



BANCROFT PTO

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DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

STAFF WINTER LUNCHEON

The PTO hosted a luncheon for all staff prior to Winter Break. Thanks to generous parent donations and volunteer time, we were able to treat everyone to a delicious Italian meal.

FREE BOOK FAIR

As discussed in our last update, we chose to end our relationship with Scholastic Book Fairs after they established a “diversity shelf” that schools could opt-in or opt-out of, the latter of which would remove all children’s access to books with diverse characters or themes. This did not align with Bancroft’s culture. We canceled our Fall book fair with them with just two weeks to spare, which made it impossible to find a replacement in time. Instead of foregoing a fair altogether, we solicited our community for donations of new or gently used K-5 reading level books.

We received so many generous donations we were able to have kids take 2-3 books each, and still have plenty leftover for teachers to take for classroom libraries as well as be prizes for Bingo for Books later in the spring! Every child received a Bancroft Reads bookmark to color as well as a paw-themed bookplate stamp for their new books.

CULTURAL ARTS

Cultural arts have continued throughout the past two months, including origami mixed with math, science demonstrations, hands on STEM workshops and more.

LEARNING LABS

Fall Learning Labs wrapped up the week before Winter break, and Winter Learning Labs are due to be released in early February. We’re looking forward to providing a wide range of before and after school options for our students.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We’ve opened signups for our Science Fair happening mid-February. Signups for the Variety Show to be held in March will also be opening soon as well. We revamped our Heritage Night Cookbook and published the digital version on our website. Partnering with Bancroft’s C3 committee, we refreshed and published the December Gift of Giving calendar. We are helping collect winter gear for students in need.

