

February 2024



February Events Summary

- [Spring Learning Labs Update](#): Course preview released on Sunday, Feb. 4, sign-ups open the afternoon/evening of Monday, Feb. 5
- [Science Fair](#): Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:00pm in the Bancroft cafeteria, registration closes this week (Feb. 7, extended)
- [Valentine's Day Candy & Flowers Fundraiser Last Call](#): Orders are due by Tuesday, Feb. 6
- [Seeking Winter Clothing Donations](#): Bring any gently used winter gear to the front office for future use
- [Seeking Valentines Donations](#): Deliver new, unopened boxes of valentines to the front office for children who need them
- [February Kindness Calendar](#)
- [Variety Show Sign-Ups Now Open](#): Show is scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 28 with a rehearsal Wednesday, Mar. 27
- [Save the Date for Bancroft's School Play](#): More info coming soon
- [Bancroft Night at UMass Lowell Hockey](#): Mar. 1
- [Art to Remember](#): Coming Soon!
- Ongoing: [Library](#) and [Cultural Arts](#) volunteers needed, [CORI reminders](#)
- [PTO Volunteer Cancellation Policy](#)

Spring Learning Labs are Coming!

SPORTS **KNITTING & SEWING** **TANGLE ART** **RUNNING**

ART **CANDY MAKING**

CHESS **CAKE DECORATING & COOKING**

MATH ENRICHMENT **MINECRAFT** **CERAMICS** **ARCHERY**

SPRING LEARNING LABS HAVE ARRIVED!

COURSE PREVIEWS RELEASED SUNDAY 2/4
REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY 2/5

CHECK OUT ALL THESE OPTIONS AND MORE!

Mark your calendars for the return of Learning Labs! Winter Learning Labs registration will open tonight (**Monday, February 5**), [with a course preview having been released last night](#) so that you have time to review and discuss course options with your child(ren) before sign-ups open. Learning Labs will run between the February and April school breaks.

New this session will be a carpool volunteer slot on the SignUpGenius. If you are able to offer a fellow student a ride to/from your child(ren)'s Learning Lab, please sign up as a carpool volunteer. If the need arises, someone from Bancroft will contact you directly to coordinate details.

If you have any interest in running a learning lab in the future, or if you have any other questions, please contact communications@bancroftpto.org.

Last Call for Science Fair Participants



Please join us for the annual Bancroft Science Fair on **Thursday, February 15 from 6:00-7:00pm** in the Bancroft Cafeteria (snow makeup day is Thursday, February 29). **Registration has been extended until Wednesday, February 7.** If you have not signed up yet, there is still time and we would love to have you! All are welcome, no science background required!

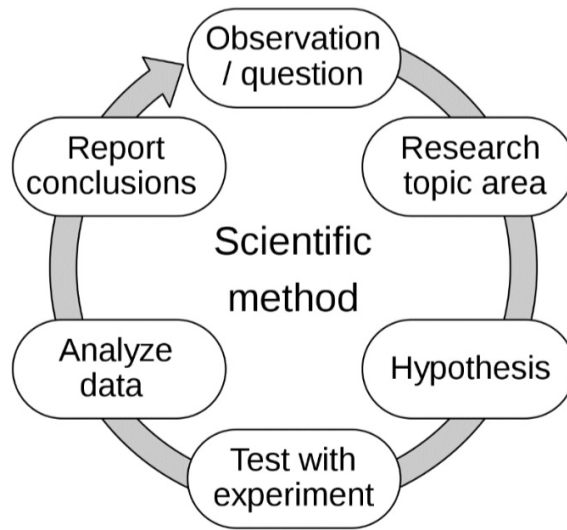
Whether you are signed up and need ideas or not yet signed up, please find below links to help with ideas. Heather and Justin are happy to help brainstorm with you too. Ask your child what they are curious about, what they want to learn more about. You can talk about the scientific method and come up with a hypothesis to test. It can be simple and fun, no science background required. We hope to inspire a love of science. Prior projects have been in the areas of chemistry, engineering, genetics and more. Topics have included rainbows, robots, slime, candy experiments, and bridges amongst others. There can be one to three students per project so you can team up. Children do their projects ahead of time, and prepare a poster for presentation. We provide the poster boards. If you are signed up, these can be picked up at Justin's house (48 Prospect Rd.) or we can drop them off to you if needed.

BoredTeachers.com

[10 Super Simple Science Experiments for Elementary School Students](#)
[Elementary School Science Projects](#)

Please contact Justin Baker at jbaker618@gmail.com or Heather Olson at heatherolsonsmall@gmail.com with any questions. To view photos and videos from our 2023 Science Fair, please click [here](#).

For more information or to sign-up now, please click the button below.



[Click Here to Signup for the Science Fair](#)

Candy & Roses Fundraiser: LAST CALL

BANCROFT
PTO **Valentine's Day**
Candy & Roses Fundraiser

We're partnering with Andover's very own Sweet Mimi's and Market Basket to bring you the best Valentine's Day experience!

Order chocolates and roses through us and the PTO will receive a portion of each sale, continuing to help us fund cultural arts, field trips, classroom supplies and more throughout the year. Pickup your flower orders at the school on 2/14 (4:00 - 6:00pm), and pickup candy orders from Sweet Mimi's directly anytime after 2/9.



Scan the QR code or go to bancroftpto.org under Featured News for more information. Thank you!

Sweet Mimi's
Chocolates
MARKET BASKET

5pc Truffle Box
\$10.95



Candy Box

1 LB HEART	2/3 LB BOX	1/2 LB HEART
\$45	\$23	\$25



Chocolate Covered Oreo Heart
\$5.95



Heart Pop Bouquet
(not pictured, 2 additional chocolate flower pops to make a bouquet!)
\$15



1 Dozen Roses
(red, pink, white, yellow, or orange)
\$30



ORDERS CLOSE ON 2/6!

[Click Here to Order Valentine's Day Treats](#)

Seeking Winter Gear Donations



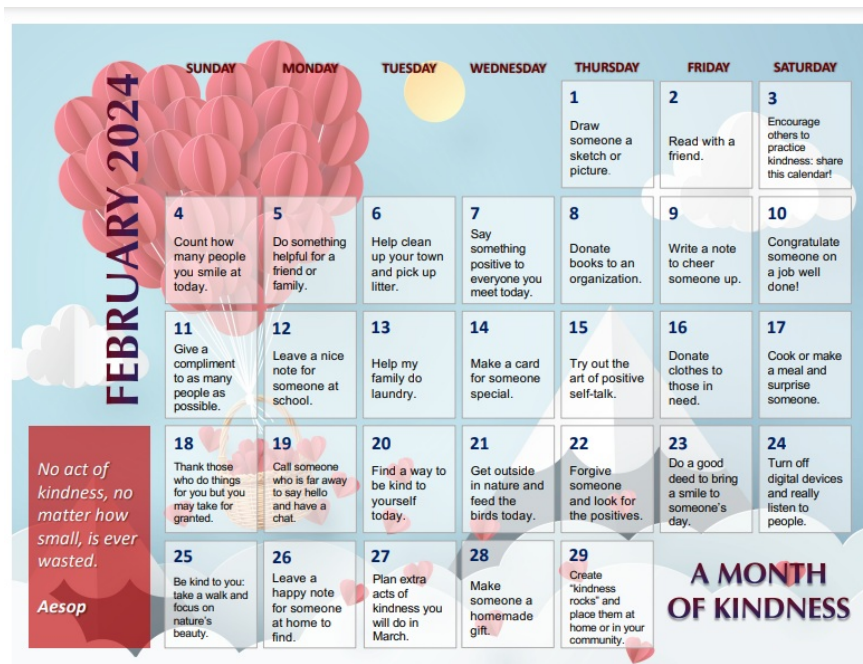
Thank you for your donations! Bancroft currently has an ample supply of snow gear to support students who forget their own snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves. However, the front office is already thinking ahead to next winter and would be happy to take any items your child(ren) might have outgrown this winter season to have on hand for use next year. They can be dropped off at the office or left on the front porch of 124 Chestnut St. Thank you!

Seeking Valentines Donations



Bancroft is currently accepting donations of new, unopened packages of Valentine's cards for students who need them. Please drop off your donations in the box in the front office. Thank you!

Kindness Calendar



February is host to the Random Acts of Kindness Week. Every year Bancroft's C3 Committee extends that with our Kindness Calendar, celebrating kindness throughout the month. [Click the image above or here to open a PDF version of the calendar to print and use at home.](#)

Talent Show Sign-Ups Now Open

Bancroft's got Talent

Save the date for this year's **Bancroft's Got Talent** on **Thursday, March 28!** Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, March 27. Bancroft students are invited to bring their best talents and perform on stage at the Bancroft Cafeteria Stage! The audience is always packed for this popular spring event.

[Click Here to Signup for the Variety Show](#)

Save the Date: Bancroft's School Play




We are working on nailing down the details for the school play this year. Nothing is official yet, but we should know in the next few days whether we can move ahead or not. If we can, rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for before school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2/28-4/10 with performances on 4/10 (day) and 4/11 (evening). The play will be for students in grades 3-5.

We'll send out a separate blast on this as soon as we are able, and appreciate your patience as we work hard to make things happen!

Bancroft Night at UMass Lowell Hockey

GRAB YOUR TICKETS TODAY


FOR A FUN EVENING WATCHING UMASS LOWELL HOCKEY TEAM
AT THE TSONGAS CENTER IN LOWELL, MA



MARCH 1ST, 2024 AT 7:15PM
UMASS LOWELL VS UMASS AMHERST MINUTEMEN

You are invited to Bancroft Elementary School on
Mar 01, 2024 7:15 PM EST
at Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell. The purchase
deadline for this event is Mar 01, 2024 5:15 PM EST.

Please join us for Bancroft Elementary School Night
at the Tsongas Center as the River Hawks take on the
UMass Amherst Minutemen! \$5 from each ticket
purchased through this page will go back to the
Bancroft Elementary PTO. Don't miss out, get your
tickets today!



Get Tickets Here:
fevo-enterprise.com/event/Bancroftelementary

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Bancroftelementary)

Art to Remember



CUSTOM KEEPSAKES
featuring your child's art



COFFEE MUGS

JEWELRY

T-SHIRTS

NOTE CARDS

STICKERS

FRAMED ART

ORNAMENTS

& MORE!

Bancroft is once again participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art! There will be more than 50 products to choose from and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school.

Students have started to work on their art for this exciting fundraiser and more information will be coming soon about how you can place your orders!

Library Volunteers Needed



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 the buttons below to sign up. Library volunteers are in particular demand and can come in at any time that's convenient for them, not just during their child's appointed classroom time.

[Click Here to Volunteer in the Library](#)

Cultural Arts Volunteers Needed



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, particularly for these upcoming events:

- Tuesday, Mar. 5: Techsploration (Grade 5)
- Wednesday, Mar. 20: Discovery Museum (Grade K, two volunteers needed)
- Tuesday, Apr. 23: Mass Audubon (Grade K, two volunteers needed)

To learn more about the opportunities available and to volunteer, click the button below.

[Volunteer at a Cultural Arts Event](#)

PTO Volunteer Cancellation Policy

We couldn't accomplish a fraction of what we do without the amazing support of our families and the volunteers who help make each and every event a success. We understand that life is unpredictable and sometimes our volunteers have to cancel at the last minute. But we ask that if you have to cancel within 48 hours of a scheduled event, including library volunteers, please reach out to us directly at communications@bancroftpto.org and let us know, don't just delete the signup entry, as we may not see that in time to make other

arrangements. We also ask that you make an attempt whenever possible to find someone to take your spot. Many thanks for your understanding and continued commitment to our students.

Important Reminders: CORI

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



ANDOVER GIRLS
SOFTBALL
LEAGUE
REGISTER NOW FOR
SPRING 2024 SEASON!

Games and Practices
Mid-April to Mid-June

TEE BALL (Pre/K/K)
MINORS (Grades 1 & 2)
JUNIORS (Grades 3 & 4)
MAJORS (Grades 5 & 6)
SENIORS (Grades 7, 8, 9)

All experience levels welcome!
It's never too late to start!

REGISTER NOW: www.andoversoftball.org

Andover Softball
Registration Now Open
[Click here for more information.](http://www.andoversoftball.org)



girlscouts **Trolls**

Your Year of
Friendship

- ✓ Have a dance-off with your friends.
- ✓ Learn about the galaxy under the stars.
- ✓ Brighten someone's day by lending a hand.

Meet your new
forever Friends at
Discover Girl Scouts
Band with Trolls!

Free! Bring your
grown-up(s) along.

February 21st, 2024
5:00pm-6:00pm
Camp Maude Eaton,
141 Abbot St. Andover, MA
RSVP at
www.esema.org/eventrxvpl

The first step to friendships that last
forever? Feeling totally comfortable
being yourself. Be part of a crew that
celebrates you just the way you are!

Be a Girl Scout

Scan code or visit
gsema.org/trygirlscouts

girlscouts
of eastern
massachusetts

Discover Girl Scouts
[Click here for more information.](http://www.girlscouts.org)



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STRONG GIRLS UNITED EVENT
In collaboration with Spark Fitness and Tennis Club

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF EMPOWERMENT!
SUNDAY, FEB 11TH
4:00 - 6:00 PM @ SPARK FITNESS ANDOVER

ABOUT THE ORG
SG United Foundation
"Strong Girls United" is
a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
organization with a
mission to empower
girls to be strong,
confident, and resilient
through sport,
mentorship, and
mental health
activities.

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Register

STRONG GIRLS UNITED
Questions?
lane@sgunitedfoundation.org

Strong Girls United



LOVE THE ARTS MARKET



Saturday, February 3rd

10:00am-4:00pm
Andover Old Town Hall
20 Main Street, Andover

Looking for a unique,
handmade Valentine's
Day gift for your
favorite person
or you?

HAND
MADE

ceramics, hand knit clothing,
jewelry, acrylic, stained glass,
glass art, fabric and pencil art

Love the Arts Market

Upcoming Calendar Events

[Click here to access the full Bancroft PTO Calendar](#)

[Click here to view the full APS 2023/2024 calendar on the APS Website.](#)

Feb. 5: Learning Labs Registration Opens

- **Feb. 9:** Johnny the K (Grades K-5)
- **Feb. 15:** Science Fair (6:00pm at Bancroft)
- **Feb. 19-23:** No School, Presidents' Day and Winter Break
- **Feb. 26:** Winter Learning Labs begin
- **Feb. 27:** Top Secret Science, Electricity (Grade 4)
- **Mar. 1:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
- **Mar. 1:** Techsploration (Grade 1)
- **Mar. 4:** Techsploration (Grade 3)
- **Mar. 5:** Techsploration (Grade 5)
- **Mar. 7:** Sheryl Faye as Amelia Earhart (Grades 2 & 3), Sheryl Faye as Queen Elizabeth (Grade 4)
- **Mar. 8:** Early Release Day (12:15pm dismissal)
- **Mar. 12:** PTO meeting (7:00pm in Bancroft's Media Center)
- **Mar. 15:** Brian Corcoran Irish Music (Grades K-5)
- **Mar. 20:** Discovery Museum (Grade K)
- **Mar. 22:** Community Read-a-long
- **Mar. 28:** Variety Show (rehearsal Mar. 27)
- **Future PTO Meeting Dates:** 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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