

# Merriam PTO N2K (Need to Know)

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Communications Team and is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the organization.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/13 Friday – Scrip Cards Delivered
- 12/23 to 1/1 – Winter Recess – No School
- 1/2 Thursday – School Resumes
- 1/9 Thursday – PTO Board Meeting 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- 1/20 Monday – No School (Martin Luther King Day)
- 1/21 Tuesday – Kindergarten Change-over
- 1/27 Monday - Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom (7:45 - 8:15 a.m.)/PTO Meeting #4 - Topic TBD (8:15 - 9:00 a.m.) in cafetorium
- 1/28 Tuesday - Camp Fair Prep (8:00 -12:00 noon)
- 1/30 Thursday – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Camp Fair
- 1/31 Friday – Theme Day

## STAFF VS PTO BASKETBALL GAME – RESULTS & THANK YOU!

Another year, another amazing basketball game - many thanks for attending and displaying your Merriam community spirit! From seeing the kids excitedly cheer for their favorite teachers & PTO members during introductions, to the circle of students playing along to the "Cups" song, to the halftime pie-in-the-face craziness...it was a very fun night.

I'm proud to report that we raised over \$3,000 to fund our classroom assistants. We couldn't have done it without the many volunteers who contributed in a variety of roles throughout the evening: basketball players from Merriam & the PTO, emcee, referee, scoreboard operator, ticket sellers, pizza & concession salespeople, and of course our pie-in-the-face volunteers - thank you!

I'm already looking forward to another great event next year!

Carrie Mathews

Chair, Staff vs. PTO Basketball Game

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE – REGIONALIZATION UPDATE

The 2013-14 school year continues as what the School Committees in both Acton and Boxborough are calling a “transitional year”, a year in which all the planning related to expanding our school district to include both Acton and Boxborough from Pre-K through grade 12 is underway. Attached, please find School Committee Update for November and Regional Transportation Update. Please contact Kristina Rychlik at [krychlik@abschools.org](mailto:krychlik@abschools.org) with any questions.

## IN THE COMMUNITY - CASINO AUCTION/FUNDRAISER

A family in the Acton-Boxborough Community has a teenage daughter who needs a new heart. The good news is she is finally on the heart transplant list. The bad news is, until (and after) she gets one, she will be receiving treatment, having surgery, or being stabilized. All of which means a lot of bills, missed work, and stress on the family. Please join the effort to help our own on **January 11, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 11 pm Boxborough Holiday Inn Ballroom**. There will be something for everyone: Casino tables with the chance to win great “High Roller” prizes from Bose and Apple; A live auction with getaways to Barbados, Telluride, Nantucket, Kennebunkport, Sox tickets and an African Safari; A silent auction with sports and movie memorabilia, great wines, sporting event tickets, kids camps, items from local merchants, gift baskets and handmade items; and, of course, appetizers, great music, great company and a cash bar. 21 and older.

**Buy and print tickets here:** <https://heartsforhearttransplant1.eventbrite.com/> The sooner you buy, the sooner funds can be put to use for the family.

**If you can't attend, but would like to help, please click this link to make a donation instead** (via Paypal, but you can use *any* credit card).

Thank you!

## SHOP & EARN MONEY FOR MERRIAM

Did you know that when you do your holiday shopping this year, you can support Merriam and our wonderful teaching assistants? It is as easy as clicking a link for Amazon or Shop.com, ordering electronic gift cards from Scrip Now! or designating Merriam on your Target RedCard. That's it! Talk about multi-tasking! Finish your holiday shopping and support Merriam at the same time. To access any of these shopping tools, please visit the Merriam PTO website using the link below. Once there, select the tool you want to use (SHOP.com, Amazon.com, Scrip Now! or Target Red Card), and follow the directions or links listed. **Happy shopping!** Go to - [www.merriampto.org/site/shop](http://www.merriampto.org/site/shop). Attached, is the PTO Holiday Shopping PDF with all the details.