

BOBCAT TRACKS



BANCROFT PFC NEWSLETTER

Cooler weather means we are in full swing now. Community Service Day was an amazing opportunity to say goodbye to Summer and welcome Fall. Two exciting events are coming up really soon... Be sure to check on what Fall Fest and Walk-A-Thon Leads have to share in this edition!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall Bobcats!

It has been a wonderfully busy Fall season at Bancroft!

We hope you all enjoyed Movie Night! It was great to see all our Bobcats enjoying a movie under the stars. Thanks to everyone who purchased concessions, the 5th grade families raised over \$600 for their outdoor education and activities!

Since I began my term as President, my goal has been to strengthen our community by creating a welcoming environment for everyone at Bancroft and encouraging engagement. With the premise that when families feel connected to the community, they are more likely to lend a hand. If families know how their donations are being used, they are more likely to donate and most importantly help to enhance the educational experience of our Bobcats. **While the Parent Faculty Club (PFC) continues to plan and organize these fun events, we need everyone's support to ensure their success.** This year we have had to consider canceling events or certain aspects of events due to lack of volunteer sign-ups. Please remember, many hands make for light work, and your involvement can make a significant difference.

To make it easier for everyone to stay informed and learn about what is needed for upcoming events, we are excited to try a webinar virtual option for our upcoming November meeting. This way, you can join us from the comfort of your home and listen in as we discuss our initiatives and plans. We hope you are able to tune in.

In the meantime, remember to take a look at the multiple opportunities to volunteer for our upcoming Fall Fest and Walk-A-Thon. There are many ways to help!

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PFC President 24/25

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FALL FEST COMING SOON!

Brought to you by the Parents Faculty Club, our 2024 Fall Fest is happening on **Saturday October 26th, 4 to 7pm** at our school.

We are currently on the last days to buy entrance passes thru Konstella! When purchasing in advance, the entry fee is \$5 per person, while entry at the door will be \$8. Children under 17 get 5 attraction tickets included with your entrance purchase. Extra attraction tickets will be sold during the event.

There will be festival games, a DJ, food trucks, Musical Cakes, Cake Decorating Competition, face painters, balloon artists, an amazing School of Rock show, and our annual 5th Graders' Haunted House. This year Bancroft 5th graders, together with Ms. Alisa and amazing parent volunteers, are setting up a very special theme: **Haunted Hospital... It's a virus Outbreak, will you dare come inside?** We will have a lights-on for a less-scary show run from 4 to 4:30.

We will also have a special section celebrating Latin American heritage with a *Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda and crafts* (funded by PFC). Come to the MUR and be a part of this Latino cultural tradition celebrating the lives of loved ones with family geared crafts! While in the MUR, enjoy one (or many) of our fun Musical Cake rounds. Take your chance to win an actual cake/dessert!

Costumes are encouraged! Take advantage of many photo opportunities during the event! Do remember this is a family friendly event: no full masks or weapons allowed.

Saturday, October 26th

FALL FEST

ATTRACTIONS SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN 4PM

Foodtrucks & DJ

Musical Cakes: 4:30-7
while desserts last! 

Dia de los Muertos crafts: 4-7

Haunted House: 4-7
(Lights-on less-scary 4-4:30)

Festival Games: 4:30-5:30

School of Rock Show: 5:50-6:50

Face Painting & Balloon artists 4:30-6:30

Cake Decorating Contest Winner Announcement on Nov. 1st 

FALL FEST @ KOSTELLA



We would not be able to run a successful event without the help of the volunteers.

[Click here to sign up to help on the day of the event.](#)

To make the Musical Cakes successful, we need dessert donations from Bancroft families. Donated cakes can be store-bought or homemade. **[Click here to sign up to bring a dessert.](#)** Your homemade cake may win our Cake Decorating Competition prize!

Lastly, remember entrance passes are on sale NOW thru Konstella. **[Click here to purchase and save!](#)**

Thank you to the following neighboring businesses that, with their donations, help reduce the event expenses: School of Rock, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Black Bear Diner, Allstar Donuts, and FlavoredBake. And to every community member who showed up during the event preparations!

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BLAST-OFF WALK-A-THON

Calling all Bobcats! Get ready for an “Out of this World” 15th Annual Bancroft Walk-A-Thon! Running (or walking) on Friday November 15, the Walk-A-Thon is one of our most important fundraisers each year. It helps raise money for our current school year’s field trips, family nights, teacher material funds, garden program, library, books, playground supplies, STEAM lab, and MORE!



This year, our Bobcats will “Blast Off” accompanied by some fabulous beats from DJ Chris and Emcee Ms. Lee! Students and teachers are invited to dress up however they may be inspired. Parents and guardians are invited to come support and cheer on our runners/walkers. The schedule for the day will be posted to Konstella soon!

Our fundraising goal for the 2024 Walk-A-Thon is \$53,000 - and every dollar counts. There are several ways you, your family, and your friends can choose to support your child and our school. You can select a sponsorship amount based on the number of laps your child completes, or you can submit a flat donation. Pledges and donations will be accepted via cash, check, or online via Konstella, making it easier for friends and family to donate - even if they are far away!

More information and volunteer opportunities will be posted via Konstella and shared out in your student’s classroom communication folders. Look for t-shirt sales!

Questions? Want to help with the event on a larger scale? Contact Heather Salter via Konstella.

WALK, BIKE & ROLL BEYOND OCTOBER 16TH!

Each student is receiving a **Frequent Walker/Biker Card**. Please check off each day that your student walks, bikes or rolls to school. When your student completes 20 days over the course of the school year, please message Ruth Rossimov on Konstella. Your student will receive a prize along with another card to earn more prizes!



Frequent Walker/Rider Card									
Your Name _____									
Get a circle punched on each day you walk or bike to school!									
www.walkbiketoschool.org									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20



MESSAGE FROM OUR GARDEN EDUCATORS



Two green thumbs for an amazing Garden Community Service Day!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible efforts during our October 12 Community Service Day. The enthusiasm and hard work made the day a wonderful success!

Community members were rocking in the garden: more than 16 job tickets were completed. From cleaning benches, raking leaves, creating pathways, sweeping walkways, trimming branches, weeding, sorting seeds and so much more. Three truck loads of green waste were driven to Heather Farms for composting! Each of you played an important role in bringing our garden to life. Teamwork and community truly make a difference.

Thank you for your commitment and for making our school garden a beautiful space for children and adults to enjoy. Every small effort counts in making our world a greener place.

With gratitude, Teacher Valeria and Ms. Burns.



Thank you to all who visited Sloat Garden Center. Bancroft received a \$35 gift card from September Sloat's Growing Up Green program. This program is coming again starting tomorrow: Oct. 18th-27th.

(Click for more info)

Sloat



Garden Center

PAINT TO DONATE



Click on image to save your spot!

Mark your calendars and register for this event perfect for the holidays! Board & Brush in WC is hosting a Paint to Donate for our school. Nov 7th, 7-10pm.

All projects are \$78 and 10% goes back to Bancroft. With hundreds of projects to choose from you'll be sure to find something amazing whether you're crafting something as a gift or for yourself.

There are only 50 spots available, so make sure to pre-register to grab a spot by clicking the image. Access code entry: BOBCATS.

Big shoutout to Alex Maclean for setting this up for us!

We invite you to hear updates, provide ideas/suggestions, and participate in supporting our school and your child's education. We value your input and involvement!



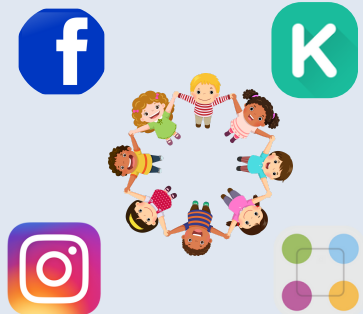
**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT PFC MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 6PM AT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**


Virtual hearing will be available also for those that cannot make it in person.

TIPS TO STAY CONNECTED!

Facebook, Instagram, Parent Square or Konstella? Short answer is: ALL!

All PFC related information and sign-ups will come from Konstella. Facebook is a place to ask community members questions and receive feedback in a more casual social media setting. Facebook also allows you to search past topics of conversations within the Bancroft community group. Instagram, meanwhile, is a great resource to be on the loop: reminders of events and highlights. Facebook and Instagram will constantly redirect you to Konstella, which remains our main communication tool. Meanwhile, Parent Square is required for all District and school Staff communication



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 26



NOVEMBER 12

**PFC MONTHLY
MEETING**



6^{PM}

NOVEMBER 7



NOVEMBER 15



OCTOBER 31: TK/K COSTUME PARADE

NOVEMBER 1: NO SCHOOL - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

NOVEMBER 11: NO SCHOOL - VETERANS' DAY

KEEP THE FALL PLEDGE GROWING!

Click here to make your donation happen

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