



August 2023



We hope you're enjoying your summer! With the start of school just around the corner, we're reaching out with some information that will hopefully make for an easier transition this fall. Please see the newsletter below for additional information on Bancroft Bucks, Kindergarten summer meet ups, the ever-popular Classroom Locator Sign Up, supply lists/Backpack Drive, CORI checks, Spiritwear, open PTO board positions, new room parent procedures, and more.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer and we'll see you back at Bancroft soon!

Bancroft Bucks



Bancroft Bucks is the largest PTO fundraiser to support and enrich our school academics and environment. We ask for donations one time each year and 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. We need everyone's help to make Bancroft Bucks a success!

Want to get a jump on the new school year? Many parents have requested a way to donate directly without having to fill out the raffle tickets. Your child will still earn the Bancroft prizes just as they would have if they had sold tickets. [Direct donations](#) also count toward the totals for the classroom pizza party.

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[Click Here to Donate to Bancroft Bucks Today!](#)

Kindergarten Summer Meet Ups

For those of you with incoming Kindergarteners, join us this **Wednesday, August 2 from 4:30-5:30pm** AND/OR **Sunday, August 20 from 4:30-5:30pm** on the Bancroft playground. These meet-ups are a great way for kids to become familiar with Bancroft and its playgrounds as well as meet other incoming Kindergarten families.

We'll bring popsicles and water for the kids, so if you're planning on coming please RSVP at the button below so we can plan ahead:

[RSVP to the Kindergarten Summer Meet Ups](#)

Classroom Locator

Add your child's teacher assignment to the
CLASSMATE LOCATOR
to see who will be in their room with them this year!



Classroom assignments will be released via Aspen on **Friday, August 11**. Traditionally, receipt of classroom assignments kicks off a lot of communication between parents trying to identify their children's classmates. The PTO is here to help make this process easier! We will setup a Sign UpGenius for each classroom; you can choose to add your child to the list and then check in to see who else will be joining them. We'll be building that out and sending a separate blast as soon as it is ready, most likely just before the classroom assignments are released. You can also stay tuned to our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Supply Lists & Backpack Drive

Classroom supply lists for all grade levels have been released:

- [Kindergarten Welcome Letter & Supply List](#)

- [1st Grade Welcome Letter & Supply List](#)
- [2nd Grade Welcome Letter & Supply List](#)
- [3rd Grade Welcome Letter & Supply List](#)
- [4th Grade Welcome Letter & Supply List](#)
- [5th Grade Welcome Letter & Supply List](#)



With the release of the supply lists comes the kick off of our annual **Backpack Drive**. Donated backpacks should be dropped off no later than **Friday, August 11** at Stephanie Barry's house (in the designated bin at 124 Chestnut St.). Please include a removable note with your name and the grade level for each donation so we can keep track of what has been provided. If you are not able to drop off your backpack by the deadline, please contact Stephanie Barry at president@bancroftpto.org to make other arrangements. Thanks in advance for your support!

[Click Here to Donate a Backpack](#)

CORI Checks

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 2023-2024 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.

Spiritwear



We are excited to announce an expansion of our Bancroft Spiritwear! Not only do we have new products from our long-term vendor (baseball t-shirts, gym shorts, and more) but we have also created a Zazzle store and have additional t-shirts and sweatshirts designs, along with some MORE new products (hats, socks, and more!). Have no fear — our much loved tie-dye shirts, scrunchies, and green zip

down sweatshirts aren't going anywhere. We just wanted to give you more options! [Click here to check out our spiritwear today!](#)

Our local Spiritwear shop is currently being restocked with new inventory. We will send out another email once we're open for local delivery orders. Feel free to reach out to us at spiritwear@bancroftpto.org with any questions.

PTO Positions Still Needed

We're still seeking some key volunteers for the next school year! Positions that need to be filled include:

- Board Position: Fundraising Chair
- Fifth Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony Coordinator (*traditionally a 4th grade parent*)
- Silent Auction Coordinator
- Hospitality, Care/Concern
- Scarecrow Festival Coordinator

Click the link below to find out more or to signup today. Please reach out to president@bancroftpto.org with any questions.

[Click Here to Volunteer for the 2023-2024 School Year!](#)

Room Parents: New Procedures

Bancroft is changing things up this year for room parents! Here's what's new:

- There will be a limit of two (2) room parents per classroom. You do not have to be a room parent to volunteer in the classroom, these are just the individuals responsible for communicating with the teachers for classroom parties, events, needs, etc.
- We will not have a Sign Up Genius. Instead, your classroom teachers will reach out to you and ask you if you're interested, and they will be in charge of choosing two parents for their room.
- Teachers will provide us with the names and we will provide a printable insert of all room parents for your Student Directories.
- If you have multiple children, you may only serve as room parent in one of their classrooms. You may volunteer for both, but the school will let you know which one you will work in if selected.

Interested in being a room parent? Check out the links below for more info:

[Click here to see the "job description" for Room Parents](#)

[Click here to see the full Room Parent FAQ](#)

Silent Auction Donations



Kicking off at the start of our annual Halloween Festival this year will be our online Silent Auction. 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.

Destination Imagination: Team Formation

Destination Imagination is an extra-curricular activity where teams with up to 7 students (K-12) unleash their imaginations using **creativity, inquiry, and teamwork** to problem solve open-ended STEAM-based challenges which they present at our regional tournament in March. CMI is proud to have supported our DI kids and team managers for over two decades and looks forward to the next season!

Learn about CMI & DI!

Questions? Reach out to us at: andoverdikids@gmail.com

We want kids to get back into the swing of:
CREATING | BUILDING | ACTING | HAVING FUN!

Team formation begins in September!
 Stay tuned for more information this summer/fall.

Visit us to learn more about Destination Imagination and Challenge Me, Inc.:

challengemeinc.org
facebook.com/challengemeinc

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.

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