



Fall 2026 Bancroft Learning Labs Class Catalog

Session Dates: October 26 – December 11

Make-Up Week: December 14-18 *(in the event of weather or emergency closures)*

Times: Morning sessions run from 7:45am or 8:00am until 8:45am

Afternoon sessions run from 3:45pm until 4:45pm *(unless otherwise noted)*

Location: Bancroft Elementary School

Grades: Vary Based on Offering

Welcome & Introduction

Welcome to the **Fall 2026 Bancroft Learning Labs Program!** We are excited to offer a range of enrichment labs that provide students with the opportunity to move, create and learn something new.

These Learning Labs are **coordinated by dedicated parent volunteers** in partnership with our instructors. While parent volunteers support overall program coordination, **each lab instructor is the primary point of contact for questions related to their specific class.** Families are encouraged to reach out directly to the listed instructor and **copy the Learning Labs program email** on all communications to ensure visibility and continuity.

Learning Labs Program Email: learninglabs@bancroftpto.org

Most classes meet once per week for six consecutive weeks. There are some that are only five weeks and few workshops that are one day or a subset of days. Please review the class descriptions carefully and contact us with any questions prior to registration which opens October 15th at 6pm and closes October 20th at 10pm.

Payment is due at time of registration through sign-up genius to secure enrollment.

Registration Information

- **Registration Dates:** October 15th at 6pm – October 20th at 10pm
 - **Sign-up Genius Link:**
<https://tools.signupgenius.com/c/learning-labs-fall-2026-45885>
 - **Enrollment Limits:** Classes have limited capacity and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - **Wait List:** Wait lists will be managed the week of October 20th
 - **Payments:** All payments will be required through Sign-up Genius at time of registration.
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Important Policies

Make-Up Week: December 14-18

A designated make-up week is built into the program calendar and will **only be used if a class is canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances**. If no cancellations occur, no additional classes will be held during this week.

Attendance Policy

Consistent attendance is encouraged. If a participant must miss a class, no make-up sessions are added unless there is a cancellation by the instructor.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

- Cancellations will be considered on a case by case basis.
 - No refunds will be issued after the program has begun.
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Parent Registration Checklist

Before registering, please confirm the following:

- ☐ My child meets the **grade requirement** for the selected lab.
 - ☐ I have noted whether the class is **morning (7:45am or 8:00am-8:45am; NO EARLY DROP OFF)** or **afternoon (3:45–4:45pm unless otherwise noted.)**
 - ☐ I understand classes are held at **Bancroft Elementary School**.
 - ☐ I am aware of the **make-up week (December 14-18)** policy.
 - ☐ I understand refunds are subject to review and are not guaranteed.
 - ☐ I understand the behavior policy presented in this catalog.
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Bancroft Learning Labs Behavior Policy

Purpose

Learning Labs are designed to provide a safe, positive, and enriching environment where all students can learn, grow, and play. This behavior policy ensures consistency and fairness for students, instructors, and families so everyone has a positive experience.

Inability to adhere to this policy may result in removal from Learning Labs. **Dismissals due to behavior are not eligible for any monetary refunds.**

Expectations

- **Safety:** Students will keep their bodies and belongings to themselves, use equipment correctly, and remain in designated program areas.
 - **Respect:** Students will treat peers, instructors, and property kindly and politely, respecting others' personal space, belongings, and ideas.
 - **Responsibility:** Students will participate in activities, clean up after themselves, and follow instructions.
 - **Friendship:** Students will include others, show kindness, and resolve conflicts peacefully.
 - **Schedule:** Students and parents will adhere to program schedules, including arrival and dismissal times.
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Behavior Management Steps

1. **First Reminder** – A gentle verbal reminder of expectations, along with encouragement and guidance to help the child succeed.
 2. **Second Reminder** – A brief, calming break from the activity to allow the child time to reset and reflect. Families will be notified so we can work together to support positive behavior.
 3. **Next Steps** – If challenging or unsafe behavior continues, we will partner with families to determine appropriate next steps, which may include temporary suspension or dismissal, always prioritizing the safety and well-being of all children.
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Examples of Serious or Unsafe Behaviors

- Physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing)
 - Bullying, teasing, or intimidation
 - Destruction of property
 - Leaving program areas, refusing safety rules, or ignoring instructor directions
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Acknowledgement: By receiving this document and registering for Learning Labs, families agree to the stated behavior policy.

Fall 2026 Learning Labs

Please note: Labs may run different lengths of time, 6 or 5 weeks. Start and end times for students may vary too.

	Lab	Time	Grade	Cost	Total Students	Session
Mondays						
	Sports & Fun	3:45pm - 4:30pm	K-5	\$66	NA	5
	Little Sluggers Baseball	3:45pm - 4:45pm	K-5	\$193	15	6
	Minecraft World Builder: Minecraft for Beginners	3:45 - 5:00	2-5	\$198	16	6
Tuesdays						
	Before School Sports	7:45am - 8:45am	3-5	\$132	60	6
	Chess Advanced	7:45am - 8:45am	K-5	\$198	16	6
	Kindness Club	8:00am - 8:45am	K-5	\$110	20	6
	Chess Beginners	3:45pm - 5:00pm	K-5	\$204	16	6
	Cooking is FUNdamental	3:45pm - 4:45pm	K-5	\$242	12	6

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Thursdays						
	Young Athletes w/Coach Michelle	3:45pm - 4:45pm	K-2	\$110	25	5
	Cooking is FUNDamental	3:45pm - 4:45pm	K-5	\$242	12	6
	Kidcasso Art Adventure	3:45pm - 4:45pm	K-5	\$165	20	6
	MakeCode Arcade: Game Design Studio	3:45pm - 5:00pm	2-5	\$198	16	6
Fridays						
	Before School Sports	7:45am - 8:45am	3-5	\$132	60	6
	Bienvenue to you!	8:00am - 8:45am	4-5	\$110	15	5
	Ceramics	8:00am – 8:45am	4-5	\$154	12	6
	Fun Fit Warriors	7:45am – 8:45am	K-5	\$138	15	5

Fall 2026 Learning Labs:

1 day Workshops or 4 Day Clinics

Date	Lab	Time	Grades	Cost	Total Students	Sessions
11/06 *11/12 Rain Date	Day Rainbow XC Fun Run Kids Challenge	3:45pm - 4:45pm	K-5	\$22	NA	1
12/11	Cooking is FUNdamental: Holiday Donut Making	3:45pm - 5:00pm	K-5	\$55	25	1
12/14 12/15 12/16 12/17	4 Day Cheer Clinic	8:00am - 8:45am	K-5	\$88	25	4
12/14 12/15 12/16 12/17	4 Day Archery Clinic	3:45pm - 4:45pm	3-5	\$193	15	4



Mechanicville's Tanner Eiseman goes up for a shot, as Voorheesville's Alexa Voland defends during the Section 2 Class B championship game on Saturday at HVCC. Voorheesville posted a 62-51 victory.

Sports & Fun

This class entails playing and learning different sports. We will play soccer and basketball as well as other fun activities. This class is about having fun, making new friends, and getting our energy out.

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	NA
Day & Time	Mondays 3:45pm-4:30pm
Dates	10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23
Cost	\$66
Instructor	Nick Voland



Little Sluggers Baseball

Step up to the plate for a fun and exciting baseball experience! Led by former professional and NCAA Division 1 and baseball player, Dawy Lebron, this class teaches kids essential skills- throwing, catching, hitting, and teamwork- in a supportive, confidence-building environment. Perfect for beginners and young players, Little Sluggers Baseball makes learning the game a blast.

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	15
Day & Time	Mondays 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Dates	11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7
Cost	\$193
Instructor	Dawy Lebron



Minecraft World Builder: Minecraft for Beginners

Minecraft World Builder- Minecraft for Beginners

Explore, create and survive! This engaging and educational class is designed to introduce kids to the captivating world of Minecraft, fostering creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. In this program, beginners will embark on the exciting journey, learning the fundamentals of Minecraft gameplay, including crafting, building, and exploration. Our experienced instructors will guide students through the basics of survival mode, teaching essential skills as resource gathering and shelter construction. Through interactive lessons and collaborative projects, participants will discover the importance of teamwork and communication while constructing their own virtual worlds. This program provides a safe and supportive environment for young learners to develop digital literacy, strategic thinking and imaginative expression. Join us for an adventure-filled learning experience where every child can unleash their creativity in the pixelated landscapes of Minecraft!

Eligible Grades	2-5
Max Participants	16
Day & Time	Mondays 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Dates	10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30
Cost	\$198
Instructor	Code Wiz Staff



Before School Sports

Jump start your day with the Before School Sports program offered by Mr. Rex and Mr. Stephens! Energize your body and brain with a variety of dodgeball style games. Each session will feature a new activity, played in a large group setting. Sneakers are required.

Eligible Grades	3-5
Max Participants	60
Day & Time	Tuesdays and Fridays 7:45am - 8:45am
Dates	10/27 , 10/30, 11/6, 11/10 , 11/13, 11/17 , 11/20, 11/24 , 12/1 , 12/4, 12/8 , 12/11
Cost	\$264 for Tuesdays and Fridays \$132 for Tuesdays Only \$132 for Fridays Only
Instructor	John Rex & Jeff Stephens (P.E. teachers)



Chess Advanced

This class is for students who have taken chess classes previously or already have solid background of the game. We will continue building chess skills by learning new tactics and strategies, solving fun and challenging puzzles, and practicing our skills through friendly games. We will finish the class with an exciting group chess tournament!

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	16
Day & Time	Tuesdays 7:45am - 8:45am
Dates	10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8
Cost	\$198
Instructor	Natalia Cherbenok, Chess Coach



Kindness Club

Join Mrs. MacAllister and your fellow Bancroft Bobcats as we sprinkle kindness throughout our school! In each session, you will leave with a smile, knowing you made someone's day a little brighter. Together, we will bring student-led ideas to life through creative crafts, uplifting books and cheerful songs, all dedicated to spreading joy across our school community.

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	20
Day & Time	Tuesdays 8:00am - 8:45am
Dates	10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8
Cost	\$110
Instructor	Tamara MacAllister, Bancroft Teacher



Chess Beginner

Hi kids! Chess makes you smart! We make it fun! This class is designed for beginners or students with minimal experience. Children will learn/review chess rules, basic checkmates, puzzles, chess etiquette and good sportsmanship. We'll finish the session with a FUN group chess tournament with chess medals for all participants.

*Also available: An Advanced Chess Class is offered in the morning. Not which class is right for your child? Please contact Coach Natalia for guidance. nata.cherbenok@gmail.com

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	16
Day & Time	Tuesdays 3:45pm - 5:00pm
Dates	10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8
Cost	\$204
Instructor	Natalia Cherbenok, Chess Coach



Cooking is FUNdamental (Tuesdays)

Get ready for a tasty adventure where young chefs will learn essential cooking skills, nutrition basics, and explore the world of food! Designed to be fun and stress-free, my classes help students build confidence in the kitchen. Each student receives a recipe card to recreate and share their dish at home. Come join us for a culinary journey filled with creativity, flavor, and fun!

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	12
Day & Time	Tuesdays 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Dates	10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8
Cost	\$242
Instructor	Steven Velasquez, Andover Nutritionist



After School Athletes With Coach Michelle

A non-competitive sports class focused on fun, fitness, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Sneakers required.

Eligible Grades	K-2
Max Participants	25
Day & Time	Thursdays 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Dates	10/29, 11/5, (no class 11/12) 11/19, 12/3, 12/10
Cost	\$110
Instructor	Coach Michelle



Cooking is FUNdamental (Thursdays)

Get ready for a tasty adventure where young chefs will learn essential cooking skills, nutrition basics, and explore the world of food! Designed to be fun and stress-free, my classes help students build confidence in the kitchen. Each student receives a recipe card to recreate and share their dish at home. Come join us for a culinary journey filled with creativity, flavor, and fun!

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	12
Day & Time	Thursdays 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Dates	10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10
Cost	\$242
Instructor	Steven Velasquez, Andover Nutritionist



Kidcasso Art Adventure

This art class invites young artist to explore their creativity through acrylic paint, watercolor, oil pastels, collage, printmaking, and sculptural art. Each class is a hands on adventure filled with colorful projects, creative exploration, and new techniques. Along the easy, children will build confidence, develop artistic skills, and discover the joy of self-expression in a fun and supportive environment. See Art, Create Art, Love Art!

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	20
Day & Time	Tuesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm
Dates	10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10
Cost	\$165
Instructor	Monique Marsh, Kidcasso Staff



MakeCode Arcade: Game Design Studio

Design and build your own retro-style video games using Microsoft MakeCode Arcade! Students will create exciting platforms, maze games, racing games, and action adventures while learning game design concepts like sprites, variables, loops, events, and logic coding. As they progress through the class, they will develop a portfolio of playable games they can share with friends and family- building creativity, computational thinking and confidence along the way.

Class Outcomes: Students will learn core computer science concepts (sprites, variables, loops, logic) and walk away with a collection of playable, shareable games- boosting their creativity and problem -solving skills.

Eligible Grades	2-5
Max Participants	16
Day & Time	Thursdays 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Dates	10/29, 11/4, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10
Cost	\$198
Instructor	Code Wiz Staff



Bienvenue to you!

Ever notice that the “Welcome to New Hampshire” sign is in French and English? Why is that? Come find out and learn some French with Madame M! We will explore this famous language through songs, games, stories and cuisines! Topics to be learned will include basic conversation vocabulary including school, numbers, colors, days, months, as well as some comparisons and connections through the cultural exploration of geography, fashion and food. A bientot!

Eligible Grades	4-5
Max Participants	15
Day & Time	Fridays 8:00am - 8:45am
Dates	10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4
Cost	\$110
Instructor	Kate McGonagle



Ceramics

This class is all about clay! Students in this class will learn clay hand building techniques and will experience using the pottery wheel! Students will learn how to create sculptures with clay, how to use tools and glazing techniques in this fun and creative course.

Eligible Grades	4-5
Max Participants	12
Day & Time	Fridays 8:00am - 8:45am
Dates	10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11
Cost	\$154
Instructor	Ms. Scarfo and Mrs. Dunn Bancroft Art Teachers



Fun Fit Warriors

Get ready to move, play, and unleash your inner warrior! Fun Fit Warriors is an action-packed fitness class designed to help kids build strength, coordination, and confidence- all while having a blast. Led by a former NCAA Division 1 and professional baseball player, this class combines fun games, dynamic exercises, and team challenges to keep kids active and engaged. Whether they're jumping, running, or conquering obstacle courses, your child will develop healthy habits and a love for fitness that will last a lifetime.

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	15
Day & Time	Fridays 7:45am - 8:45am
Dates	11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11
Cost	\$138
Instructor	Dawy Lebron



Rainbow Running XC Challenge

Join us for a fun XC style running challenge. Runners who race one lap of the course will all receive a prize. There will be additional awards for the fastest and runners from every grade level, who run the most laps will win. Our goal is to have fun, push our limits and challenge one another. We invite all parents to come watch the race and cheer on their runners!

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	NA
Day & Time	Friday 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Dates	11/6 ***Rain Date Thursday, 11/12
Cost	\$22
Instructor	Mary Beth Ellis



Cooking is FUNdamental: One Day Donut Making

Join us for a festive winter treat! Each student will get to cut, fry, and decorate four donuts with all the things merry and bright! With step-by-step guidance and plenty of room for creativity, students will turn their freshly made donuts into delicious masterpieces. By the end, each student will have a box of one-of-a-kind donuts to enjoy or share during the holiday season! *snacks and bottle water included

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	12
Day & Time	Friday 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Dates	12/11
Cost	\$55
Instructor	Steven Velasquez



4 Day Archery Clinic

Participants will learn the basics of archery. Safety, proper archery form and skills will all be taught. In each session, archers will build to improve their skills through practice, archery games and a small competition. No prior experience is needed. All equipment will be provided. Prior participants are welcome! Classes are taught by Kaitlin MacAllister, a certified Level 1 Archery Instructor through USA Archery.

Eligible Grades	3-5
Max Participants	15
Day & Time	4 Day Clinic: Monday - Thursday 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Dates	12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17
Cost	\$193
Instructor	Kaitlin MacAllister, Certified Instructor Assisted by Mrs. MacAllister, Bancroft Teacher



4 Day Cheerleading Clinic

Love to cheer and be part of a group? Join former Andover High School cheerleader captain Kaitlin MacAllister and learn new skills through practicing game day cheers, dances and team bonding games! Girls of all experience levels are encouraged to join.

Eligible Grades	K-5
Max Participants	25
Day & Time	4 Day Clinic: Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 8:45am
Dates	12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17
Cost	\$88
Instructors	Kaitlin MacAllister