

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

- 2/2 to 2/7 – Online Camp Auction
- 2/3/14 Monday – PTO Meeting (Topic – Budget Saturday)
- 2/12 Wednesday – Literacy Night
- 2/7 to 2/14 – Book Fair
- 2/7 to 2/14 – Student Led Conferences
- 2/17 to 2/21 – Winter Recess - No School
- 2/28 Friday – Theme Day

MERRIAM CAMP FAIR – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all in our community for your support in making the 2014. Acton Summer Camp Fair such a big success! We want to thank all the many wonderful volunteers including past and present Merriam kids who pitched in assisting with various jobs! Please join us in thanking Tina Hamilton, Lisa Sippy, Kathleen Iglesias, Alycen Nigro, Marjan Kompany and the rest of the Camp Fair team who worked hard to make this event a success! The success of the Camp Fair allows the Merriam PTO to support all the wonderful classroom assistants at Merriam School. Thank you all!

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. 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.

PTO MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 7.30PM

Please join the PTO Board and Ed Kaufman for the PTO Meeting on Monday evening. The topic will be a review of **Budget Saturday**, which covers the ABRSD FY'15 Budget Presentations.

Kristina Rychlik, a School Committee member and Merriam parent will be present to answer any questions. Possible topics include: an overview of the budget process, the current status of this year's budget (including a review of Budget Saturday), upcoming School Committee vacancies, the regionalization process, and other issues that come up. This promises to be a very informative evening!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MERRIAM BOOK FAIR

During the student-led conferences in February, Merriam will host our annual Book Fair. The Book Fair takes place from Friday, February 7th through Thursday, February 13th and will be open before and after school. This is a fun event for kids and an important fundraiser for our fabulous classroom assistants. New this year: an online purchasing option will be available starting this Friday, January 31st, see your Friday Mail for details. Parents interested in volunteering during the book fair should contact Zuzka Blasi (beezok@hotmail.com). Volunteers are needed for shifts before and after school.

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS

We are looking for a team of 5th Grade Parents to help organize Graduation for 6th grade students. If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com.

ACTONPIP – 5TH 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 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>