



July 2024



-
- [Bancroft Playground Reminder: Closed During Summer School Hours](#)
 - [Kindergarten Playdates Coming Soon](#)
 - [Student Directory Update Emails Are Out - Don't Forget to Reply!](#)
 - [Classroom Locator Ready for August](#)
 - [Gear Up for the Fall with Mabel's Labels](#)
 - [Let the PTO Do Your Back to School Shopping For You](#)
 - [School Supply Lists & Backpack Drive](#)
 - [PTO Volunteer Positions for 2024-2025 School Year Still Needed](#)
 - [Stay Tuned Over the Summer!](#)
 - [Reminder: CORI Checks Need to Be Done Every School Year](#)
 - [Community Event 8/10: Remy's Walk and Block Party](#)
-

Playground Reminder

Please take a moment to read this message from Mrs. Leavitt and help keep the playground safe during summer school!:

Hoping you are having a wonderful start to the summer! We have Summer School (ESY) here at Bancroft from July 1 through August 9 with the hours of 8:15am – 1:00pm. We respectfully request that the playground NOT be used during these hours since it is used by our Summer School kiddos and staff. This is a safety concern as it is very difficult to supervise our students with families all around the structures. This is the same policy we follow all year when we ask families NOT to use the playground during school hours. We truly appreciate your cooperation!



**Bancroft Playground is off limits during summer school:
July 1 - Aug 9th, 8:15am - 1:00pm
Thank you for your cooperation!**

Kindergarten Playdates Are Coming Up!



Join us on the Bancroft playground this summer to meet all the incoming Kindergarteners! We'll be getting together three times, with popsicles on site for the kids:

- Sunday, July 21 at 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Click the button below and signup for the day(s) you'll be able to join us. We look forward to meeting you and for everyone to get to know one another!

If you have any questions, please reach out to

communications@bancroftpto.org.

Signup for the Classroom Locator

Add your child's teacher assignment to the
CLASSMATE LOCATOR
to see who will be in their room with them this year!



When class assignments are released (**not until later in the summer, we just like to be prepared!**), parents want to know who is in their child's class. So we decided to make it easier for everyone and create a sign-up that everyone could see. If you are interested in knowing who will be in your child's class, please sign your child up under their respective class, and wait to see who else signs up as well!

[Click here for the Classroom Locator Signup](#)

Mabels Labels: Gear Up for School!



CUSTOM STAMPS AND LABELS
FOR YOUR KID'S FAVORITE ITEMS

- ✓ Laundry Safe
- ✓ Dishwasher Safe
- ✓ Free Standard Shipping
- ✓ 100% Satisfaction Guarantee

SHOP TODAY AT:
[HTTPS://MABELSLABELS.COM/FUNDRAISING/SUPPORT](https://mabelslabels.com/fundraising/support)
BEFORE YOU SHOP - ENTER:
"BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO (ANDOVER)"

Let the PTO Do Your Back to School Shopping

Want to avoid the summer crowds? Keep your kids from trying to sneak all that extra stuff into the cart? Not have to hunt down specific supplies?



Let us help you cross a big item off your list this summer by having the PTO do the back-to-school shopping for you! Avoid the lines, the kids asking for all that extra stuff, and searching for hard to find items. We've got you covered.

We are selling back-to-school boxes which will include all the required supplies for each grade (*boxes do not include backpacks, lunch boxes, snack containers, and water bottles and also do not include the supplies that are marked as optional on the grade level supply lists). By buying in bulk, we are able to keep the prices lower, so even though part of the price will go to the PTO to help pay for cultural arts, field trips, PTO events, etc., you will still be paying less than you would if you shopped for the items individually.

This is an optional fundraiser. [Supply lists have also been published and are available for families who would prefer to shop on their own.](#)

We will schedule a pickup date the week before school starts (date TBD), but can also make other arrangements for families not available on pickup day.

Orders close in two weeks on Monday, July 29 so be sure to place your order soon!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to communications@bancroftpto.org.

[Click here to order school supplies!](#)

School Supply Lists & Backpack Drive

Classroom supply lists for all grade levels have been released:

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [1st Grade](#)
- [2nd Grade](#)
- [3rd Grade](#)
- [4th Grade](#)
- [5th Grade](#)



With the release of the supply lists comes the kick off of our annual Backpack Drive. It isn't live just yet, but will be shortly.

And we're doing things a little differently this year. By signing up to donate a backpack, you'll be charged a flat fee that will include the cost of a backpack as well as the PTO supply pack for the grade level you sign up for. We will then donate a book and a piece of Bancroft spiritwear to each backpack! No need to

shop for extra supplies or have to drop anything off, everything will be purchased and put together on your behalf. Stay tuned on our website, social media channels, and our August newsletter for more information.

PTO Positions for 2024-2025 Still Needed



We're actively seeking volunteers for the upcoming school year. There are quite a few positions still open that we need to fill, such as:

- **Communications:** Room Parent Coordinator, Social Media Specialist, Website Administration. No experience necessary, we'll train you!
- **Cultural Arts Coordinators,**
- **Learning Lab Coordinators,**
- **Theater Coordinators,**
- **5th Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony Planning** (traditionally taken on by a 4th grade parent so the 5th grade parents can enjoy the morning),
- **Events Planning** (Heritage Night, Scarecrow Festival, Science Fair, Silent Auction, Sports Night, Talent Show),
- **Staff Appreciation** (SAW week and end of year luncheon).

We detailed out what every volunteer opportunity entails, including time commitments, and we're here to support you. If you know of a way to help that isn't listed on our signup, scroll to the bottom and you'll find a choice for you!

Please reach out to president@bancroftpto.org with any questions.

[Click here to volunteer for the PTO in 2024-2025!](#)

Stay Tuned Over the Summer

The PTO doesn't rest (too much) over the summer! Stay tuned to our website bancroftpto.org, follow our social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [X/Twitter](#) and

[Instagram](#), and keep an eye out for newsletters with information for the upcoming school year.

Know someone new coming to Bancroft? Forward along this newsletter to them so they can [sign up themselves!](#)

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 2024-2025 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 office.

Community Event: Remy's Walk And Block Party



Join us for a walk & block party to raise awareness for HNRNPH2 and to fundraise for the Rare Road Foundation inclusive playground project.

Wear something yellow and meet us at the Town Center Gazebo at 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA. We will walk a 1-mile loop around downtown Andover ending on Howell Drive, where the block party will commence.

Ticket options:

- Walk + Block Party: join our walk and block party. This ticket gives you access to games, crafts, face painting, temporary tattoos, light refreshments, touch-a-truck, Rare Road drawstring bag, and more!
- Walk only: join us for the walk only, in person or virtual with this ticket.
- Block party only - access to the block party for your entire group.

Time & Location

Aug 10, 2024, 10:00 AM

Walk starts at Town Gazebo:

36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA

Followed by block party at Howell Drive.

[Donate or buy tickets here.](#)

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

15 Bancroft Rd, 01810, Andover

Copyright © 2024 Bancroft PTO, All rights reserved.

This email was sent to {{contact.EMAIL}}
You've received it because you've subscribed to our newsletter.

[View in browser](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

