

November 2023



Heritage Night Postponed, Participants Needed



We are postponing Heritage Night and the Art Show from Thursday, November 16 to **Thursday, November 30, 6:00-8:00pm** in the Bancroft gym and cafeteria.

Due to the team's efforts to move the Halloween Festival after poor weather conditions, we'd like to give everyone more time to prepare for this amazing night. We are working hard over the next several weeks to make this one of the best Heritage Nights we've ever had!

To make that happen, we need participants. Sign up today to be a part of an incredibly special night at Bancroft, in any way that works for your family:



Host a Table

Profile a country that makes up your heritage with posters, family heirlooms, crafts, anything you would like.



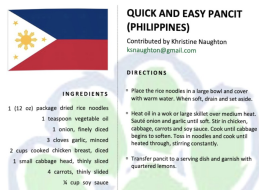
Provide a Dish

Provide a potluck dish for our attendees. It can be an entree, appetizer, beverage, or dessert.



Get on Stage

Showcase a dance, tell a poem, or provide a demonstration of something important to your heritage.



Provide a Recipe

Contribute to our online digital cookbook to share your family recipes with others to try themselves!



Make a Poster

Help make our space all the more festive for this awesome event! Poster boards are available for pickup in the office now.

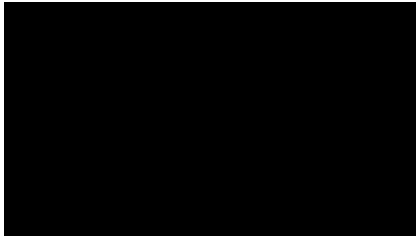


Send a Message

Record a short video sharing something about your heritage to be shared during the day with students at Bancroft.

[Click Here to Participate in Heritage Night](#)

Silent Auction Ends TONIGHT!



Our silent auction closes at **7:00pm tonight (11/9)**. Don't miss out on your favorite items, place your bids now!

[Click Here to Access the Bancroft PTO Silent Auction](#)

Thank You for a Wonderful Halloween Festival!



Send us your pictures and videos from the festival and they could be added to our [website gallery](#) (coming soon!).

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Book Donations Needed

The PTO is cooking up a special surprise for students in December! To make it happen, we're seeking new and gently used book donations for all elementary school ages.

There are three ways you can leave us donations:

- We've placed a bin in the Bancroft lobby,
- Leave them on the front porch at 124 Chestnut St.,
- Leave them out for us to pickup at your home, just reach out to us at communications@bancroftpto.org and let us know when we can pop by and where we can find them.

We're looking to collect all donations no later than Thanksgiving break. Thank you!

Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 20



- Article 1: Whether or not to keep Open Town Meeting or move to another form of government,
- Article 2: Property tax limit for residents 65 and older,
- Article 3: Retiree health care premiums,
- Article 4: Town Meeting speaking limits and time clock,
- Article 5: Reduce the speed limits on several roadways under municipal jurisdiction,
- Article 6: Establish and report key performance indicators of vehicular traffic safety,
- Article 7A: Approve or reject the funding for a schematic design to determine the cost of new construction for Andover High School,
- Article 7B: Approve or reject the funding for a schematic design to determine the cost of renovating Andover High School.

The Town of Andover will host a series of in-person and virtual public information sessions prior to the November 20, 2023 Special Town Meeting, focusing on the Town-sponsored articles related to funding for the Andover High School Building Project (Articles 7A and 7B). Presenters will provide an overview of the articles and answer questions from attendees. [Click here to learn more.](#)

We urge all Bancroft parents to attend this meeting and vote on these important issues. There will be free childcare at this

Special Town Meeting! To register go to <https://andoverma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> Click on "Programs" (the person icon) on the top left. From there, scroll down to Rec Events and you'll see Town Meeting Babysitting listed.

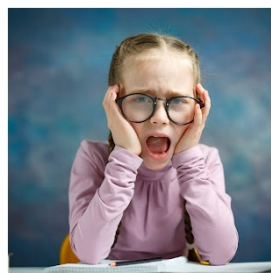
In order to attend town meeting you must be an active voter. [To check your voting status, click here.](#) **If you are not registered to vote, you must do so no later than tomorrow to be able to attend the meeting.** Town offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day, however the Board of Registrars of Voters will be holding extended hours on Friday 11/10, 8:30AM to 5:00PM, at the Public Safety Center (32 North Main Street). Residents with a license or other ID issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles can also [register online here.](#)

This will be the first Town Meeting at which residents will vote by electronic voting device. Doing so will allow for faster votes, ensured accuracy, and anonymity. The voting devices will be distributed to voters at voter check-in. Voters can begin checking-in at 6:00 P.M., so please arrive early to allow time to park, check-in, receive your electronic voting device, and find your seat before the meeting is called to order promptly at 7:00 P.M.



School Picture Retakes are on November 14th

(not that any of you need it, but just in case :))





ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES OPEN HOUSE @ The Cormier Youth Center!



Join us at the Youth Center
Saturday morning for giveaways,
raffle drawings, tours of the
facility, meet the staff, and enjoy
some light refreshments!

Featuring donuts from:



SATURDAY, 11/18
9:00AM - 12:00PM

www.andoveryouthservices.com

Town of Andover

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HOLIDAY FAMILY RESOURCE LIST THANKSGIVING MEAL

Village Food Hub in partnership with Wellesley Restaurant Group, West Parish Church, and Ballard Vale United Church are serving a Thanksgiving meal this year!


They will be delivering meals to people who are housebound, as well as serving dinner to those in need at:

Ballard Vale United Church in Andover
23 Clark Rd, Andover, MA 01810

HOLIDAY HELP

If you are interested in receiving a meal or volunteering for Thanksgiving at the Village Food Hub, please contact:
s.mcleod@villagefoodhub.org
or call: (978) 360 - 4395
For more information, visit:
<https://villagefoodhub.org/>

If your family is in need of holiday assistance, please reach out to Andover Youth Services or Andover Public School Social Work staff:
www.andoveryouthservices.com
(978) 623 - 8360
or:
<https://aps1.net/79/Special-Services-Office>
(978) 247 - 7040



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.

Bancroft PTO

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