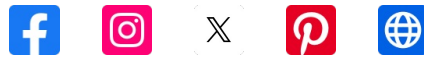




September 2023



## A Welcome Note from the PTO



Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Did you know that all parents of current Bancroft students are automatically members of the Bancroft PTO? It's true, and we'd love to have you attend an upcoming PTO meeting, volunteer at an event, or share an idea. Your voice is always welcomed and appreciated!

The PTO runs [numerous events](#) throughout the year as varied and fun as the Bancroft community itself. Many events allow us to fundraise in support of PTO initiatives — including academic enrichment, cultural arts programming, and teacher/staff discretionary spending — and some are strictly social events intended to bring people together for fun! See highlights and photos from past events [here](#).

Here's to another wonderful year at Bancroft!

Best,  
Sara Blais & Stephanie Barry  
Bancroft PTO Co-Presidents

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## Bancroft Bucks

# Bancroft Bucks is Back!!

Direct donations are now open!  
Click the button below to learn more or to donate today!



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!

Bancroft Bucks packages should have been sent home with children this week and are **due back by Wednesday, September 27**. Bancroft Bucks winners will be announced Tuesday, October 3 through Friday, October 6. You can see the winners on our website as well as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Additionally, many parents have requested a way to [donate directly](#) without having to fill out the raffle tickets so we are pleased to offer that option. 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.

Does your company offer corporate matches for donations? Double your donation by requesting a match!

To see how your donation is used, click [here](#) for more information.

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## Get Involved with the PTO

Being active in the PTO is a great way to support the school, Bancroft's amazing teachers, and all of the kids in our community. There are many ways to get involved.

Please consider attending our first PTO meeting (**Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00pm** in the Bancroft Media Center, directly following the K-2 open house — or connect virtually with a link to be distributed closer to the meeting date via the website) to [meet the board](#), meet the principal, Mrs. Leavitt, and learn more about what all the PTO is planning for the school year.

For those who have more dedicated time to participate in the Bancroft PTO, opportunities exist to run individual programs and events, join one of our existing committees, or volunteer at one of our upcoming events. [Please reach out to the contact listed](#) or to

## PTO Meetings

Mark your calendar for the following in-person PTO meetings at 7:00pm at the Bancroft Media Center. Where possible, Principal Leavitt and/or other administration/faculty will attend:

- Wednesday, September 13 (after K-2 Open House)
- Tuesday, November 14
- Tuesday, January 9
- Tuesday, March 12
- Tuesday, May 7

Virtual meeting links will also be circulated in advance of each meeting via our social media channels if you aren't able to attend in person. Hope to see you there!

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## 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](#)

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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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## Cultural Arts Volunteers



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. To learn more about the opportunities available and to volunteer, click the button below.

[Click here to sign up as a Cultural Arts volunteer!](#)

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## Car Visors





Do you need a car visor for student pickup at Bancroft? If you haven't received a visor for parent pickup, please reach out to [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).

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## Silent Auction Donations

Back by popular demand, the Bancroft PTO silent auction will be held online, kicking off at the start of our annual Halloween Festival. 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 [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org).



## Stock up on Spiritwear!

For the 2023-2024 school year, Bancroft PTO is excited to announce some new additions to our Spiritwear offerings! We've partnered with Zazzle to create our own online shop with unique Bancroft designs for t-shirts, sweatshirts, socks, and more. Order online and have shipped directly to you! Need something last minute or you're hooked on our iconic Spiritwear we've all come to know and love? Have no fear, they're still here! Order today and one of our wonderful volunteers will reach out to coordinate getting those over to you.

See all of our amazing Spiritwear options and make purchases [here](#). The first Spiritwear Day of the year is today!



## 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 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.

## Destination Imagination: Parent Info Night 9/11



CHALLENGE ME, INC.  
The Destination Imagination Community of Andover, MA and beyond

### Parent Information & Team Formation Meeting

Monday, Sept. 11th 7:00 - 8:30pm Doherty Middle School

How about a Creativity Break? The 2023 Destination Imagination (DI) Season is ready, are you?

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.



Learn about CMI & DI!

Questions? Reach out to us at: [andoverkids@gmail.com](mailto:andoverkids@gmail.com)

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

Learn how the program works and the role you can play as an involved parent or perhaps a team manager.  
Afterwards, we will begin the Team Formation Process for interested families.



Scan the code or go to [challengemeinc.org/rsvp](https://challengemeinc.org/rsvp) to register.

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

- [challengemeinc.org](https://challengemeinc.org)
- [facebook.com/challengemeinc](https://facebook.com/challengemeinc)

## Memorial Hall Library Program Survey



Memorial Hall Library  
Children's Room  
2 N Main Street  
Andover, MA 01810

## Program Survey 2023

### ***We want to hear from you!***

As your public library, we always want to have programs for kids and families that meet community needs.

Scan the QR code down below to fill out a survey and let us know what programs and activities you want to see at your library for **ages 5-11!**

Scan here  
to fill out  
the survey!



## Upcoming Calendar Items

[Click here to access the full Bancroft PTO Calendar](#)

[Click here to view the full APS 2023/2024 calendar on the APS Website.](#)

- **September 6:** Bancroft Bucks Packages Home
- **September 8:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
- **September 13:** K-2 Open House (6-6:45pm), PTO Meeting (7pm)
- **September 15:** Len Cabral, Storyteller, for Grades K-5

- **September 20:** 3-5 Open House (6-6:45pm)
- **September 27:** School Picture Day, Bancroft Bucks Packages Due
- **September 28-29:** Nature's Classroom for Grade 5
- **PTO Meeting Dates:** 9/13, 11/14, 1/9, 3/12, 5/7 (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.

### **Bancroft PTO**

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