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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!



Class assignments will be released on Monday, August 12th (be sure to update your Aspen account beforehand!). We know that families want to know who is in their child's class as soon as possible, so we decided to make it easier for everyone and create a sign-up. 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 sign up!

Annual Backpack Drive Kick Off



We're kicking off our backpack drive which provides new backpacks and supplies for Bancroft students whose families may need some extra help.

We're doing things a little differently this year! Instead of asking parents to buy backpacks, buy all the supplies, and dropoff before the school year, we are asking for monetary donations and we will do the shopping for you. LLBean is providing large backpacks at a special discounted rate for us, so every student will get an excellent quality backpack. The PTO will also include a piece of spiritwear and a grade level appropriate book for every student. Click the button below to contribute!

If your family could use this extra assistance, please let Bobcat to Bobcat know (Nancy Modlish nancyjo.modlish@andoverma.us, or Anna Ryan anna.ryan@andoverma.us).

Thanks in advance for your contribution and for helping ensure that every Bancroft student has the supplies they need to start the new school year.

Click here to signup for the annual Backpack Drive!

Let the PTO Do Your Back to School Shopping



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. <u>Supply lists have also been published and are available for families who would prefer to shop on their own.</u>

We will hold a pickup night on 8/20 from 6-8pm outside of Bancroft, but are happy to make other arrangements for families not available at that time.

<u>Orders close this Friday (8/9) at 5pm</u> so be sure to place your order soon! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to <u>communications@bancroftpto.org</u>.

Click here to order school supplies!

Room Parent Signup



WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Collecting classroom funds
Communicating with the teacher
Coordinating classroom parties & activities
Sourcing teacher gifts from the class
Sending out communciations on behalf of the PTO

With class assignments being released early next week, we're taking the first steps in seeking out room parent volunteers. Two parents per classroom will be in charge of communication with the teacher and coordinating classroom parties, teacher gifts and other classroom needs. **Please note that you do not need to be a room parent to volunteer in your child's classroom**. Room parents are predominately the people in charge of coordinating with the teachers directly then working with the other parents to divvy up responsibilities.

Want to learn more about what the position involves? Check out this flyer here or the website FAQ for more information.

Room parent selection is at the discretion of Bancroft's staff and administration. The PTO provides the school support for the process by providing the signup form, from which volunteer names are delivered directly to the school for them to select and notify room parents for each classroom. Traditionally two individuals are chosen per classroom; signing up does not guarantee you one of these spots. This is a blind sign up; you will not see your name after adding it to the list, please do not sign up multiple times.

After room parents have been chosen, the PTO then provides additional support with a virtual training session, access to an online Frequently Asked Questions, and a room parent coordinator who will be your "go to" person throughout the year with any additional questions that come up, as well as the person who provides PTO related communications for you to forward to the other classroom parents.

Click here to add your name to the room parent volunteer list!



Bancroft Bucks is the largest PTO fundraiser to support and enrich our school academics and environment. Funds raised through Bancroft Bucks provide 50% of the PTO budget that supports student activities throughout the year, like field trips, cultural arts events, and more. We need everyone's help to make Bancroft Bucks a success!

Packets with more information as well as raffle tickets will be sent home the first full week of school. **Want to get a jump on the new school year?** Many parents have requested a way to donate directly without having to fill out the raffle tickets. Your child will still earn the Bancroft prizes from online donations just as they would have if they had sold tickets. Direct donations also count toward the totals for the classroom pizza party.



We need everyone's help to make Bancroft Bucks a success! <u>To see how your donation is used click here for more information.</u> We also strongly encourage parents to attend our first PTO meeting of the year (9/17 at 7pm) where our budget for the 2024-2025 school year will be presented.

Help Support the Staff Breakfast



Each year the PTO hosts a "welcome back" breakfast for the Bancroft staff the day before the students return. This year we're seeking donations to help bring it all together. Click the button below to help us bring them some tasty treats in a few weeks!

Click here to donate to the Beginning of the Year Staff Breakfast!

One More Kindergarten Playdate!



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

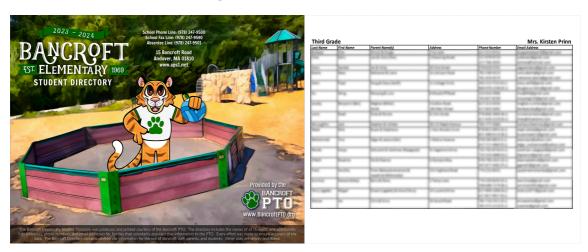
Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 p.m.

This playdate is a little different than the others. We provide name tags for the kids with their teacher's names on them as well, color coded so they can easily see who will be in their class with them!

Click the button below and signup if 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.

Click here to let us know you're coming to a K playdate!

<u>Student Directory - Contact Info Confirmations</u>



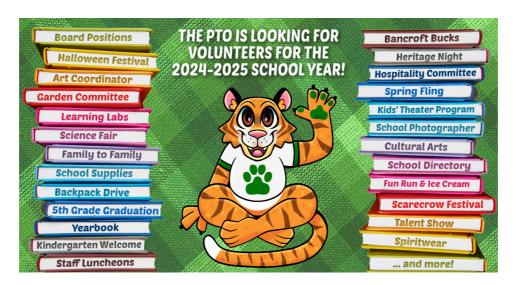
Last month, all families with students moving up to grades 1-5 received an email from studentdirectory@bancroftpto.org, asking you to review a PDF of your class directory information from last year and confirm with us whether or not anything has changed or if updates are needed. Thank you to everyone who has gotten back to us so far!

If you haven't replied yet, please be sure to do so at your earliest convenience. If you didn't get the email, be sure to check your spam and junk mail filters for the new email address it came from. If you can't find it, click here to fill out a contact information form and let us know if anything has changed (don't worry, if nothing has most of the fields will disappear once you answer two quick questions), or reach out to us at studentdirectory@bancroftpto.org and let us know your child(ren)'s name(s) and provide any updates needed or confirm everything remains the same from last year.

Mabels Labels: Gear Up for School!



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, 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!

Important Reminders: CORI

Andover Public Schools require a <u>new</u> 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 <u>APS CORI check form</u> 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: AYS Field Hockey

Calling incoming 3rd and 4th graders! Andover Youth Field Hockey still has openings for its fall clinics. This fun and inclusive program is a great opportunity to learn a new sport! More experienced players are also welcome to practice skills and to get involved in the town program and prepare for league play. Questions? Email andoveryouthfieldhockey@gmail.com

To register, go to:

https://andoverma.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx? ProgramID=30093



FIELD HOCKEY CLINICS & LEAGUES

CLINIC

3RD & 4TH GRADE

September 19-October 29 Tuesday & Thursday 4:30-5:30pm

BAYSTATE LEAGUE TEAMS

5TH & 6TH GRADE

September 8-November 3 2 Weekday Practices (TBD) Sunday Games



7TH & 8TH GRADE

September 8-November 3 Mon & Wed Practice with Sunday Games

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.

Coming Soon: Destination Imagination



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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