



March 2024



## March Events Summary

- [March PTO Meeting](#): Join us on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm.
- [Talent Show](#): \*NEW DATE\* Sign-ups close Friday, March 8. Show is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 with a rehearsal Tuesday, March 19.
- [Community Read Along](#): Volunteer for this amazing event on Friday, March 22.
- [Easter/Spring Fundraiser](#): Hop on over to See's Candy for our spring fundraiser!
- [School Play](#): Come see Bancroft's production of Willy Wonka (Wednesday, April 10 in school, students only, and Thursday, April 11 in the evening).
- [Art to Remember](#): Buy a keepsake with your child's artwork.
- [Science Fair Recap](#): See photos from Bancroft's Science Fair.
- Ongoing: [Library](#) and [Cultural Arts](#) volunteers needed, [CORI reminders](#), and [PTO Volunteer Cancellation Policy](#).
- [Community Events](#): Destination Imagination Tournaments, Special Town Meeting, Town Elections, and more.

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## March PTO Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next PTO Meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm** in Bancroft's Media Center. A virtual meeting link will also be shared on our social media channels the day of the meeting for those who can't join us in person. All are welcome!

## Save the Date: Bancroft's Talent Show



***PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATED DATES*** - We had to reschedule due to a conflict with district band & strings. Thank you for your understanding!

Save the date for this year's **Bancroft's Got Talent** on **Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm!** Bancroft students will be showcasing their best talents on stage in the Bancroft Cafeteria! Let's all show our support for this year's performers!

Have a talent to showcase? It's not too late! **Sign-ups close Friday, March 8 and late registrations can not be accepted.** Click the button below for additional information and to register your child(ren).

We are also in need of volunteers to make the talent show successful. If you can help the night of the event, please register by clicking the button below:

[Click Here to Participate in the Talent Show](#)

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## Community Read Along



The annual Bancroft Community Read Along will take place at Bancroft on **Friday, March 22**. Twenty-five town officials, community leaders, retired teachers, and other community members will visit Andover classrooms to share their love of reading. Parent volunteers are needed to donate refreshments for the reader reception and/or greet readers (1:45pm arrival).

[Click Here to Volunteer for the Community Read Along](#)

## [Easter/Spring Fundraiser: See's Candy](#)

Bancroft PTO is partnering with See's Candy for a fun springtime fundraiser. Click the link below to check out the catalog and place an order today!



[Click Here to Order Easter/Spring Treats](#)

## **Bancroft Presents... Willy Wonka!**



We are so excited for Bancroft's production of **Willy Wonka**! The play will be put on by students in grades 3-5 at Bancroft. Rehearsals will take place at Bancroft on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:45am from February 28-April 10, culminating in an in-school performance on **Wednesday, April 10** (day, students only) and evening performance on **Thursday, April 11** (evening). Thank you to the students who signed up to participate! Be sure to save the date to come and see the evening performance!

In order to make the play a success, we really need help from parents. Please click the button below to choose a volunteer role and order a t-shirt for your actor.

Please reach out to [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org) with any questions. Break a leg!

*Notes: Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com. The play is based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.*

**Volunteer/Get T-Shirts for the Play**

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**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 are over 60 products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our art program.

Click the button below and enter your child's name. You'll find a beautiful work of art your child made at school or you may upload artwork from home. Free shipping to Bancroft applies to orders submitted before **Friday, March 15**. Please reach out to Jeanne Cheng with any questions [jcheng.risd@gmail.com](mailto:jcheng.risd@gmail.com).

[View Your Child's Artwork on Art to Remember](#)

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## [Science Fair Recap](#)



Thank you to all of the talented scientists who shared their projects at Bancroft's Science Fair last month. We learned the science behind lava lamps, erosion, crystals, electricity, freezing water, birds, balloons, and so much more!

A special thank you to the amazing parent volunteers, Justin Baker and Heather Olson, who helped organize the Science Fair and served as judges.

[View Science Fair Photos](#)

## 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:

- **Wednesday, March 20:** Discovery Museum (Grade K, two volunteers needed)
- **Tuesday, April 23:** Mass Audubon (Grade K)
- **Thursday, May 2:** Techsploration (Grade 5)

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](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org) and let us know. Please 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.

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## **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.

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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### **Presidential Primary Election**

The Presidential Primary will be held today, **Tuesday, March 5 until 8:00pm**. Completed mail-in ballots can also be hand delivered to the Town Clerk's Office.

More information about voting in the Presidential Primary and Annual Town Election on March 26 is available at [this link](#).

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### **Meet the Candidates Night**



# Doherty PAC Invites You To Hear from the School Committee Candidates

Come learn more about the candidates running for  
Andover School Committee

Join  
US!

March 6, 2024  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Doherty Middle School Library



Please note that this forum is open to Doherty, Bancroft, South and AHS families at this time. There are two additional open forums as well, as reported by [andovermanews.com](http://andovermanews.com): "The Service Club of Andover announced Monday it would hold its annual candidates' forum at Memorial Hall Library on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. The following Tuesday, the candidates will be back at the library for the Andover/North Andover [League of Women Voters' annual candidate forum](#) at 6 p.m."

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## Special Town Meeting

A resident-petitioned Special Town Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 11 beginning at 7:00pm** at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road. All registered voters in the Town of Andover are eligible to attend and vote at the Special Town Meeting.

The warrant contains three resident-petitioned articles, all related to prohibiting the creation of paved and/or unpaved pathways on properties in certain areas in the Town of Andover.

Learn more about the proposed [Haggetts Pond Rail Trail](#), view the [Finance Committee Report](#), and visit the [town website](#) for more information.

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## **Town Elections**

Andover's Annual Town Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 26**. Voters will have the opportunity to select candidates for Town Moderator, Select Board, School Committee, Trustees of the Punchard Free School, Andover Housing Authority, and Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee.

A specimen ballot, which lists the candidates for each position on the ballot, has been published and can be viewed at [this link](#).

In-person voting at polling locations on Election Day, and mail-in voting will be available for the March 26 Annual Town Election. The deadline to submit a mail-in ballot application for the Town Election is March 19, 2024. Completed ballots must be returned by 8:00 PM on Election Day. The deadline to register to vote in the Annual Town Election is Saturday, March 16.

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## **Andover Parent to Parent Survey**

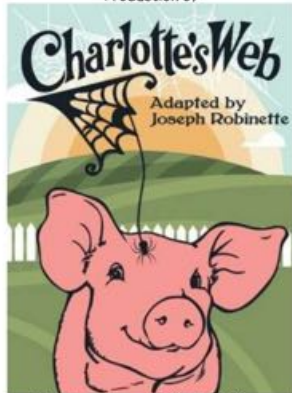
Andover Parent to Parent is currently seeking input on future programming and scheduling for its popular Speaker Series. Past presentation topics included disordered eating, substance abuse, and executive functioning. The group's goal is to continue providing relevant and timely speakers on topics that are important to the community.

The survey is available at [this link](#). Your input is greatly appreciated!

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## South Cooperative Theater

Production of



Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm

West Middle School Auditorium, Andover, MA

Tickets \$10.00

Tickets will be available in advance at Andover Bookstore or at the door

Please make checks payable to: South School Activities Fund

Charlotte's Web is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois

## The Rotary Club of Andover: Educator of the Year Nomination Form

Each year the Rotary Club of Andover seeks out an educator who best exemplifies the Rotary ideal of "service above self" in their teaching of our youth. The criteria that we use to make our selections are as follows:

1. The nominee must be a teacher in the Andover public school system.
2. Consideration should be given to the teacher's ability to motivate and inspire students and to be a positive role model.
3. Much of the nominee's contribution is expected to come from outside normal classroom hours. Examples of outside activities might include involvement in an after-school program, a parent-teacher organization or a town-appointed committee.
4. Past recipients and teachers who are directly related to members of the Rotary Club of Andover are not eligible.
5. To make the most persuasive case for your nominee state the projects to which he or she contributed and the amount of time and effort put into each one.
6. You may nominate more than one person. Feel free to share this form with others.
7. The deadline for submission is January 15th. Awards will be distributed at the Citizens Who Care /Educator of the Year Event on Thursday, May 9th at Andover Country Club.
8. Questions can be directed to Amy Salant at [amysalant@fitnesstogether.com](mailto:amysalant@fitnesstogether.com) or Jim Greeley at [greeley7@gmail.com](mailto:greeley7@gmail.com).

[sibarry10@gmail.com](mailto:sibarry10@gmail.com) [Switch account](#)

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Nominator Name

Your answer

## South Cooperative Theater Presents Charlotte's Web

[Contact for more information.](#)

## Rotary Club Seeking Nominations for Educator of the Year

[Click here for more information.](#)

A promotional poster for the Destination Imagination 2024 tournament. The word 'Destination Imagination' is written in a large, stylized font where the letters are filled with various icons representing different fields of study like science, art, music, and technology. The year '2024' is written in a large, bold font. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Have you ever been curious about Destination Imagination? Come to our tournaments on to see what it's all about!' It lists two dates: Saturday, March 2nd (8:00AM - 4:00PM) at Beverly High School (100 Sohier Rd., Beverly MA) and Sunday, March 10th (8:00AM - 4:00PM) at Beverly Middle School (502 Cabot St., Beverly MA). It also provides contact information: 'Questions? Reach out to us at [andoverdickids@gmail.com](mailto:andoverdickids@gmail.com) or visit our website at [challengemeinc.org](http://challengemeinc.org).' The logo for 'CHALLENGE ME INC.' is also present.

## Destination Imagination Tournament March 10

[Click here for more information.](#)

A poster for a 'FREE! TEE BALL & SOFTBALL CLINIC'. The top part of the poster shows a baseball field with a green ball on the pitcher's mound. Below that, it says 'FREE! TEE BALL & SOFTBALL CLINIC'. There is a logo for 'ANDOVER SOFTBALL' featuring a yellow and black hawk. Below the logo, it says 'PRE-K TO GRADE 2' and 'FREE POPSICLES AND PRIZES!'. There are three circular photos showing children playing tee ball and softball. At the bottom, it says 'March 24 3PM - 4PM Andover High School Field House'. At the very bottom, it says 'Register at [www.andoversoftball.org/signup](http://www.andoversoftball.org/signup)'.

## Free Tee Ball & Softball Clinic March 24

[Click here for more information.](#)

## 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.](#)

- **March 4:** Techsploration (Grade 3)

- **March 5:** Techsploration (Grade 5)
- **March 7:** Sheryl Faye as Amelia Earhart (Grades 2 & 3), Sheryl Faye as Queen Elizabeth (Grade 4)
- **March 8:** Early Release Day (12:15pm dismissal)
- **March 12:** PTO meeting (7:00pm in Bancroft's Media Center)
- **March 15:** Brian Corcoran Irish Music (Grades K-5)
- **March 20:** Discovery Museum (Grade K)
- **March 21:** Talent Show (rehearsal March 19)
- **March 22:** Community Read Along
- **April 5:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
- **April 10:** In-school performance of Willy Wonka
- **April 11:** Evening performance of Willy Wonka
- **April 12:** West Africa Bamidele (Grades K-5)
- **April 15-19:** NO SCHOOL - Patriot's Day & April Break
- **April 23:** Mass Audubon (Grade K)
- **Future PTO Meeting Dates:** 5/7 (7:00pm at Bancroft)

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**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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