

May 2023



May Events and Information

A Note from the Bancroft PTO

Spring is always a busy time of year at Bancroft! Here's a comprehensive list of all PTO events planned for the remainder of the year:

- May 1-5: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 9: PTO Meeting
- May 12: Spring Fling
- May 17: Wine Night
- May 18: Book Fair and Art Show (the fair runs throughout the week for students!)
- June 2: Fun Run & Ice Cream Social
- June 15: 5th Grade Graduation and Celebration

We've provided additional information about each event in the body of this newsletter and welcome parent volunteers to make these events successful. Thank you in advance for your support!

PTO Meeting and Plans for Next Year

Final PTO Meeting of the Year:

All are welcome to attend the PTO's last meeting of the year on **Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm** in the Bancroft Media Center as well as virtually (*details to be released on the website and social media on Monday*). We will be discussing PTO events scheduled for the remainder of the year as well as looking ahead to next school year.



The PTO is currently seeking volunteers for several board and event committee positions for the 2023-2024 School Year. To see the full list of open positions and to sign-up, please click the button below:

JOIN THE 2023/2024 PTO



The PTO is also seeking local business sponsors for our 2023/2024 Bancroft School Directory. For more information or to sign up to participate, please reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org.

Get Tickets Now for the Spring Fling!



We are super excited for next week's Spring Fling, which will be held **Friday, May 12 from 7:00-9:00pm** in the Bancroft Cafeteria. **Tickets must be purchased by Monday, May 8** so get yours today! Included with every ticket is a pizza dinner (two slices, salad, and a water). Pick up your food tickets at the door upon arrival. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the front as well for a chance to win a themed basket of goodies.

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

This event wouldn't be possible without parent volunteers and we are still seeking some additional help to make the evening a success. Specifically, we need help decorating the cafeteria, selling raffle tickets during the event, and cleaning up afterwards. Click the button below to sign-up.

[VOLUNTEER TO HELP](#)

We are also still seeking contributions of themed gift baskets, which will be raffled off at the end of the dance (always a HUGE hit with the kids)! **If you have committed to donating a basket, please deliver them to Stephanie Barry's house (124 Chestnut Street) no later than Sunday morning, May 7** so she can bring them to Bancroft and set them up for the kids to check them out ahead of the dance. Click the button below to sign-up to contribute a themed basket.

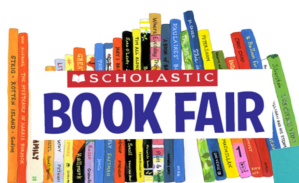
[CONTRIBUTE A BASKET](#)

Wine Night!



SIGN UP FOR WINE NIGHT HERE

Spring Book Fair



**eWallet
Payment
Available!**



Parent Shopping

Thursday, 5/18 6:00 - 8:00pm
(same time as the Art Show)

Classroom shopping time for the students will take place during the school day, Monday 5/15 thru Friday 5/19.

Parent volunteers needed to help at the registers!

It's book fair time at Bancroft! All kids will have a scheduled period to purchase books during school hours from **Monday, May 15-Friday, May 19**. The book fair will also be open during the Art Show for parent shopping on **Thursday, May 18, 6:00-8:00pm**.

E-Wallets are the preferred method of payment. It is 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 by clicking the button below.

VONUNTEER FOR THE BOOK FAIR

Fun Run and Ice Cream Social



Save the date for Bancroft's annual Spring Fun Run and Ice Cream Social! This fun end of year celebration will be held **Friday, June 2 from 4:30-6:30pm** at Bancroft. Look for a future email blast with additional details, including a call for volunteers and more information about how to purchase tickets.

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

Join us for a fun-filled celebration as we bid farewell to our Fifth Grade graduates! The PTO is proud to host a graduation party at Andover Recreation Park, filled with exciting group activities, including a photo booth, dunk tank, foam party, delicious food, and refreshing ice cream trucks. Don't miss this exciting event!

Cost: \$50.00 per child

Location: Andover Recreation Park — 147 Abbot St.

Date: Thursday, June 15

Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm

We are also seeking parent volunteers to help chaperone and run activities at this awesome event. Click the button below for additional information and purchase tickets:

[GET TICKETS & VOLUNTEER
HERE](#)

A Look Back at Recent PTO Events



Thank you to the participants and volunteers for this year's variety show (April 26). It was a wildly entertaining evening filled with impressive acts from Bancroft students! [Click here to see ALL of the photos from the incredible night](#) (video coming soon at the same link!).



Thanks to your generous contributions, Bancroft Faculty and Staff enjoyed an amazing Staff Appreciation Week (May 1-5), filled with lunch, treats, snacks, and little pick-me-ups throughout the week. What a wonderful way to show our teachers that we care about them! We couldn't have done it without you!

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), Grade 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

ACE Honor a Teacher




Honor a Teacher
and Support Andover Coalition for Education (ACE)!




Celebrate a special teacher, assistant, coach, aide, counselor, or other school staff member, who has made a difference.

ACE will celebrate Andover Public School teachers and staff by:

- Notifying the teacher or staff member of your gift with a **hand-delivered, personal note along with a wrapped rose!**
- Sharing honoree names with the Superintendent and principals.



Make your tribute gift online today!
All donations received by June 9th will be delivered by June 13th.



Learn more about ACE and how your donation is making a difference in our schools.

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/>.

ACE May Fundraiser with 34 Park



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34 Park is teaming up with ACE to support the Andover Public Schools.

Every Tuesday in the month of May, 34 Park will donate 15% of all food and gift certificate sales (including takeout) to ACE!

Dine-in or dine out at 34 Park and you'll be enjoying a delicious dinner for a good cause!

34 Park is teaming up with ACE (Andover Coalition for Education) to support Andover Public Schools. Every Tuesday in the month of May, 34 Park will donate 15% of all food and gift certificate sales (including takeout) to ACE! By dining at 34 Park, you will be supporting innovative educational initiatives. Dine in or out and you'll be enjoying a delicious dinner for a good cause! To learn more about ACE, visit www.aceandover.org or contact Jennifer Srivastava at jsrivastava@aceandover.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.

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](#).

- **May 5:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; Early Release Day (12:15pm)
- **May 9:** PTO Meeting (7:00pm at Bancroft)
- **May 12:** Spring Fling (7:00-9:00pm at Bancroft)
- **May 15-19:** Book Fair
- **May 18:** Book Fair (Parent Night) and Art Show
- **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 15:** Fifth Grade Graduation and Celebration
- **June 16:** Last day of school

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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