

BOBCAT TRACKS



BANCROFT PFC NEWSLETTER

Looks like its going to be a promising 2025 after an outstanding turnout at our amazing Multicultural Festival and our quickly sold-out Valentine's Dance.. With our annual Auction Gala approaching and our Board starting to look after next school year positions, don't miss out on the MANY opportunities to get involved!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Bobcats!

All of the incredible community events and fundraisers organized by the PFC are made possible entirely by volunteers, and they wouldn't happen without dedicated leads to coordinate them. A huge thank you to our Multicultural Fest Committee for their hard work in bringing together such an amazing event! The festival was a beautiful celebration of Bancroft's diversity and the vibrant community we are so lucky to be a part of.

As we continue working to support our students, teachers, and school community, we need your help! Our Parent-Faculty Club (PFC) is looking for new board members and volunteers for the upcoming school year. Whether you have a few hours a month or can take on a leadership role, **your involvement makes a difference!**

We have openings for key Board positions and committees, and we'd love to match your skills and interests with a role that fits your schedule. If you've ever considered getting involved, now is the time!

Interested? Email pfcvp@bancroftpfc.org or join us at our next PFC meeting on March 11th(6pm) in the Library to learn more.

Thank you for helping us continue to make Bancroft a great place for our kids!

Sandra Gonzalez
PFC President 24/25
pfcpresident@bancroftpfc.org



MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY!

Bancroft Multicultural Festival took place on Friday January 31st after school. We had 15 countries represented within beautiful country booths, hosted by families from our community from their own generosity. Lots of food and drinks were shared with our visitors, as well as fun crafts and interactive activities: coloring pages, dress up rack, traditional games, souvenirs with the participants' names written in other languages. We loved how creative families would get to bring their culture closer to us!

Our performances were a delight to see and hear: starting with Mexican songs by Bancroft students, kindergarteners dancing to music from Andean region, our marvelous piano player from Iran, Chinese lutes played by mother and daughter, amazing Indian dance by two 5th graders, a cheerful Palestinian *debka* dance lesson, and wrapping up with incredible "bailes folkloricos" sponsored by the Mexican team. Thank you all! You were all amazing!

We drew the name of our Multicultural Art Display participants and winners got to take a prize home. Congratulations! In the end, everyone was a winner by getting to share and admire different cultures through our children's art. Kids also engaged in our Scavenger Hunt by approaching each country booth and learning something new from them.

Looking forward to next year's Multicultural!

A special thank you to those who showed up wearing their traditional cultural attires!





GARDEN EDUCATORS' MESSAGE

GROWING HEALTHY KIDS
#MyGardenSnack Challenge

How to participate...

1. Pick your favorite recipe from garden class using the QR Code
2. Make a short (~1 minute video) of you cooking that recipe at home!
3. Submit your video using the QR Code below!

First Round of Prizes...

- 3 students will win cooking sets!
- The school site with the most participation will win a farmstand giveaway at their school!

This challenge is open to all students and families. If filming at school will be easier for your family, contact your garden teacher for help.

Enter by **Sunday, Mar. 9** for to be eligible for prizes!
Send questions to Sam Gross
sam.gross@ghkids.org

Link to Submit Your Video:

Link to all Recipes:

ghkids.org
Facebook.com/GrowingHealthyKidsBayArea
Instagram.com/GrowingHealthyKidsBayArea

CLICK ON IMAGE TO OPEN FULL SIZE FLYER!

#MyGardenSnack Challenge is back! Let's give Bancroft a HUGE shout out for most participation in the previous round. YAH!!! Donya Matin in Mrs. Wright's 4th grade class was the Bancroft winner. If you haven't yet, make sure to check on the submitted videos here. Lots of healthy easy recipes to try at home!

Sloats' next Growing Up Green promotion is running now and until Feb 16th, so don't forget to shop and support our garden while you're at it! A percentage of your purchases goes directly to our garden. More info.

Thank you for all you do supporting Bancroft's garden program.

Teacher Valeria and Ms. Burns



ONLINE AUCTION GOES LIVE 2/27



Mark your calendars for 9am on Thursday, 2/27 for the launch of the Spring online auction. The online auction is open to the entire community, so feel free to share outside of our immediate Bancroft community. You'll be able to bid on necessities like summer camp, sport registrations to gift cards to your favorite local spots, beauty services and tickets to you and your kids' favorite spots in the bay.

Bidding ends Sunday, March 9th at 9pm. All funds go straight back to our students and as a registered 501c3 all funds are tax deductible.



Share with friends, family, neighbors, **EVERYONE!**

GET YOUR TICKET TO PARADISE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Tickets for the Spring Gala & Auction being held on March 22nd are still available. If you have not been to this event before you're missing out. This adult only event will have a silent auction and cocktail reception, followed by dinner, live auction with items like the coveted "Parking Spots" and then dancing.

Gala theme is "Ticket to Paradise" where we're taking you out of Walnut Creek and to a tropical paradise. Come come dressed in your favorite resort wear, linens, aloha shirt or whatever your island vibe is.



Click on image to buy your tickets NOW!!

Tickets are going faster this year than ever before, so get them before they're gone.

You can also [contribute to tickets for staff members](#) here whether you're attending or not.

In need of Childcare for the event?

Dianne Adair is hosting a Kids Night Out 5pm- 10:30pm

Pizza, snacks & dessert included

\$35 with a ticket \$50 without (must pay in advance)

For children 3yrs old and fully potty trained

To reserve your spot email bancroft@dianneadair.org or call (925) 938-4063 by 2/23/25.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. A love of independent reading boosts academic success, plus children who read more frequently also report improved mental health.

When: Monday 2/24: 2:45pm - 5:30pm

Tuesday 2/25: 2:45pm - 4pm

Wednesday 2/26: 1:15pm - 2:30pm

Thursday 2/27: 2:45 pm- 4pm

Where: Multipurpose Room (MUR)



Volunteers are needed!

Click on image to signup to help.



STEAM LAB HELP NEEDED

Ms. Alisa is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand in our STEAM LAB. Volunteers will assist weekly with various organizational tasks like pencil sharpening, uploading Artsonia photos, helping prep artwork for the art show, etc.

We're hoping to find **3-4 parents** who can commit to helping once a week. It will be on Mondays, and some Thursdays or Friday, depending on rotation schedule (even if you can't commit every week, we'd still love to have you join us when possible!). Whether you're experienced with art or just want to see the kids' amazing creations up close, your support will make a huge difference!

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Ms. Alisa on Konstella or through kutsela@mdusd.org. Thank you for considering.

Alisa Kutsel
Art and STEAM



DINE (OR TAN!) TO DONATE

The next dine to donate will be March 4th from 4-8 at Jack urban eats. Skip the cooking and invite the whole family out to dinner while helping our school funds grow!

Must mention Bancroft Elementary. [Click for complete information.](#)

Jacks Urban Eats

Tuesday March 4, 2025

4:00pm-8:00pm

2862 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA

Donating Back: 20%



Our spring auction sponsor, Apres Soleil Tans and Boutique, is giving back \$10 for every custom spray tan and 10% from their boutique sales for those who mention Bancroft while shopping from March 18-22nd. [Click here to book your custom spray tan now!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day
DANCE



FEBRUARY 24-27

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



FEBRUARY 27

ONLINE AUCTION GOES LIVE



MARCH 11

PFC MONTHLY MEETING, 6PM



AT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

TICKET *to Paradise*

AUCTION & GALA MARCH 22, 2025

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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FEBRUARY 17 - NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 18 - SPRING PICTURE DAY

MARCH 10 - NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN SERVICE DAY

MARCH 4 - DINE TO DONATE

@ JACKS URBAN EATS

MARCH 18-22 - TAN TO DONATE

@APRES SOLEIL

Shop at Sloat Garden Center on or before Feb 16th and mention our school. 10% of purchases go back to Bancroft as a Sloat Gift Card! Click for more info.

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