



April 2024



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## It's Been A While: Sorry!

The PTO owes the staff a huge apology after not having sent a staff specific newsletter since November. We've stopped and started a few times, quite a few drafts were left hanging about when we should have hit send, and we're so sorry to have not communicated with you directly in all this time.

We're hopeful to have a person dedicated to staff communications next year so they will be far more frequent and streamlined. And there's the [website staff page](#) to check in on as well (another thing we weren't fantastic at updating this year, but we'll get better!).

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## Upcoming Dates to Let Students Know About

We've sent out electronic newsletters, posted on social media and our website, and sent home a printed flyer with all the important dates between now and the end of the school year. But we know word of mouth is equally important, so if you're able to remind your students about these dates, we'd truly appreciate it!

- **Books for Bingo & Board Game Night** - THIS Thursday, April 25, 6:00-7:00pm, there's still room available!
- **Book Fair** - April 29-May 3. **More on this below!**
- **Spring Fling: Out of This World** - Friday, May 3, 6:00-8:00pm
- **Spring Fun Run & Ice Cream Social** - Standby for a date change!  
Originally scheduled for 6/7, we're looking into doing this the Friday before the end of the year instead and should know shortly.

Parents can also go to [bancroftpto.org](http://bancroftpto.org) for more up to date information, parent specific activities (the kids don't care as much about these so we didn't list them above), sign ups, newsletter archives and more. We appreciate your help pointing them in the right direction!

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## Book Fair: Changes This Year



## For the Bookworm in All of Us!

The spring book will be the week of April 29th. This spring we will be using Fantastic Book Fairs instead of Scholastic. Fantastic Book Fairs is a joint venture of two local bookstores: The Book Oasis and The Book Rack. We are excited about this new vendor and would love to hear your feedback about them after the fair.

You can sign up for classroom buying time at the link below. Each time slot is 30 minutes. Please communicate with parents on when your classroom will be shopping. **Also, this book fair is CASH ONLY.** Please ask parents to send their child's cash in an envelope/baggy with their child's name on it. We also need parent volunteers.

If you can share the volunteer signup as well as the classroom donation page with your classroom parents, that would be so helpful! The full links can be found here:

### Parent Volunteer Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EABAF23ABF94-48799923-bancroft#>

### Teacher's Classroom Fund Donation Page:

<https://fantasticbookfairs.com/pages/bancroft>

Children who are in need of assistance will receive cash from Bobcat to Bobcat. If you know of a student who will need it, please reach out to Anna Ryan ([anna.ryan@andoverma.us](mailto:anna.ryan@andoverma.us)) or Nancy Modlish

([nancyjo.modlish@andoverma.us](mailto:nancyjo.modlish@andoverma.us)) and they'll work with the PTO to make sure they receive funds for the fair.

If you have any questions or need help finding a time that works for your classroom, please let Christina Baker know ([christina.baker13@gmail.com](mailto:christina.baker13@gmail.com)).  
Thank you!

### Classroom Buying Time Reservation Signup

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## Classroom End of Year Party Planning

Can you believe that the end of the year is already around the corner? If your room parents haven't already reached out to you, please let them know your preference for the date and time for your end of year classroom party and give them guidance and your preferences for activities, decorations, food, etc. Thank you!

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## Save the Date: Staff Appreciation Luncheon

We'll be hosting our annual Staff Appreciation Lunch on Thursday, May 9th, so bring your appetites and we'll see you then!

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## Reminder: PTO Supplies Kleenex/Cleaning Wipes

A friendly reminder that the PTO is happy to stock Kleenex and Clorox cleaning wipes for all classroom teachers to use throughout the year. These can be requested through the main office, they'll also let us know when we need to reorder. If there are additional cleaning/seasonal supplies we can help with, such as paper towels, [please let us know](#).

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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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