

November 2023



### Staff Winter Luncheon: Volunteers & Donations



The annual Bancroft Staff Winter Luncheon will be held on **Friday, December 8!** This is a wonderful and much appreciated event for our Bancroft teachers and staff. We are 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 signup to help with the Staff Winter Luncheon!](#)

### Heritage Night is Thursday 11/30!

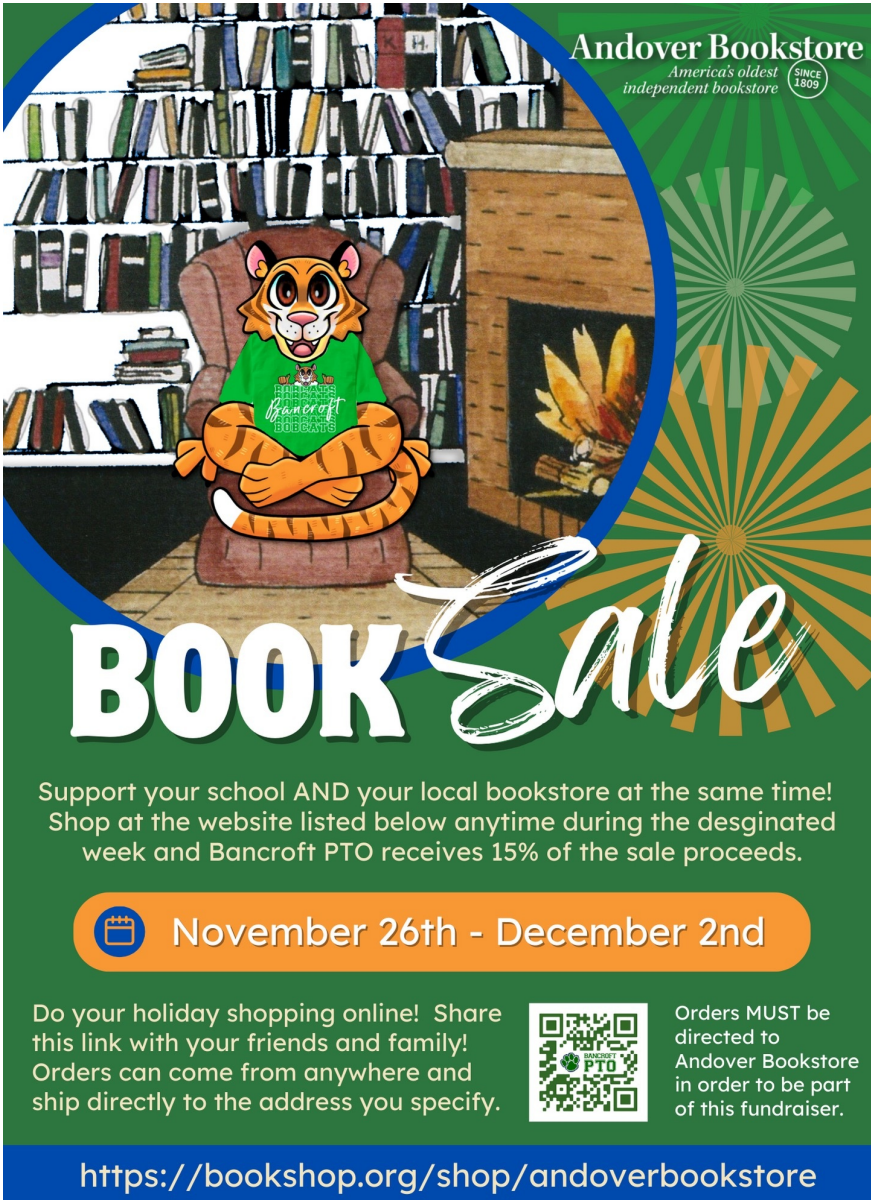


**Heritage Night: One World, One Bancroft is this week!** We can't wait to see you all on **Thursday, November 30, 6:00-8:00pm.** We have ten tables showcasing different countries as well as an array of

food contributed by our wonderful Bancroft families. Be sure to have your kids pickup a passport upon arrival and have them stamped as they visit each country!

Participants: we reached out over the weekend to coordinate details, please check your email and get back to us no later than Tuesday night. **We are still seeking short videos to showcase to students during the school day as well as posters!** Posters can be dropped off in the office no later than Thursday morning, anyone who wishes to contribute a video with something special about their heritage [can upload them here](#) no later than Wednesday morning, or reach out to [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org) for more info. Thank you!

## Book Sale THIS WEEK: Andover Bookstore




The advertisement features a circular illustration of a tiger sitting in a brown armchair in a bookstore. The tiger is wearing a green t-shirt with the Bancroft PTO logo. Behind the tiger are bookshelves filled with books and a fireplace with a fire. The background of the ad is green with a sunburst pattern. The text 'Andover Bookstore' is at the top right, with 'America's oldest independent bookstore' and 'SINCE 1809' below it. The words 'BOOK Sale' are prominently displayed in the center. Below this, text explains the fundraiser: '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.' An orange banner indicates the dates 'November 26th - December 2nd'. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a URL: 'https://bookshop.org/shop/andoverbookstore'. A note states: 'Orders MUST be directed to Andover Bookstore in order to be part of this fundraiser.'


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 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.



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<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/shop/andoverbookstore](http://bookshop.org/shop/andoverbookstore) with Andover Bookstore selected as the bookstore between **November 26-December 2**. 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!)**

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## 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](mailto: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!

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## 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!

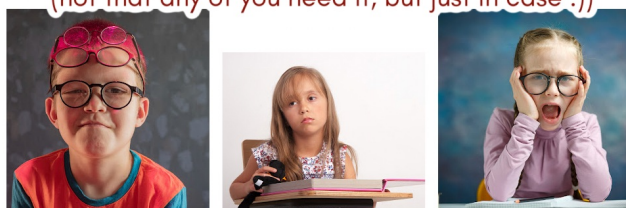
[Click here to donate a gift card today!](#)

## Picture Retake Day: Rescheduled 11/28



### **School Picture Retakes are on November 28th**

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



On Tuesday, O'Connor Studios will be at school for picture retake day as well as to take pictures for anyone who missed picture day in September. If you want your child's picture retaken, please send in their photos from September on Tuesday morning. Please direct any questions to the main office.

## **Cares Club 12th Annual Toys for Tots Drive**



The Bancroft Cares Club needs your help to “Fill a Cruiser” with Toys for Tots. Starting today, **Monday, November 27**, the Bancroft Cares Club will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for ages infant-14, in the lobby (final drop off date to be announced later this week). At the end of the drive, Massachusetts State Trooper MacAllister will come to Bancroft, where Bancroft Cares Members will “fill the cruiser” with all the toys collected.

Collection boxes will be placed in the lobby for the duration of the collection. Students can bring their donation to school to drop off. You can also ship directly to Bancroft attn: CARES CLUB. Please help us reach our goal of over 500 toys! Any donation is appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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## Place Bancroft Spiritwear Holiday Orders Soon!



Click the link below to visit our Spiritwear stores. Anything from our SignupGenius can be delivered within a few days, anything ordered through Zazzle should be estimated for delivery at the time of purchase (it can take some extra time).

[Click here to go to Bancroft Spiritwear Stores!](#)

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## Holiday Stroll: 12/1

*Andover's*

# HOLIDAY STROLL & GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Grab your friends and experience the holiday magic in Andover on Dec. 1 & 2 with two festive events!

*Holiday Stroll*

**DEC. 1**

Enjoy festive deals, warm hospitality, and a diverse array of Andover's small businesses and restaurants!

*Gift Card Giveaway*

**DEC. 1 & 2**

Shop and dine Andover Dec. 1st and Dec. 2nd and receive a gift card!  
\*See website for rules\*

*Get all the details!*



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## Holiday Happenings: 12/8

An evening of festive fun in Downtown Andover including many festive holiday happenings for the whole family!

**Robb Center:** Pictures with Santa, Food, Entertainment

**Cormier Youth Center:** Food, Winter Wonderland Games/Crafts, Entertainment

**Andover Town Offices:** Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Friday, December 8 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



#### Robb Center

*Pictures with Santa, Food,  
Entertainment*

#### Cormier Youth Center

*Food, Winter Wonderland  
Games/Crafts, Entertainment*

#### Andover Town Offices

*Horse Drawn Carriage Rides*



Scan to learn more, or visit:  
[downtown-andover.com](http://downtown-andover.com)



**HAVE NEWS TO SUBMIT TO THE BOBCAT?** Email us at [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto: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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