

April 2023



April Events and Information

A Note from the Bancroft PTO

Spring is here! And with it comes a flurry of fun events and activities. Here's a quick preview of the spring events that we're currently planning:

- April 26: Variety Show (*rehearsal on April 25*)
- May 1-5: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 6: Progressive Dinner (last call for volunteers or we need to cancel!)
- May 12: Spring Fling
- May 18: Book Fair and Art Show (the fair runs throughout the week for students!)
- June 2: End of Year Picnic/Fun Run
- June 15: 5th Grade Graduation and Celebration (*date subject to change based on snow days*)

Where possible, we've provided additional information about each event in the body of this newsletter and welcome parent volunteers to make these events successful. We know that we're entering a busy time of year and we thank you in advance for your support!

Art to Remember

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CUSTOM KEEPSAKES
featuring your child's art

- COFFEE MUGS
- JEWELRY
- T-SHIRTS
- NOTE CARDS
- STICKERS
- FRAMED ART
- ORNAMENTS
- & MORE!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter your child's name. Then, have fun shopping! The deadline to purchase items is **Friday, April 14**.

[PURCHASE ART](#)

Bancroft's Variety Show



Bancroft students are invited to bring their best talents and perform on stage at the Collins Center! Save the date for this year's **Variety Show: Bancroft's Got Talent** on **Wednesday, April 26!** Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, April 25. Stay tuned for more information on tickets for the big night!

We cannot host this event without volunteers, so please be sure to check the available spots on the SignupGenius!

For more information or to sign up to participate, please click the button below:

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

Last Call: Progressive Dinner!



The Progressive Dinner is a fantastic night of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert hosted by our Bancroft family volunteers. This year the event takes place on **Saturday, May 6**.

The evening will kick off with all attendees meeting at a single location for appetizers and cocktails. Guests are then split into small groups for dinner at the homes of our dinner hosts. The night ends as all guests reunite for dessert at a third location.

We are still looking for volunteers to be hosts for the evening — as of now we have about half the host houses needed to hold the event. If we aren't able to get at least **five additional volunteers by this Friday, April 14**, we will need to cancel.

Please reach out to Danielle Solari (danpaw23@yahoo.com) and Christine Genaitis (genaitis@aol.com) to volunteer as a host house or for more information.

Staff Appreciation Week Balloons

For Staff Appreciation Week, we are asking families to print out blank “balloons,” cut out the outline and have your child/children write an uplifting message. It can be generalized to whole school or specific to their teacher, and you can complete as many as you would like! We are hoping to fill the hallway and entranceway with these messages.

All balloons are due Friday, April 28. [The template to print and cut can be found here.](#) There will be a box in the main office for drop off. Thank you!!

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

It's hard to believe, but 5th Grade Graduation will be here before we know it! The graduation celebration will be the second to the last day of school (currently set for Friday, June 16). Therefore, if we don't have additional snow days, 5th Grade Graduation will be held on **Thursday, June 15.**

Plans are already underway to ensure we give our 5th graders a memorable graduation experience. [Click here to access the signup for the yearbook and t-shirts!](#)

We can't wait to celebrate our incredible 5th Graders!

A Look Back at March PTO Events

Wow, what a busy spring we've had already and we're just getting started! March was chock full of amazing Bancroft PTO events:

- Science Fair (March 8)
- Wizard of Oz play (March 24)
- Spark Fitness Event (March 29)
- Community Read-Along (March 31)

Thank you to everyone who participated AND to the volunteers who made these events possible. To view photos from the science fair or the play, click the images below:



Environmental Update

Make Every Day Earth Day!



Happy Earth Month! We should treat every day like it's Earth Day so here are some reminders and actions families can take to help **Keep Bancroft and Andover Green!**

- To help improve air quality at the school, please **turn off your engine** while in the parent pickup and drop off lines.
- When packing your child's school lunches and snacks, **invest in reusable bags and containers** to cut down on single use plastics and items that will get tossed after one use.
- **Teach your kids about recycling and composting at home** and make a game of guessing "can it be recycled?" If you aren't sure, download the [Andover Solid Waste app](#) and use the lookup feature!
- **Participate in one of the many Earth Day activities in town this month**, like the annual Earth Day Cleanup on April 22nd, the Andover Climate Forum on April 10th, and various other Earth Day-related events throughout the month at Memorial Hall Library. For a full list of events, visit <https://andoverma.gov/1031/Earth-Day>.
- **Recycle and donate unwanted and unusable textiles** via the conveniently located Helpsy bin in the Bancroft parking lot!

For questions and to get involved with sustainability efforts at Bancroft, please reach out to Caroline Hughes Wilder at carolinehugheswilder@gmail.com.

Cultural Arts Volunteers



What an amazing year of cultural events we've had for our students! We are still in need of one volunteer to serve as a liaison between our guests and the school for the following upcoming event:

- **Thursday, June 1:** Windows on Wildlife (Birds of Prey), Grades 4

To volunteer, please 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).



Volunteering Reminder — Important!

We truly appreciate each and every one of you who volunteer to help in the school, in any capacity. However we've been made aware that some folks are showing up at the building to volunteer without signing up in advance. **Due to security concerns, we ask that you only visit the building during the school day on the PTO's behalf when you have signed up for a specific volunteer position and time.** This includes regular volunteer activities such as library duty or cultural arts help. We appreciate your understanding!

Upcoming Community Events

Andover High School Building Update



Plans for a new high school are well underway. For additional information about the project and to receive future project updates, please visit <https://andoverhighbuildingproject.org/>.

Mental Health Caregivers Support Group

All caregivers of children with mental health diagnoses are invited to join a Mental Health Caregivers Support Group hosted by South Church in Andover. This is a space for parents to share their thoughts and feelings about the challenges that come with supporting individuals struggling with mental health diagnoses. This is a confidential group where people can be heard and supported without judgement.

Mental Health Caregivers Support Group meets in person at South Church (41 Central St. Andover, MA), and on Zoom on **the third Sunday of each month, from 7:00-8:30pm.**

Although this group meets at a church, religious affiliation is neither expected nor centered in the meetings, although those who are comfortable are invited to participate in a short prayer to close each meeting.

Anyone who is interested can email Rev. Genna Hosterman at genna@southchurch.com to be added to the anonymous mailing list for this group.

Old Town Hall Workshop



A photograph of the Old Town Hall building, a three-story red brick structure with arched windows and a prominent chimney. The building is situated on a street corner with a blue sky and clouds in the background.

OLD TOWN HALL
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Join Town of Andover staff as we begin an important community conversation on how best to transform and activate Old Town Hall to provide the greatest benefits to local residents and businesses.




Wednesday, April 12, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Old Town Hall
20 Main Street , 2nd Floor
or Join virtually on Zoom

All are invited to attend and share your thoughts on possible re-uses and a more community minded re-development of this valuable, community centered asset.



SHED Infant Program



NATURE BABIES

Join our Nature Babies Group (infants 3-12 months) to *bond* with your baby and build lasting friendships with other Moms

Miss Pam will lead the group, bringing her love and experience of working with infants.

Each week will feature songs, playtime, stories, and infant massage. It will be an eight week session.

Pam will also offer curriculum ideas to do at home with your infant.

The group will also focus on nurturing moms because *your* wellbeing is important too!

Any questions contact Karen via phone: (978)684-5055 or emails at kulbin@shedchildrenscampus.org

**APRIL 26TH – JUNE 14TH
WEDNESDAYS, 9:30 AM – 11AM**

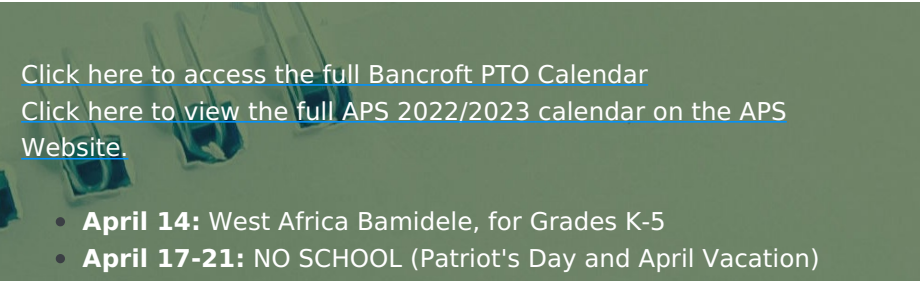
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Important Reminders

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.](#)

- **April 14:** West Africa Bamidele, for Grades K-5
- **April 17-21:** NO SCHOOL (Patriot's Day and April Vacation)

- **May 1-5:** Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and Lunch
- **May 3:** Discovery Museum, Light & Lasers, for Grade 1
- **May 4:** Techsploration, Electricity, for Grade 5
- **May 5:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; Early Release Day (12:15pm)
- **May 6:** Progressive Dinner
- **May 9:** PTO Meeting (7:00pm at Bancroft)
- **May 12:** Spring Fling (7:00-9:30pm at Bancroft)
- **May 15-19:** Book Fair
- **May 29:** NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- **June 1:** Windows on Wildlife (Birds of Prey), for Grade 4
- **June 2:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; Early Release Day (12:15pm); End of Year Picnic/Fun Run (4:00-7:00pm at Bancroft)
- **June 5:** Explore the Ocean World, for Grade 1
- **June 16:** Current last day of school (with no additional snow days)

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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