



October 2023



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Halloween Festival: Your Dinner is On Us!



Join us October 29th, 5:00 - 7:00pm for our annual Halloween Festival. Bring your family, your meals are on us! Just let us know in advance that you'll be coming and how many will be with you, and we'll make sure you get meal tickets upon arrival. It's going to be a SPOOKTACULAR time with costumes, music, games, haunted houses and so much more, you won't want to miss it!

[Click here to let us know you're coming!](#)

Amazon Prime Days!

I'm sure you're all aware that yesterday and today are Amazon Prime Days, which is chock full of amazing deals and discounts on all sorts of things. An excellent time to make good use of your Team Discretionary spending budget from the PTO! Click the link below to make a purchase or get reimbursed for something you bought personally.

[Click here to access the Funding Request Form](#)

Heritage Night: One World, One Bancroft

Thursday, November 16th 6:00 - 8:00pm

Join us for the 6th annual Bancroft PTO Heritage Night (One World, One Bancroft), along with the Book Fair and Art Show, to celebrate the heritage and different cultures of our Bancroft families & staff!

We are seeking volunteers to:

- **Host a table** to profile a country,
- **Provide an ethnic food dish**,
- **Submit your favorite recipe** for our digital cookbook,
- **Provide entertainment** such as music, a demonstration or other live performance,
- **Submit a short video** of your child or family sharing something special from their cultural heritage that will play on stage at the start of the evening & during the day at student lunches,
- **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.



Visit this link to sign up:

<https://tinyurl.com/heritagenight2023>

Or scan the QR code:



Reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org with any questions.

Heritage Night is only a few short weeks after the Halloween Festival, so we have already kicked off planning and are seeking out volunteers to host a country table, provide a favorite food, contribute a recipe to our digital cookbook, or provide entertainment/demonstration on stage.

Printed half sheet flyers (see above) will be coming to you this week to distribute to your students. We also ask that you talk to them about the evening, explain what it is like (for those who have never attended, you can see photos of past events in our website [Photo Gallery](#)), and let them know how they can be a part of it. They can pick up a blank half poster board at the front office and decorate it to say "hello" in their native language. They can record a short video of themselves or their family sharing something about their cultural heritage that is special to them. Those videos will be shared not only at the start of the performances during the evening, but also with their classmates during school lunches that day.

Reminder: PTO Supplies Kleenex/Cleaning Wipes

A friendly reminder that the PTO is happy to stock kleenex and Clorox cleaning wipes for all classroom teachers to use throughout the year.

These can be requested through the main office, they'll also let us know when we need to reorder. If there are additional cleaning/seasonal supplies we can help with, such as paper towels, [please let us know](#).

PTO Website: Staff Specific News Page

We've received feedback that emailed newsletters might not be the best method of communication for all of you, especially those whose inboxes are regularly inundated with emails.

Have no fear, we have a solution! We have created a page on our website meant solely for you. This includes a shortened list of events that we want



The PTO has created new Spiritwear for kids AND staff! In fact, staff have their own storefront, courtesy of Zazzle.com, that allows you to pick the clothing type and color of your choice for any of our designs. We're just getting this up and running so the options are limited for the time being. But throughout the year we'll be adding in more custom designs for you to choose from, and we have lowered the pricing as much as Zazzle allows on all staff items (be sure to watch for their coupon codes and frequent sales for the best deals!).

We have a ton of flexibility when it comes to adding designs to this store, so if there is something you've always wanted and you can give us a description of it, we'll do our best to make it a reality! Send any ideas, drawings, etc. to communications@bancroftpto.org.

Click here to see the new Bancroft Staff Spiritwear Store!

Seeking Help for School Play

The PTO is looking for Bancroft staff members who may be interested in helping us run our school play. We need help from staff members in order to make our programs successful. The PTO has funds to pay stipends to staff who can support these programs.

The Bancroft play stipend is \$3,000 and can be split between 2-3 staff directors:

- This role involves directing the Bancroft play,
- We will have parent volunteers organize the costumes, props, communication with parents, and provide support during rehearsals,
- The play will run over 4 weeks and will meet 3 afternoons a week after school with a daytime and evening performance on the last day,
- The play will take place in January or February.

If you are interested in this position, or have any questions, please reach out to us at communications@bancroftpto.org.

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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