

May 2024



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A Note for 5th Grade Parents

Families of Bancroft Elementary's 5th Grade Class of 2024: Congratulations, it's time to celebrate! Here are the dates you should be tracking for the remainder of the year:

- **Grades 3-5 Art Show and Chorus and ORFF concert on Tuesday, June 4** at 7:00pm.
- **Grades 4 and 5 Grade Track & Field Day will be Wednesday, June 5** (rain date is June 6). Kids will have received a 5th Grade t-shirt and should wear it that day! Parents are welcome to attend, more details were sent by email last week.
- **5th Grade Moving On Celebration Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, June 13** at 9:30AM.
- Following the ceremony, we'll be hosting a **5th Grade Party at Andover Rec Park** from **12:00-2:30pm**. More details on this below.

- **Yearbooks** will be given to the kids on **Friday, June 14** by their classroom teachers.

Following the ceremony at the school, the party will be held at Rec Park from 12:00-2:30pm. You will need to sign your child out of school to attend, there are customarily clipboards for each classroom at the celebration for this purpose.

2+ hours of fun, activities, games, and lunch has been planned! Trolley Dogs will be onsite to serve lunch; vegetarian and gluten-free options are available (the hot dogs are GF!), and Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream will be providing dessert (along with dairy free options). If you have a food sensitivity or allergy, please make the food servers aware of it in advance of ordering. Trolley Dogs and Ice Cream will be provided only to the students as part of their ticket to the event. Parents can purchase their own food from the Trolley Dogs truck if they would like, the PTO will also be providing light snacks and water for parents.

We recommend bringing sunscreen, a change of clothes and a towel as the foam party will make things messy!

We are asking for every student to have a parent in attendance supervising them at the party. If a parent or guardian will not be present at the party, please let us know who is responsible for your child that afternoon. Also if your child requires a ride to the festivities and you did not sign up for one, reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Those that already signed up for rides, we'll be reaching out to you this week to coordinate.

We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2024!

-Bancroft PTO & 5th Grade Room Parents

End of Year Staff Luncheon



We'll be hosting one last luncheon to thank the staff for an incredible year on the last day of school as soon as the half day dismissal occurs. We'll be serving a make-your-own taco bar from Chipotle! We're seeking donations for drinks, desserts, and monetary assistance for the entrees, as well as help setting up and breaking down. Click the link below to contribute, and as always, thank you for helping us thank them!

[Donate or Volunteer for the End Of Year Staff Luncheon](#)

Maker Space Cleanup Help Needed

Ms. Carney is in need of some assistance cleaning up the Maker Space before the end of the school year. If you're able to help, please click the link below and scroll to the bottom to see available times. There are also a few library volunteer slots available for the remainder of the year. Thank you!

[Click Here to Volunteer in the Library or Maker Space](#)

Staff and PTO Goodbyes (and See You Soon!)



As the school year comes to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to several esteemed members of Bancroft's community who are moving on to new chapters in their lives.

First, we would like to celebrate our retirees: Frank McCall, one of our amazing 5th grade teachers, and Patti McDonough, our sensational school nurse. Your years of dedication and service have profoundly impacted our students, staff, and families. We thank you for your unwavering commitment to education and wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

We also want to acknowledge and express our appreciation for Brenna Mullen. Your contributions to our school have been invaluable, and you have made a lasting difference in the lives of many students. We wish you success and happiness in all your future endeavors.

We wanted to also take a moment to thank Kate Powell, who will be taking a leave of absence for the 2024-2025 school year. We are already looking forward to your return!



We don't usually callout PTO board members' departures. We tend to like to stay in the background and keep things focused on the students and staff. But this year we have a special circumstance. One of our PTO presidents, Sara Blais, has been a part of the Bancroft PTO board for ten years. Little did she know when she offered to help with fundraising in 2014, she was signing on for a decade of service, and we thought that should be recognized. The list of things she's had a hand in is far too long to go through here, so at the very least we wanted to thank you, Sara, for everything you have done for this school and our community. You have left us some very large shoes to fill, and we promise to live up to your legacy. We will miss you next year!

Fun Run & Ice Cream Social

**Fun Run & Ice Cream Social
Sign Ups Are Now Open!**

**Friday, June 14th
5:30 - 7:00PM**

Each grade can dress in their designated color:

K: Green	2nd: Orange	4th: Purple
1st: Yellow	3rd: Red	5th: Blue

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!](#)

[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](#)

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! Some examples of the available positions include:

- Social media specialist
- Cultural arts coordinators
- Garden committee members
- Learning Labs coordinators
- Theater coordinators

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](#)

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, 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](#)

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](#)

 **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](#)

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.](#)

- **June 4:** Grades 3-5 Art Show and Chorus and ORFF concert at 7:00pm
- **June 5:** Grades 4 and 5 Track & Field Day
- **June 9:** Bancroft Yard Sale
- **June 13:** 5th Grade Moving on Celebration and Moving Up Party
- **June 14:** Ice Cream Social & Fun Run (5:30-7:00pm)
- **June 17:** Staff End of Year Luncheon & Last Day of School (12:15 dismissal)

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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