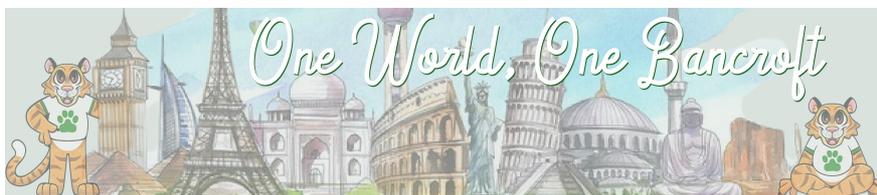




November 2023



Heritage Night Seeking Food, Videos & Posters



Heritage Night: One World, One Bancroft is next week! We can't wait to see you all on Thursday, November 30, 6:00 - 8:00pm.

We'll be reaching out to all the participants in the next few days to let them know the next steps, but in the meantime we're still looking for families willing to help make this night a success:

Slideshow Videos

We are looking for short videos made by the kids talking about their culture, demonstrating something special, reading a short story or poem, anything that they want to share with their classmates. These will be compiled and shown to all students during their lunch on the day of the event. If you are interested, click the button below to sign up and we'll send instructions on how to participate.

Posters

Help make our space all the more festive for this awesome event! Poster boards are available for pickup in the office now. If you have already picked up a poster board and are currently working on your sign (thank you!!), please return it to the office no later than Tuesday, November 28th.

Potluck Food Items

Provide a potluck dish for our attendees. It can be an entree, appetizer, beverage, or dessert. Thank you to those who already signed up to bring something, and to those who offered to add to our digital cookbook, we'll be reaching out to you all this week with more information!

Stage Entertainment or Demonstrations

We currently have no volunteers to participate on stage

during Heritage Night. We're putting one last call out there - if anyone would like to get on stage and share a story, a poem, a dance, or anything that is special about their culture with our attendees, please click the link below and sign up today.

[Click here to signup to participate in Heritage Night](#)

Reminder: Special Town Meeting Tonight



We urge all Bancroft parents to attend this meeting and vote on these important issues. 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.**

Staff Winter Luncheon: Volunteers & Donations

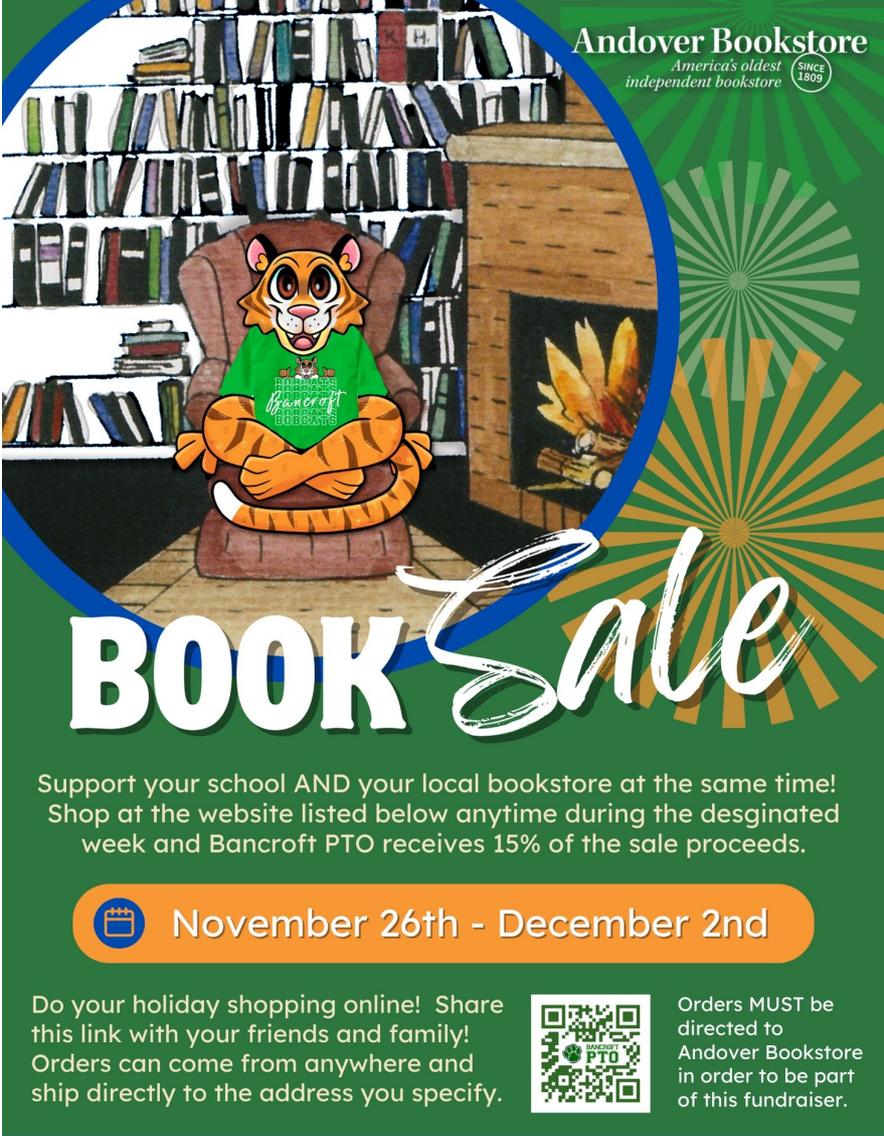


The annual Bancroft Staff Winter Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 8th! This is a wonderful and much appreciated event for our Bancroft teachers and staff. We seeking monetary donations to help us supply the meal, to be catered from a local restaurant, as well as drinks and a few dessert donations. Please help us show them our

appreciation!

[Click here to sign up to help with the Staff Winter Luncheon!](#)

Book Fundraiser: Andover Bookstore



Andover Bookstore
America's oldest independent bookstore SINCE 1809

BOOK Sale

Support your school AND your local bookstore at the same time!
Shop at the website listed below anytime during the designated week and Bancroft PTO receives 15% of the sale proceeds.

 **November 26th - December 2nd**

Do your holiday shopping online! Share this link with your friends and family!
Orders can come from anywhere and ship directly to the address you specify.



Orders MUST be directed to Andover Bookstore in order to be part of this fundraiser.

<https://bookshop.org/shop/andoverbookstore>

In lieu of a book fair this fall, we will be hosting a free book fair for Bancroft students, where students will be able to pick at least one free book each from donations we have been collecting (see more below). This will take place before the winter break, the PTO is working hard in the meantime sorting through donations and preparing for the big day.

Knowing that this won't have all the latest titles our kids are craving, we're also hosting a book sale through Andover Bookstore. Bancroft PTO will earn 15% of any purchases made at bookshop.org with Andover Bookstore selected as the bookstore between November 26th and December 2nd. The more we make, the more books we can purchase for our library. So be sure to get all your holiday shopping done that week, and feel free to share the link with all your friends and family no matter their location to use as well!

We will be having a more traditional book fair in the spring and look forward to bringing you details on that later in the year.

[Click here to shop on Bookshop.org \(during the designated week!\)](#)

Holiday Gift Card Drive



It's the holiday season and for many of us this brings worries and/or financial stress. Our school community is again looking to support Bancroft families through the donation of gift cards from Market Basket, Walmart or Target to help with gifts and holiday needs. If you are a family in need or would like to contribute, please sign up by clicking one of the links below. All donations are given anonymously and recipients' information will be kept in strict confidence. Thank you!

[Click here to donate a gift card today!](#)

Seeking Gently Used, New Book Donations



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 entrance (across from the office window),
- 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 the end of the week. Thank you!

November PTO Meeting Canceled

We have decided to cancel this month's PTO meeting. Please reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org or president@bancroftpto.org with any questions or concerns. Join us in January for our next meeting!

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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