



November 2023



Halloween Festival Now This Sunday 11/5



Due to weather, last weekend's Halloween Festival was postponed to this **Sunday, November 5 from 4:00-6:00pm**. We appreciate everyone's flexibility as we continue to prepare what will be our most successful festival yet! An email will be going out to attendees with details about meal tickets, parking, and more later this week so be on the look out.

Refunds for those who requested them have been processed, we are no longer able to accept refund requests as this time as final numbers have been submitted to our vendors. We appreciate your understanding.

We're still looking for volunteers to help! We've broken up times during the festival so you won't have to help the entire time (unless you want to) and are also seeking additional setup assistance as well. **For those of you who had volunteered for last weekend, if we have not heard back from you we are assuming you're still able to make it. If this is not the case please let us know no later than end of day today.** Click the button below to volunteer and thank you!

[Click here to signup to volunteer at the Halloween Festival](#)

Silent Auction Starts on Sunday!



Kicking off with our Halloween Festival, the Silent Auction will go live at **Sunday, November 5 at 4:00pm** and will run through 7:00pm on Thursday, November 9. We have some pretty terrific offerings this year thanks to our incredible sponsors! Want a preview? [Check it out here!](#) We'll be updating offerings up until we open, so keep checking back (and excuse anything missing descriptions in the meantime).

Heritage Night Participants Needed



Heritage Night: One World, One Bancroft is only **TWO WEEKS AWAY**, taking 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 still in need of participants 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 are available now in the office, and completed posters can be dropped off here as well (before 11/16).

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.

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

PTO Meeting: November 14

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00pm** in the Bancroft Media Center. We will also provide a virtual

option to join and will provide meeting details on our social media channels as well as the website (see the calendar detail) 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Shannon Scully, AHS Building Committee Co-Chair, will be attending to provide an update to parents about the AHS building plans.

Library Volunteer Orientations



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.

Are you a first time library volunteer? Miss Carney is providing orientations on **November 28 and 30 from 9:00-9:15am** each day.

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).

[Click here to volunteer in the library!](#)

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](#)

Special Town Meeting: November 20



A Special Town Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 20 at 7:00pm** at the Richard J. Collins Field House at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road. [Click here to view the warrant signed by the Select Board for this meeting.](#) Seven articles will be open for discussion following a vote, including whether to continue with Town Meeting form of government (non-binding), two articles related to traffic safety, and whether to move forward with the Andover High School design schematic. We encourage all residents to take part in town meeting.

Lost & Found is Filling Up!

There are a lot of lost clothing, water bottles and more piling up in the school's lost and found. It's laid out in the lobby; if you're visiting the school, please be sure to check it out, or ask your child to check for their belongings soon. It will also be out and available to check during the Halloween Festival, after which anything remaining will be donated.

Spiritwear Available for the Holidays



As the holidays close in on us fast, Spiritwear is available for purchase today! Order now to be sure to have it in time. Click the button below to view our two Spiritwear stores.

[Order Bancroft Spiritwear](#)

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Complete Streets Public Meeting

The town will share community feedback received to date for the Complete Streets effort and initial ideas to provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes and people of all ages and abilities. The meeting will be held at Memorial Hall Library on **Wednesday, November 8 from 6:30-8:30pm**.

SEPAC Meeting on IEPs



Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP A Free Virtual Workshop for Parents and Professionals

This presentation will delve into the Individual Education Program (IEP) document, its development, the breakdown of each section and understanding how the document will support a student.

Workshop Topics:

- Why the IEP is Important
- Who is eligible for an IEP
- How the IEP is Developed
- Strengths and Concerns
- Vision Statements
- IEP Sections including PLEP A & B, Annual Goals and Service Delivery Grid
- Differences between Accommodations and Modifications
- Response, Placement and Consent
- Procedural Safeguards and more!



About Your Host:

Andover SEPAC is a community of and for families of children with diverse needs. This group of volunteers facilitates collaboration between families, the District and staff, the School Committee, and the community to promote inclusion and support of all children with diverse needs in our community.

We are excited to host Michele LaCourt from the Federation for Children with Special Needs. Please note, advanced registration is required.

Date: November 7, 2023

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Registration Link:

https://fcsn-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcieujrMqGNYZzPWfHyM2f13I_vJzqoXP

For more information about the educational workshops available from The Federation for Children with Special Needs, please visit us at fcsn.org/ptic/workshops or email: workshops@fcsn.org

Run for the Troops 5K



Run For The Troops 5K



**THE FOREVER YOUNG WALK, RUN,
or SKIP!**

Calling all kids **13 years old** and younger and adults **65 years and older!**



Sign up and race to the finish line!
\$10 Registration fee
Medals for participants over 65

Doherty Middle School track ~ Bartlett Street ~ Andover, MA
Sunday, November 12th 8:00AM

Sign up at www.RunForTheTroops5k.com



Questions: wbillpennington@gmail.com or 978.886.8587

Feaster Five: Sidney's Rainbow Run



JOIN OUR TEAM

THANKSGIVING DAY

Sidney's Rainbows Kids' Fun Run, Balmoral Park, 7:45am

5K/5M Race Start, Shawsheen Square, 8:30am

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Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Sidney's Rainbow Run at the [FeasterFive Thanksgiving Day road race](#) in memory of Sidney Mae Olson. Registration is just \$10 and includes a t-shirt and rainbow-themed youth medal! Space is limited, so register soon. Be sure to [join the Sidney's Rainbows fundraising team](#) when completing your registration (adults too) to support the Sidney Mae Olson Rainbow Fund's core mission of creating safer neighborhoods, providing access to curiosity-based education, and building confidence and resilience through running.

Andover Recreation Program Registration

Bradford Ski

Registration is now open for the 2024 Bradford Ski program through Andover Recreation! [You can register online at here](#). Make sure you register by November 17 to save \$20! Registration closes December 8 and the program will begin January 4. [Click here for more information and step by step instructions](#).

Interested in volunteering as a parent chaperone? Andover Rec will credit your MyRec account for each week you're able to attend! Please contact Jeff Newman at jeffrey.newman@andoverma.us for more information.

Andover Rec Winter Basketball League

Registration is now open for the '23-'24 Andover Rec Basketball League! Junior League (Grades K-1) begins December 2nd and Senior League (Grades 2-8) begins November 18. Make sure you register by November 5th to save \$25. [You can register for the Junior League here](#) and [for the Senior League here](#).

Interested in volunteering as a coach? Andover Rec will credit your MyRec account for your participation at the end of the season! Please contact Jeff Newman at jeffrey.newman@andoverma.us for more information.

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.](#)

- **November 5:** Halloween Festival (4:00-6:00pm), Silent Auction Kickoff
- **November 6:** No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **November 9:** Silent Auction ends at 7:00pm
- **November 14:** School Picture Make Up Day, PTO Meeting (in-person & virtual)
- **November 16:** Heritage Night & Art Show (6:00-8:00pm)
- **November 22:** Early Release Day at 12:15pm
- **November 23-24:** No School, Thanksgiving Break
- **Future PTO Meeting Dates:** 1/9, 3/12, 5/7 (7:00pm at Bancroft)

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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