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Learning Lab Catalog Preview



We are releasing a preview of the learning lab catalog before registration so that parents can review the options with their kids in advance. Registration for learning labs will open **Tuesday**, **September 26th, at 6:30pm** and the signup link will be sent by email at that time. Click here to view the Fall Learning Lab Catalog. We are excited to be offering both a lot of past favorite classes and several new classes. Please reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org with any questions.

Classroom Contributions

Classroom contributions are completely separate from Bancroft Bucks and go directly towards each classroom, supporting things like classroom parties and class gifts. We apologize that we are asking for contributions at the same time of year as Bancroft Bucks, but we need the funds at the beginning of the year so that we can have the funds in advance of upcoming festivities, like Halloween parties and holiday gifts for teachers/IAs.

This year, we're asking for each child to contribute \$25. The easiest way for you to make this payment is by <u>clicking here and signing up</u> <u>for the slot specifying your child's classroom</u>. Please submit your classroom contributions by Saturday, October 15.

Please note that if you don't want to contribute \$25 (or would like to contribute even more), SignupGenius also allows you to contribute a different amount. Thank you!

Bancroft Bucks Due Back THIS WEEK!



Less than three days to go for Bancroft Bucks! Packages are due back by Wednesday, September 27th, both sold AND unsold tickets. Winners will be announced Tuesday, October 3rd through Friday, October 6th. You can see the winners announced on our <u>website</u> as well as <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

If you would prefer, you can <u>donate directly</u> instead of 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.

Funds raised through Bancroft Bucks provide 50% of the PTO budget that supports student activities all year. **As of last week we are only 30% of the way to our goal.** We need everyone's help to make Bancroft Bucks a success so that we can continue to fund all the amazing opportunities we have lined up for the school year! To see how your donation is used, <u>click here</u> for more information.

Room Parent Update

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the new room parent selection process. We recognize that this is a departure from how we've done things in the past and appreciate your understanding. The PTO is happy to continue to help support room parents by providing training (more on that below), a place to ask questions, and we will provide specialized communications throughout the year.

We are closing in on finalizing the school-wide list and will publish and distribute that shortly. Anyone that has been selected as a room parent needs to submit a CORI form to the main office ASAP if you have not done so already. You will not be allowed into the building during the school day to volunteer until this has returned from the district, and it takes a few weeks to process.

As soon as the list is complete, the PTO will schedule a training night

to go through what is expected, so stay tuned for more information on that!

AHS Project Important Meeting

The Andover Select Board will join the finance, school, and Andover High School building committees for a joint meeting on Sept. 27 as a precursor for a special town meeting to approve \$1.3 million for a design of a proposed, new high school. This meeting will be open to the public and will take place beginning at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center (30 Whitter Court).

The Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee and AHS Building Committee will be present to hear the Town Manager present an analysis of financial implications for funding new high school, and provide costs associated with his alternative plan, which would potentially include modular classrooms and replacement of current boilers to keep the building minimally functional. The Select Board will use this information in considering whether or not to set a date for the Special Town Meeting requested by the Building Committee, which would allow the full community to vote on whether or not to continue funding design of a new high school.

Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and/or email the Select Board (selectboard@andoverma.us) to provide feedback on the AHS Building Project. You can find more information about the AHS Building Project at www.andoverhighbuildingproject.org or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/AndoverHighBuildingProject

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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