

May 2024



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**Last PTO Meeting of the School Year is Tonight!**



Tonight is the final PTO meeting of the school year. Join us in-person in the Bancroft Media Center, or [online via Google Meet by clicking here](#), at 7:00pm. We'll be going over the remaining events for the school year as well as a sneak peek into 2024-2025, and Mrs. Leavitt will be joining us as well!

## **This Year's Spring Fling Was Out of This World!**



Thank you to all the stellar students, cosmic parents, and out-of-this-world teachers who made our elementary school dance a galactic success! Your presence truly rocketed the event to new heights. We hope you had a blast dancing among the stars! [Pictures are posted to the website](#), video to follow soon.

Have photos from the night that you'd like to share with us? [Upload them here!](#)

## Mission: Appreciation Has Blasted Off!

**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**  
**BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MONDAY**  
**BLAST OFF FOR MISSION APPRECIATION**  
Take a walk through our 'Hall of Shooting Stars' then grab some solar system sweets from the Teachers' Room

**TUESDAY**  
**GALACTIC GOODIES**  
Be on the lookout for the Bobcat Rocketship soaring through the school, bringing terrestrial treats just for you!

**WEDNESDAY**  
**BIG BANG BREAKFAST**  
Fuel up on cosmic coffee, Big Dipper donuts, muffins and bagels

**THURSDAY**  
**SUN-SATIONAL LUNCHEON**  
Enjoy a BBQ "cratered" lunch by Big Pig BBQ

**FRIDAY**  
**"MOONY" THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!**  
Stop by the Teachers' Room to pick up a special gift just for you!

**MAY 6 - MAY 10**

During this Staff Appreciation Week, we want to thank our amazing team for being the guiding stars of our school. Your dedication, hard work, and stellar attitudes make our school shine brighter than any constellation. From the depths of space to the edges of the universe, your efforts truly make a world of difference.

To thank them for all that they do, we're treating our staff to a week of treats courtesy of some amazing parent volunteers and community donations. Thank you all for helping us show the staff how much we appreciate them.

## Family Painting Night

**ART SIGNALS STUDIO**  
Paint your own pottery

Join us for a fun evening of arts and crafts! Students and families are invited to paint ceramics or create sand art on **Thursday, May 16 at 6:00pm** in the Bancroft Cafeteria. Items will be available first come, first serve upon arrival and payment will be accepted by the vendor at that time as well. Please click the button below to signup so we know how many people to expect.

We are also seeking volunteers to help during the event. This is ideal for high schoolers in need of community service hours! Click the button to signup.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Family Paint Night](#)

## **Bancroft's Community Yard Sale**

**BANCROFT PTO  
IS HOLDING A  
YARD SALE  
FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY - JUNE 9TH, 2024  
9 AM TO 3 PM**

**BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
15 BANCROFT ROAD, ANDOVER, MA**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

- **DONATE ITEMS**
- **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME**
- **STOP BY AND SHOP**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BANCROFT PTO  
TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL**

The Bancroft PTO is holding a yard sale fundraiser on **Sunday, June 9 from 9:00am-3:00pm** and we need your help! You can participate in the following ways:

1. **Donate items for sale.** Click on the link below to see a list of items being accepted for donation.
2. **Volunteer your time.** Help run the yard sale, 50/50 raffle, and food sales that will be taking place at the yard sale!
3. **Shop** anytime from 9:00am-3:00pm on Sunday, June 9.
4. **Stop by** to purchase a cup of lemonade, donut, pizza, snack or raffle ticket!

Proceeds from all of the above go to our kids and school!

Donations can be dropped off on Saturday, June 8 at Bancroft from 9:00am-12:00pm and on Sunday, June 9 from 7:00am-9:00am. Volunteers will be there to greet you, just look for the tents! **Please don't drop off items inside the school.** For more drop off options, click the link below.

This event is weather dependent and will continue through light rain, but heavy storms will sadly cause us to cancel. To gauge inventory and help with planning, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP via the SUG (click the button below) with a brief summary of your donation type and, if it is substantial, please text a picture to Laura. If you are volunteering or donating goods, you will receive an email with further instructions as we get closer to the sale date.

We're looking forward to a great day that will not only help our Bancroft community, but the planet too!

[Signup to Donate to or Volunteer for the Yard Sale](#)

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## **Save the Date: Fun Run & Ice Cream Social**



Mark your calendars, Bancroft families! **Our annual Fun Run and Ice Cream Social will be returning on Friday, June 14.** More details and a signup is coming soon!

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**Time to Plan For Next Year!**



The PTO is currently seeking volunteers for board and event committee positions for the 2024-2025 school year. [This year we've built out descriptions and estimated time commitments for each of the roles; this can be found on our website](#), and added a few new roles as well! Click the button below to signup today, and as always, please reach out to [president@bancroftpto.org](mailto:president@bancroftpto.org) if you have any questions.

Feel free to pass this link on to any incoming Kindergarten family you may know (in fact, forward them this newsletter so they can subscribe!).

[Click Here to Sign Up for the 2024-2025 School Year](#)

## Seeking Student Directory Business Sponsors

We're looking for business sponsors for our 2024-2025 Student Directory.

The PTO is also seeking local business sponsors for our 2024/2025 Bancroft School Directory. For more information or to sign up to participate, please reach out to [communications@bancroftpto.org](mailto:communications@bancroftpto.org).

## 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

A collage of images related to cultural arts and education. The background is a light green textured wall. In the top left, there is a photo of a woman smiling. Below it, a photo shows two children working on a project. In the center, a child in a white lab coat is holding a string. To the right, a man is playing a guitar. In the bottom right, there is a circular logo for 'TOP SECRET Science &amp; Math' with a cartoon character. A dark blue bag with the 'McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center - Concord, MA' logo is visible in the bottom left.

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, May 21:** Sheryl Faye Presents Abigail Adams (Grade 3)

- **Thursday, May 30:** Touch Tank (Grade 1)

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

[Volunteer at a Cultural Arts Event](#)

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## **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**



*Thank you!* **Honor a Teacher**  
and Support Andover Coalition for Education (ACE)!


Celebrate a special teacher, assistant, coach, aide, counselor, or other school staff member, who has made a difference.

ACE will celebrate Andover Public School teachers and staff by:

- Notifying the teacher or staff member of your gift with a **hand-delivered, personal note along with a wrapped rose!**
- Sharing honoree names with the Superintendent and principals.

Make your tribute gift **online today!**  
All donations received by June 7th will be delivered by June 13th.

Learn more about ACE and how your donation is making a difference in our schools.



**ACE Honor a Teacher**  
[Click Here for More Information](#)

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
**10am-4pm**

*Andover*  
**CRAFTS in the PARK**

[www.CraftsInThePark.com](http://www.CraftsInThePark.com)  
In Central Park Downtown Andover




**Crafts in the Park**  
[Click Here for More Information](#)

**Sidney's Rainbow DAY**  
**Best Day Ever**

Marking a year since we lost Sidney, her family and friends have created this day for everyone to share in Sid's love for learning, art, music, and the outdoors. We hope it nurtures our community and inspires us to create safer, more livable towns.

**Saturday 10am-1:30pm May 11** Downtown Andover Behind Old Town Hall



**Sidney's Rainbow Day**  
[Click Here for More Information](#)

**Book Sale**

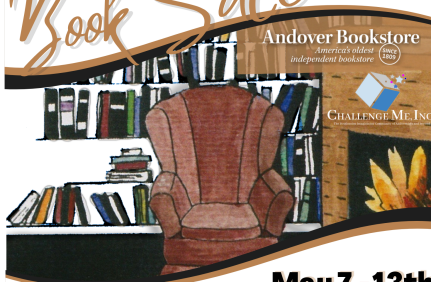

Andover Bookstore  
*America's oldest (since 1885) independent bookstore*

CHALLENGE ME, INC.

**May 7-13th**

A portion of the proceeds from all purchases made on [bookshop.org/shop/andoverbookstore](http://bookshop.org/shop/andoverbookstore) between these dates will go to Challenge Me, Inc. to support our team going to globals!

*Read for a reason!  
Give back while stocking up!*

**CMI/DI Book Fair This Week**  
[Click Here to Order Today](#)

**ANDOVER Farmers Market** **2024 MARKET THEMES**

| DATE   | THEME                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| JUN 15 | MEET ME AT THE MARKET FOR OPENING DAY |
| JUN 22 | CELEBRATE POLLINATOR WEEK             |
| JUN 29 | SHOW YOUR PRIDE                       |
| JUL 06 | 4TH OF JULY                           |
| JUL 13 | EASY FARMERS MARKET MEALS             |
| JUL 20 | PICNIC ON THE LAWN                    |
| JUL 27 | CELEBRATE WORLD CONSERVATION DAY      |

**SATURDAYS 9 AM - 1 PM**  
**41 CENTRAL STREET, ANDOVER, MA**

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK EVENTS FOR MORE DETAILS



**Andover Farmers Market**  
[Click Here for More Information](#)

**SUPPORT THE BAND! SAVE YOUR CANS!**

**BOTTLE DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18TH**  
9:00 AM TO NOON

**WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

**RAIN OR SHINE. REDEEMABLE BOTTLES & CANS ONLY.**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ANDOVER HIGH GOLDEN WARRIOR MARCHING BAND**



**AHS Band Bottle Drive**  
May 18, 9:00am-12:00pm

## 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.](#)

- **May 6-10:** Staff Appreciation Week
- **May 8:** Last PTO Meeting of the year (7:00pm in the Media Center)
- **May 16:** Family Paint Night
- **May 18:** Progressive Dinner
- **May 21:** Sheryl Faye Presents Abigail Adams (Grade 3)
- **May 29:** Windows on Wildlife Birds of Prey (Grade 4)
- **May 30:** Touch Tank (Grade 1)
- **May 31:** Museum of Science Field trip (Grade K)
- **June 13:** 5th Grade Moving Up Party (12:00-2:30pm)
- **June 14:** Ice Cream Social & Fun Run (4:30-6:30pm)
- **June 17:** Staff End of Year Luncheon & Last Day of School

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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.

## Bancroft PTO

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