

# 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

- 1/20 Monday – No School (Martin Luther King Day)
- 1/21 Tuesday – Kindergarten change-over
- 1/28 Tuesday - Camp Fair Prep (8 am -12:00 noon)
- 1/30 Thursday – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Acton Summer Camp Fair
- 1/31 Friday – Theme Day
- 2/2 to 2/7 – Online Camp Auction

## MERRIAM CAMP FAIR - NEEDS YOU TO ATTEND AND/OR VOLUNTEER

### Just a few weeks left before the 21st 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 (1pm - 4 pm)

- helping at the event in 30 min. or 1 hour slots (5 pm – 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!

## ONLINE CAMP AUCTION – FEBRUARY 2-7

Support the Merriam PTO and get a jump start on your summer planning. Choose from 36 camp offerings (and more to come)!

*Some favorites include:* **Summer Fenn, Concord Academy, Camp Cody, Birch Hill, Star Camps, College Apprentice and Kutsher's Sports Academy.**

**For a complete list of camps, go to -**  
<http://www.biddingforgood.com/merriamschool/campauction>

Online bidding is your chance to take advantage of great values for this summer's camps! First, visit the camps at the Camp Fair on January 3. Then, go online to bid on February 2!

In order to bid, you need an account on [www.biddingforgood.com/merriam](http://www.biddingforgood.com/merriam). You can use your account login ID and pass-word from last year's auction. If you do not have an account, click Auction Signup to create one.

All proceeds from this online auction go to the Merriam PTO to support our out-standing teaching assistants!

Questions? Contact: Tina Hamilton at [tinahamilton\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com).

## BOOK FAIR – FEBRUARY 7-14

During the student-led conferences in February, Merriam will host our annual Book Fair. The Book Fair takes place from Friday, February 7th through Friday, February 14th and will be open before and after school. This is a fun event for kids and an important fundraiser for our fabulous classroom assistants. Parents interested in volunteering during the book fair should contact Zuzka Blasi ([beezok@hotmail.com](mailto:beezok@hotmail.com)).

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE – SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS VISITS

*AB Superintendent Finalists:* We are pleased to announce the finalists for the AB Superintendent position to begin July 1, 2014. **Read the Press Release** for details. Each finalist will visit the District for a series of **Community Forums from 7:00–8:00 pm in the R.J. Grey Junior High Library**, as follows:

- Marie Altieri on Tuesday, January 21
- Brett Kustigian on Thursday, January 23

On **Saturday, January 25**, the AB Transitional School Committee will hold a public meeting to interview each of the finalists. This meeting will run from **9:00am to approximately 3:00pm in the Junior High Library**. After the interviews, the Committee will discuss the finalists and plan to vote a decision. All are welcome to attend.

- See [January Community Forums](#) for more details.
- Visit the [Superintendent Search Website](#) for more information.

## **ACTONPIP – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MATH NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4**

Please join us for 5th Grade Market Math Mania hosted by AB PIP STEM.  
Where: Roche Bros supermarket, 387 Massachusetts Avenue, Acton

When: Tuesday February 4, 2014 Open House 4:30-7:30 pm  
Who: Area 5th graders and their adult chaperones

Free and Fun!

Student volunteers in grades 7+ are also needed to host math stations throughout the store. Please visit [actonpip.org](http://actonpip.org) or email [actonpip@gmail](mailto:actonpip@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

Thank you for your continue participation and support of AB PIP STEM. Please see the flyer for more details - <http://www.actonpip.org/pdf/2014MMflyer5.pdf>