

# Merriam PTO N2K (Need to Know)

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Happy New Year! 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

- 1/7 Tuesday – Regionalization School Committee Meeting 7.30 pm
- 1/14 Tuesday – School Council Meeting 6:00pm-7:30 pm
- 1/20 Monday – No School (Martin Luther King Day)
- 1/21 Tuesday – Kindergarten change-over
- 1/28 Tuesday - Camp Fair Prep (8:00am-12:00pm)
- 1/30 Thursday – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Acton Summer Camp Fair
- 1/31 Friday – Theme Day

## MERRIAM'S CAMP FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

### Just a few weeks left before the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Camp Fair...

It's Merriam's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest fundraiser for classroom assistants and we need your help to make it successful. Please consider **attending** the Camp Fair. High attendance keeps camps returning year after year. You'll find great summer camps for your kids. And free child care will be available for kids aged 4+. Please visit camp tables with balloons as these camps have donated to our auction!

### Camp Fair 2014 ~ Help, Bake or Donate

The Camp Fair committee **desperately needs the help of parents** for the following areas:

- stuffing camp fair bags on Tuesday, Jan. 28th (8:00 am - 11:00 am) at Merriam
- setting up on Thursday, Jan. 30 (1 - 4 pm)
- helping at the event in 30 min. or 1 hour slots (5 – 8 pm)

- baking desserts for our profitable bake sale at the fair
- donating anything from drinks and napkins to pizza and coffee

**It's FAST and easier than ever to sign up!** Go to <http://vols.pt/ihaBSm>.

Contact [merriamcampfair@aol.com](mailto:merriamcampfair@aol.com) to connect with the team, share ideas or ask questions. Please help make this year's Camp Fair another successful event! Thank you!

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

The next Regional School Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, January 7, 7:30pm at the Junior High School Library (it's not on a Thursday this month). Agenda items include an update on the superintendent search, the transitional school district budget for FY15, and other items of interest. Voting will be done on the Class Size Policy for elementary schools. For school committee agendas and minutes, see - <http://ab.mec.edu/about/meetings.shtml>.

## 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!