

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

3/11 Tuesday – School Council Meeting

3/24 Monday – Muffins w Mom/Donuts w Dad (7:45-8:15 am)/PTO Meeting #4 (8:15-9:00 am)

A FEW CAMPS LEFT TO BE SOLD

Six camps remain to be sold from the Camp Auction. They are:

- *One Stop Fun
- *Camp Stonewall
- *Camp Cody
- *College Apprentice
- *Kutsher's Sports Academy
- *Windsor Mountain International Camp

For more information on these camps, please read the attached flyer.

If you'd like to buy one of these camps at a great discount, please contact Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...MERRIAM STAFF AWESOME

ADVENTURES!

The generous Merriam Staff wants to demonstrate their support of Merriam's wonderful classroom assistants by offering events and activities for auction. Some of these fabulous items include:

Mega Castleball game with Mary O'Brien

Breakfast with Karen Sonner

Flashlight Tag with Tom Sidley and Colm McDermott

Lunch and creative fun with Kristen Indge and Linda McMullon

Principal for the Day

And many other fun activities!

All of these items are priceless opportunities for students and staff to create community within Merriam. As there is no live auction this year, these items will be available to the entire Merriam community through an online auction on Bidding for Good (www.biddingforgood.com/merriamschool) running from Friday, March 21st (5 PM) to Friday, March 28th (8 PM). Be on the lookout for more information coming home in the backpacks in the next few weeks. The PTO would like to give a huge thanks to the Merriam Staff. You are all amazing with all that you do for the school. We truly appreciate your dedication and willingness to show your support for the Merriam Community. Happy bidding everyone!

MUFFINS W MOM/DONUTS W DAD AND PTO MEETING, MARCH 24

Join us on Monday, March 24 at 7:45 a.m. for one of our favorite social events, Muffins with Mom/Donuts with Dad, followed by our 4th PTO meeting of the year. At the meeting, we'll be showing a wonderful video made in 1993-94 that shows what school was like in those days. Following the video, we'll have an opportunity to discuss Merriam, then and now.

WILLOW BOOKS THANKS

To all Merriam community, **Thank you** for coming to the Merriam's Willow Book night. The turn out was excellent and our readers were fabulous. Big Thank you to Myrna, Lee, Trisha, Fran, Alyson, Karen, Linda, Melissa, Annie and Anne and our hard working volunteers Melissa Chaffee and Katharine Simmons. The fundraiser wouldn't be successful without you. The Willow Book fundraiser was sponsored by Merriam's Cultural Enrichment Committee.

LOST & FOUND FAIR – MARCH 10TH – 21ST

Is your child missing a jacket, sweatshirt or boots? If so, please stop by the lost and found fair to find your missing items. All items will be on display outside the multi-purpose room. At the end of the two week fair all left over items will be donated.

BOOK DRIVE, MARCH 3 - 14

Book Drive to Benefit

More Than Words Used Bookstore & Café in Waltham

Clear Your Shelves and Help Youth Transform Their Lives!

More Than Words is a non-profit business entirely run by youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out-of-school. This retail and online business provides them with real-life work experience, valuable skills and self-confidence as they transition to adulthood.

When? Monday, March 3 – Friday, March 14

Where? Look for bins outside the 5th grade classrooms: Vanessa's, Tom's and Tasha's.

What can you Donate? Gently-used Paperback or Hardcover books, Fiction or Non-Fiction, any genre, plus CDs, DVDs, BluRay Discs & Video Games in original cases.

What is NOT accepted? Please NO magazines or other periodicals, encyclopedias, damaged/moldy books, reference books or textbooks that are more than 2 years old, VHS tapes, cassettes.

Questions? Or if you have a large number of books that you need picked up, please contact Orissa Lawrence, orissalawrence@yahoo.com.

For more information on the More Than Words Bookstore visit mtwyouth.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY – MUSICAL AND BALLET

Willy Wonka Jr - R.J. Grey's 2014 musical, "Willy Wonka Jr.," conjures up a "world of pure imagination" based on the Roald Dahl classic, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Over 100 R.J. Grey students make up the cast and crew of this production, which will run for two weekends in March. Evening shows are at 7 p.m. on March 7, 8, 14, and 15, and matinées are at 2 p.m. on March 8, 9, and 15. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Junior High Office; Donelan's; Red, White, and Brew; or at the door. You won't want to miss it!

Commonwealth Ballet presents – The Secret Garden on March 22-23 - Commonwealth Ballet invites you to peek behind the stone wall and enter into a world of wonder and delight in *The Secret Garden*. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the heart-warming children's classic as performed by the renowned dancers of Commonwealth Ballet. Please see the attached flyer for more information on this.