

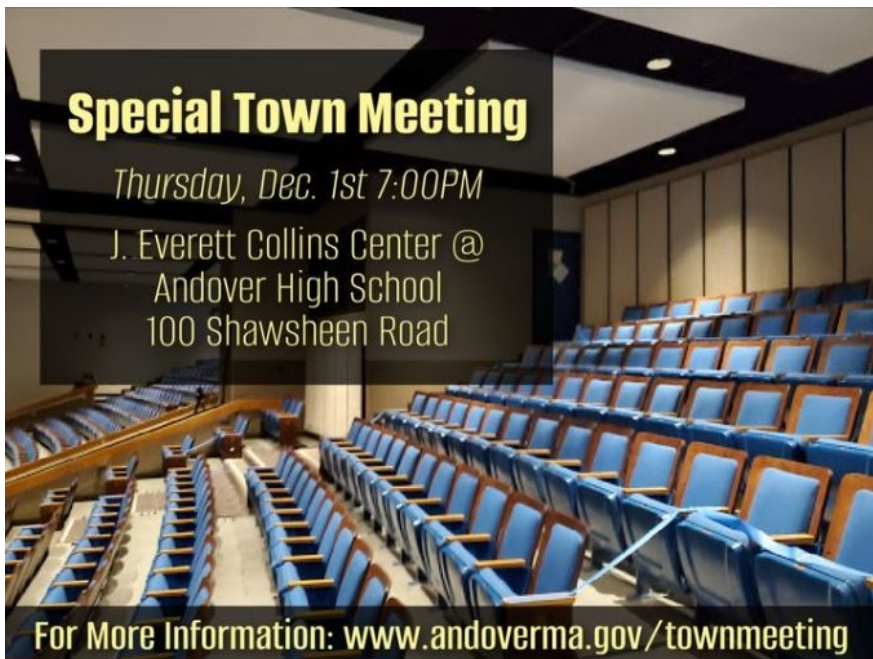


December 2022



December Events and Information

Support Andover Schools



Tonight, **Thursday, December 1 at 7:00pm**, there will be a special town meeting at the Collins Center to vote on additional funding for the West El/Shawsheen preschool project due to a variety of factors, including the increased cost of construction. This vote needs a 2/3 majority to pass. This vote will impact all Andover students; **if the additional funding is not approved at this meeting, the much-needed AHS building plans will be deferred.**

For additional information, please click [here](http://www.andoverma.gov/townmeeting). Please attend tonight's meeting and help spread the word to your local network.

Stock up on Spiritwear for the Holidays



'Tis the season to stock up on Bancroft Spiritwear ahead of the winter holidays! Orders will be delivered by a parent volunteer to the address listed in the school directory within 2-3 days in an opaque bag so kids don't see what's inside. All orders must be placed by **Tuesday, December 20** and the final round of deliveries will take place on **Wednesday, December 21**.

Please note, we are running low on several of our items and hope to place another order in the spring. If there's a specific item/size you'd like, please let us know by signing up for the waitlist and denoting the item and size. Please contact spiritwear@bancroftpto.org with any questions.

ORDER SPIRITWEAR NOW

PTO Funds at Work



As we enter cold and flu season, the Bancroft PTO delivered a large supply of Clorox wipes, Kleenex boxes, and paper towels to help teachers and students battle germs in the classroom.

This is just one way we are able to support our school throughout the year following our Bancroft Bucks Fundraiser at the beginning of the year so THANK YOU!

Heritage Night and Book Fair: Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate Bancroft's diversity at our 5th annual Heritage Night last month, held in conjunction with the Book Fair and the Art Show. It was an enlightening and energizing evening all around. The PTO would like to extend a special THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who made these events possible — especially to everyone who hosted a country table, shared a delicious food item,

participated in the cultural performances, or volunteered at the Book Fair.

Of note, the Fall Book Fair was the most successful Scholastic Book Fair in Bancroft history and we couldn't have done it without you! The funds raised have allowed us to buy \$2,000 worth of books and other supplies for the Bancroft Media Center.

To view the video recap of Heritage Night, please click [here](#). In the coming weeks, we will post Heritage Night photos and the third edition of the Heritage Night Cookbook on the [PTO website](#) and our social media channels. Stay tuned!

Family to Family Update

[Family to Family](#) is a group of community volunteers working together to help all Andover students and families access school and community opportunities through communication, transportation, and funding. At our January PTO meeting on **Tuesday, January 10**, leaders from Family to Family will present a brief history of the program, as well as ways to get involved. In the meantime, please contact familytofamilyandover@gmail.com with any questions.

Cultural Arts Volunteers



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 for the following upcoming events (and more):

- **Friday, December 16:** Mass Audubon, Arms Tails & Legs, Grade 3
- **Wednesday, January 18:** Top Secret Science, Physics, Grade 3
- **Thursday, January 19:** Top Secret Science, Electricity, Grade 4

To learn more about the opportunities available, see a complete list of events, and to volunteer please sign up, click the button below:

Library Volunteers

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 [here](#) to sign up.

If you have not completed a CORI yet and would like to volunteer this school year, [please complete one as soon as possible](#) (see the Important Reminders section at the end of this email for more information).



Upcoming Community Events

Friends of MHL Holiday Sale



Andover Holiday Happenings

FRIDAY
DEC. 9TH



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Join Us For A Festive Evening!

Kick off the holiday season with the town of Andover's Holiday Happenings on **Friday, December 9**. Festive activities include photos with Santa, horse drawn carriage rides, fireworks, and more! For additional details and a schedule of events, please click [here](#).

High Plain Winter Wonderland

2022 HPE
Winter Wonderland
FESTIVAL OF TREES & HOLIDAY MARKET

DEC 11th

3:00-6:00PM

at High Plain Elementary School

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Enjoy themed raffle "trees", local vendors & artisans, Kendra Scott Pop-Up Shop, Scholastic Book Fair, food, crafts, games, face painting, photo booth and more!

TOYS FOR TOTS
Bring a **NEW** & unwrapped toy & receive 5 free tickets!

Learn More at:
<http://highplainpto.org/winter-holiday-event.html>

For any questions, please email:
info@highplainpto.org

New Girl Scout Troop Alert (Grade 2)

Join Our Troop!



Fun with friends. New adventures. Making a difference.
You're ready to go and Girl Scouts is ready for you.

Girl Scout Troop 77641
is just getting started and you're invited to join.

Troop Information

Leader Name: Melody Castanos mcastanos8@gmail.com

Who's in our Troop? 2nd Grade girls from Andover, MA

Meeting Info: 2x per month on Saturdays at 1pm

Want to meet the Troop Leader and try some Girl Scout activities at home first?

Join us on Zoom for a sample meeting this Saturday, November 12th at 2:00PM.

Join today at gsema.org/join

Email ktingle@gsema.org for Zoom Link



Important Reminders

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 2022-2023 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.

Upcoming Calendar Items

[Click here to access the full Bancroft PTO Calendar](#)

[Click here to view the full APS 2022/2023 calendar on the APS Website.](#)

- **December 2:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day
- **December 9:** Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15pm
- **December 16:** Mass Audubon Arms, Tails & Legs, for Grade 1
- **December 26-January 2:** No School — Winter Break
- **January 3:** Johnny the K, for Grades K-5
- **January 6:** Bancroft Spiritwear Day; Penguin Lady, for Grade 2
- **January 10:** PTO Meeting (7:00pm at Bancroft)
- **January 16:** No School — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **January 18:** Top Secret Science, Physics, for Grade 3
- **January 19:** Top Secret Science, Electricity, for Grade 4
- **PTO Meeting Dates:** 1/10, 3/14, 5/9 (7:00pm at Bancroft)

HAVE NEWS TO SUBMIT TO THE BOBCAT? Email us at 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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