



October 2023



## Learning Lab Registration Closes Tomorrow



Tomorrow is the last day to [register](#) for learning labs. There will be no late signups this year, so please be sure to register on or before Friday, October 6. Please also review your course choices and [send us an email](#) to request a refund for any courses your child does not plan to attend so that we can make room for students on the waiting list.

You can review the courses in more detail here ([click here to view the Fall Learning Lab Catalog](#)). To find out more about learning labs and to find answers to commonly asked questions please click [here](#).

We received requests to add another chess class; this will take place on Thursday afternoons. The class will be for beginner and intermediate chess players. [You can signup here for the class](#).

As always, the PTO has scholarships for students with financial needs, and can help coordinate rides for children with transportation needs. For more information about scholarship and for general questions about Learning Labs, please reach out to us at [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org).

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## Classroom Contributions

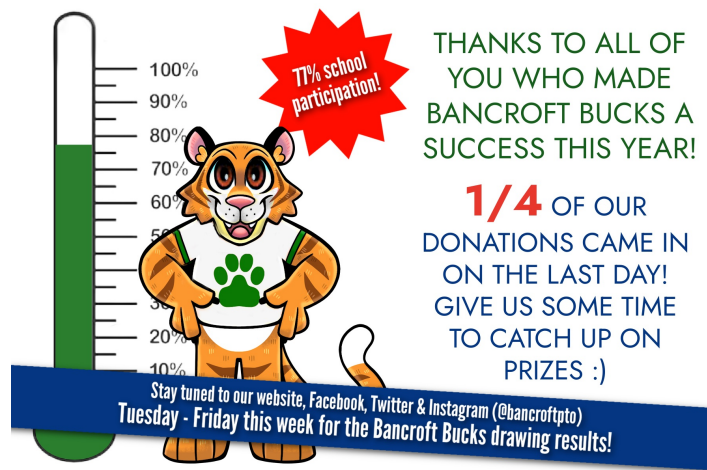
Classroom contributions are completely separate from Bancroft Bucks and go directly towards each classroom, supporting things like classroom parties and class gifts. We apologize that we are asking for contributions at the same time of year as Bancroft Bucks, but we need the funds at the beginning of 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 [clicking here and signing up for the slot specifying your child's classroom](#). Please submit your classroom contributions by Sunday, 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!

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## Bancroft Bucks: Thank You!



We are happy to announce that Bancroft Bucks was a success this year, and we are so incredibly grateful to you all for making it happen. 77% of the school participated and raised enough funds for us to bring you [all those amazing things we keep bragging about](#). One quarter of the donations came in on the very last day, so please be patient with us as we gather and distribute prizes. They're coming soon!

Winners are being drawn this week, Tuesday through Friday, and we're announcing the the results on our [YouTube channel](#), [website](#), as well as our [Facebook](#), [Twitter/X](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. If you missed the fundraiser, [you can still make a donation directly here](#).

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## Halloween Festival Tickets & Volunteers Needed



We are holding our Annual Bancroft Spooktacular Halloween Festival on **Sunday, October 29 from 5:00-7:00pm**. Join us for a fun-filled night and a chance for kids to wear their costumes, see their friends, and get excited for Halloween! We will have games, prizes, a scavenger hunt, some spooky haunted houses, dinner, dancing, music, and more!

We are planning to have all activities outdoors this year but this is a RAIN OR SHINE event. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the event indoors. Signups close on Tuesday, October 24 and we can't accept late requests, so be sure to sign up right away!

As always, volunteers are needed to make this event SPOOKtacular. Along with tickets and food options, there are volunteer opportunities built into the signup. Please join the planning committee for setup, cleanup, selling candy walk tickets and more. We truly appreciate all of your help and we promise you'll have fun doing it!

[Click Here to Buy Tickets & Volunteer](#)

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## Room Parents: Full List and Next Steps

We are pleased to announce that [the room parent list has been finalized and can be found here](#). You can print this out and insert it into your directory for reference; we'll also keep it on our website throughout the school year. We appreciate your patience as we navigated the new selection process this year.

So now what? If you signed up to be a room parent, you'll be hearing from our Room Parent Coordinator, Caroline Hughes-Wilder, later this week. She will be arranging a training session to go over all the details, answer any questions you may have, as well as provide the first communications to send out to families on the PTO's behalf (thank you!).

In the meantime, [we have a FAQ on our website](#) that will be available for you at all times. And of course you can reach out to us at any time with questions. **If you have not filled out a new CORI form and submitted it to the main office, please do so ASAP.** Even if you have filled out one for Bancroft before, a new one is required every school year, and it takes a few weeks to process, so the sooner you complete that the better.

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## Silent Auction Art: Help Needed



As part of the silent auction each year, every grade makes a single piece of artwork during art class. But we need parent volunteers to help make these a reality, at least for grades K-2. Click the button below to sign up today, volunteers can help beginning next week! Volunteers must have an approved CORI on file at the school. Thank you!!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

## 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 signup as a Cultural Arts volunteer!](#)

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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 [silentauction@bancroftpto.org](mailto:silentauction@bancroftpto.org).



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## Seeking Heritage Night Participants

**Bancroft Heritage Night**  
SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, November 16th 6:00 - 8:00pm

Bring a favorite food or beverage to share with the attendees, or submit a family recipe to add to our digital cookbook!

Host a table representing your heritage!

Click the links in the post to learn more and to sign up today!

Share a dance, song, poem or demonstration that has cultural significance for you!

Share a favorite part of your cultural heritage in a short video that we'll compile and show during the school day as well as at the start of the evening performances!

A cartoon tiger mascot wearing a white t-shirt with a green paw print. The background of the graphic features various travel-related terms like 'ARRIVED', 'DEPARTED', 'VISA', and 'PASSEPORT'.

Planning for Heritage Night has begun! Save the date, our 6th annual event will take place on **Thursday, November 16 from 6:00-8:00pm** to celebrate the heritage and different cultures of our Bancroft families and staff. We are currently seeking volunteers for the evening to represent your heritage in the following areas:

- **Host a table to profile a country** (6:00-8:00pm),
- **Provide a special food dish** (6:00-7:00pm),
- **Provide entertainment** such as music, dance, a demonstration or other live performance (7:00-8:00pm),
- **Submit a recipe** for the fourth edition of our Heritage Night Virtual Cookbook.
- **Submit a short video of your child or family** sharing something special about their cultural heritage. These will be shown to all students during lunch on the day of the event, as well as kicking off the performance part of our evening.
- **Decorate a poster board to share how to say hello in your native language** to make our space all the more festive for this awesome event! Poster boards will be available for pickup in the main office starting on 10/16.

Click the button below to sign up today. We're excited to make

Heritage Night another success at Bancroft and look forward to celebrating Bancroft's diversity! If you have any questions, please contact [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org).

[Click here to sign up to participate!](#)

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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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## 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.

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# SCARECROW FESTIVAL



October 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Help us Grow Our Pumpkin Patches!

**YOU** can help us invest in our youngest learners by “growing” a pumpkin patch at each of our elementary schools and Shawsheen Preschool. For a \$10 donation, ACE will place a pumpkin\* at the elementary school of your choice to grow that school’s patch of ‘lil pumpkins!



The more you help to grow your favorite elementary school’s pumpkin patch, the larger ACE’s investments in our schools can be! Let’s see which school will grow the biggest patch! To make a donation for the pumpkin patch, [click here](#) and make sure to name your elementary school in the comments section.

If we all give a little, we will have a lot to invest. Give a little to help us invest a lot!

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Srivastava at [jsrivastava@aceandover.org](mailto:jsrivastava@aceandover.org).

*\* Although ACE can only grow artificial pumpkins, your donations will help real students grow!*



## Memorial Hall Library Children’s Room

Go to our website [mhl.org/calendar](http://mhl.org/calendar) to sign up for programs!

	<b>LEGO Time</b> All Ages Drop in to build with LEGOS! <b>Mondays 4PM</b> <b>Saturdays 2PM</b>		<b>Art Cart</b> All Ages Drop in to use art supplies! <b>Mondays 4PM</b> <b>Saturdays 2PM</b>		<b>After School Club</b> Ages 5+ Drop in for a STEAM activity! <b>Tuesdays 5PM</b>
	<b>Nature Book Club</b> Ages 5-6 Sign up to learn about nature! <b>Wed Oct 11 5PM</b>		<b>Nature Book Club</b> Ages 7-8 Sign up to learn about nature! <b>Wed Oct 18 5PM</b>		<b>Nature Book Club</b> Ages 5-8 Sign up to learn about nature! <b>Sat Oct 14 5PM</b>
	<b>Gaming Club</b> Ages 5+ Drop in to play video games or board games! <b>Wed Oct 4 5PM</b>		<b>Sampler Book Club</b> Grades 3-5 Sign up to read short stories! <b>Wed Oct 25 5PM</b>		<b>Pokémon Club</b> Ages 5+ Drop in to trade or battle! <b>Thursdays 5PM</b>
	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> Sign up for easy D&D for families to play together! <b>Sat Oct 7 2PM</b>		<b>Family Trivia</b> Sign up for family-friendly trivia on early release day! <b>Fri Oct 20 2PM</b>		<b>Family Bingo</b> Sign up for family Book Bingo on early release day! <b>Fri Dec 8 2PM</b>

## Lost & Found is Filling Up!



### Need to dispose of old student directories safely?

We ask that you do not throw old directories into the trash, and instead shred or dispose of them safely to protect the personal information within them.

Don't have a shredder? The PTO can dispose of them for you! Drop them off in the main office OR in a bin on the front porch of 124 Chestnut Street any time.

## 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.](#)

- **October 3- 6:** Bancroft Bucks Winners Announced
- **October 6:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
- **October 6:** Traveling Planetarium for Grade 5
- **October 9:** No School (Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day)
- **October 19:** Biodiversity Presentation for Grade 2
- **October 20:** Early Release Day at 12:15
- **October 23:** Author Visit for Grade 2
- **October 29:** Halloween Festival at Bancroft, 5-7pm
- **October 30:** Fall Learning Labs Begin
- **PTO Meeting Dates:** 11/14, 1/9, 3/12, 5/7 (7:00pm at Bancroft)



of the month to be included in the next monthly update.

**Bancroft PTO**

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