration for auditions will be open through **Friday, February 10.**

As always, the PTO has scholarships and can help coordinate rides for children with financial needs. For more information about scholarships, please contact Sara Blais and Stephanie Barry at president@bancroftpto.org. Also please reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org with any other questions about the Bancroft play. We're excited to bring back this wonderful tradition!

Annual Andover Service Day: Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who helped honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy with Andover's Annual Service Day. Bancroft students participated in many ways, including farm work at Lifting Spirits Miniature Horse Farm, making Jared Boxes and snack bags for families with loved ones in Boston hospitals, donating clothes and food, making Valentines for local kids, and so much more. Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten class led the charge on collecting old and broken crayons to recycle and bring new life to them. Keep up the good work throughout the year and thank you for your participation!

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!

TOP SECRET
Science & Math

All About Penguins
Discover Life on Land and in the Sea

McAuliffe-Shepard
Discovery Center Concord NH

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):

- **Monday, February 6:** Author Visit, Jacky Lamenzo, Grade 2
- **Thursday, March 2:** Techsploration, MagLev, Grade 5
- **Thursday, March 9:** Sheryl Faye Presents, Grades 2 & 4
- **Wednesday, March 29:** Origamido, Grade 4

To learn more about the opportunities available, see a complete list of events, 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).



Upcoming Community Events

Andover High School Building Plans



Please join the Andover High School Building Committee and project team on **Monday, February 6 at 7:00pm** in the Memorial Hall Library for our next community forum. We will be reviewing the

preliminary floor plans and landscape architecture designs for the three remaining site approaches. The landscaping architecture discussion will involve an overview of traffic flow, site amenities, comparisons of the existing athletic programs vs. proposed, and more. We hope to see you there and look forward to hearing from you!

For additional information about the project and to receive future project updates, please visit <https://andoverhighbuildingproject.org/>.

Andover Parent to Parent Speaker Series

How To Parent Through Big Feelings
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
7:00 PM 9:00 PM
Andover School of Montessori

Do you wonder if your child has BIG feelings or just age-appropriate reactions? Mel's approach focuses on understanding how a child's brain is wired and how to guide parents through brain-based parenting techniques and strategies.

Register [here](#).

Town of Andover Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

**TOWN OF ANDOVER
COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A MORE **INCLUSIVE** ANDOVER

PLEASE **JOIN US** IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK

SERVE ON A WORKING GROUP

For more information please contact Jemma Lambert at: jemma.lambert@andoverma.us

Check out our Strategic Plan [here](#)

DEI Strategic Plan Working Groups

- Diversity in Hiring
- Racial Climate and Reporting
- Leadership Development
- Community Activities
- Supporting our Youth
- Data Gathering/Engagement
- Communications

Andover Youth Lacrosse



● Spring 2023 Andover Youth Lacrosse Registration is Open ●

BOYS AND GIRLS LEAGUES GRADE BREAKDOWN		
<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st & 2nd Grade</u>	<u>3rd & 4th Grade</u>
<u>5th & 6th Grade</u>	<u>7th & 8th Grade</u>	

TO REGISTER GO TO: www.andoveryouthlacrosse.org

Registration Ends February 10, 2023



Kindergarten is \$70
 1st & 2nd Grade is \$240
 3rd through 8th Grade is \$280



QUESTIONS? DO YOU WANT TO COACH?!
 Email us: andoveryouthlax@gmail.com

Season runs early April through June. Various indoor practices are currently underway.

Please follow AYL on Social Media!
[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)



GO WARRIORS!



Important Reminders

Andover Public Schools require a new Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check every school 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.](#)

- **February 3:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; Sheryl Faye Presents, for Grade 3
- **February 6:** Learning Lab Registration Opens at 7pm; Author

Visit, Jacky Lamenzo, for Grade 2

- **February 10:** Techsploration, Structural Engineering, for Grade 3
- **February 20-24:** No School — Presidents' Day and Winter Break
- **February 27:** Winter Learning Labs Begin
- **March 2:** Techsploration, for Grade 5
- **March 3:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; Techsploration, for Grade 1
- **March 8:** Science Fair
- **March 9:** Sheryl Faye Presents Ruth Bader Ginsberg, for Grades 2 & 4
- **March 10:** Early Release Day
- **March 13-23:** Bancroft Play Rehearsals
- **March 14:** PTO Meeting
- **March 24:** Bancroft Play Performances
- **Additional PTO Meeting Dates:** 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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