



May 2024



There's a lot going on that is coming up quickly, and a few things that have wrapped up that we wanted to congratulate. Here's a quick round up of what's included in this newsletter. Click a link below to jump to that section:

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Walk & Talk THIS Friday 5/24!



We liked it so much, we're doing it again! Step into spring with our second Parents' "Walk & Talk" event on **Friday, May 24 at 9:30am**. We'll meet at Ultimate Perk and will take a 3-mile (or so) stroll around downtown. Feel free to bring younger siblings in strollers.

So we can have an approximate headcount and reach out if we need to reschedule due to weather, please click the button below to register. See you there!

[Sign Up For This Week's Walk & Talk](#)

[Signups Now Open: Fun Run & Ice Cream Social](#)



Signups are now open for this year's Fun Run & Ice Cream Social! Join us **Friday, June 14 from 5:30-7:00pm** at Bancroft for music, ice cream, and of course running. This is a rain or shine event, we'll move indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate.

The more volunteers we have, the more crazy and fun obstacles we can provide the kids while they run! Don't miss out, volunteer opportunities are part of the signup below.

If you require financial assistance, please reach out to [Anna Ryan](#) or [Nancy Modlish](#) at Bobcat to Bobcat.

[Signup for the Fun Run and Ice Cream!](#)

[Community Yard Sale: Donations Needed, Pickup Available](#)

**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](#)

Family Paint Night: Thank You



Last week, we temporarily turned our cafeteria into an art studio as families gathered for a paint night extravaganza! Armed with brushes and a rainbow of colors, parents and children alike channeled their inner Picassos. The result? A ceramic menagerie that could rival the Louvre ... if the Louvre had a section dedicated to adorable foxes and psychedelic dragon's eggs. Who knew family bonding could be this messy and magnificent? [Photos from the night can be found here!](#) Have more to contribute? [Upload them to us here.](#)

The kids told us in no uncertain terms that we need to do this again, so if you didn't make it this time, have no fear, we hope to repeat the experience next

Staff Appreciation Week: Thank You



A hall of student-made shooting stars, galactic goodies, a Big Bang Breakfast, a sun-sational BBQ luncheon, and special gifts ... Staff Appreciation Week went off with a bang! We had an incredible parent volunteer group that made this all happen, and along with all of your donations it made for an out of this world week all around. Thank you for helping us show our teachers and staff how loved they are!

The Progressive Dinner Made Its Return!



Progressive Dinner

This past weekend the progressive dinner made its triumphant return! From appetizers to desserts, parents embarked on a gastronomic adventure. With each doorstep offering a new culinary surprise, laughter filled the air, bellies were joyfully filled, and friendships were renewed or made anew over shared recipes and second helpings. Here's to the revival of old traditions and the delicious memories yet to come! Thank you to our host families for opening up your homes to our community, we truly appreciate it.

Time to Plan For Next Year!

THE PTO IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!



- Board Positions
- Halloween Festival
- Art Coordinator
- Garden Committee
- Learning Labs
- Science Fair
- Family to Family
- School Supplies
- Backpack Drive
- 5th Grade Graduation
- Yearbook
- Kindergarten Welcome
- Staff Luncheons

- Bancroft Bucks
- Heritage Night
- Hospitality Committee
- Spring Fling
- Kids' Theater Program
- School Photographer
- Cultural Arts
- School Directory
- Fun Run & Ice Cream
- Scarecrow Festival
- Talent Show
- Spiritwear
- ... and more!

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 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](#)

Student Directory: Business Sponsors & Updates

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, click the button below or reach out to us at president@bancroftpto.org.

Also, families be on the lookout for an email from your room parents in the next week or so - we'll be distributing the original directory pages to each classroom and asking families to update their information, or confirm nothing has changed, in preparation for next year's directory. Thank you!

[Click Here To Become a Sponsor](#)

ACE: Honor a Teacher

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.

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.

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