

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

- 6/2 Monday - Volunteer Reception - 8:35 - 9:45 a.m.
- 6/5 Thursday – School Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 6/6 Friday - Field Day
- 6/12 Thursday – End of the Year School Picnic
- 6/16 Monday – Sixth Grade Graduation
- 6/18 Wednesday - Last Day of School/6th Grade Handshake

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION - TOMORROW!

The students and faculty would like to thank all volunteers for their help this school year!

Monday, June 2

8:35 - Student performances, readings, and musical performances in the PDB Cafeteria

9:20-9:45 - Coffee and refreshments hosted by the teachers in the Merriam lobby

Thank you to all chaperones, classroom and office volunteers, theme day leaders, library volunteers, and those who served in committees.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC

Let's celebrate the end of the school year!

Date: Thursday, June 12

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Merriam Back Playground

Families are invited to gather as a community before the start of the summer in this casual tradition. Please bring a picnic dinner and non-alcoholic beverages for your family and a blanket or chairs to sit on.

This is not a drop-off event. All children must be supervised by an adult.

For questions please contact Alycen Nigro at alyheels@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

The Merriam PTO would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped out this year! Planning and implementing the Merriam PTO's numerous activities, events and fundraising endeavors truly takes a team effort. With your help, the Merriam community raised **over \$95,000** to support our wonderful classroom assistants. **Thank you very much!**

We are now planning for next year and have some opportunities for volunteers:

Fall Fair Team: We are looking for **four volunteers** to help plan and run Merriam's 4th Annual Fall Fair. This event is a fun evening of "carnival games", cakewalks and yummy food. Jobs include Concessions, Game Booth Coordination, Public Relations/Volunteer Coordination and Facilities Coordination. For this event to be a success, we need to have this team in place before the end of the school year.

Merriam Directory Team: We are looking for a volunteer to help put together the Merriam Directory. In particular, we need someone to reach out to our past advertisers and potential advertisers to fill the slots in the 2014 Directory. These advertisements allow us to offer the Directory free for families. This job needs to be completed in August and early September.

Camp Fair Team: The Acton Camp Fair is our largest fundraising event of the year. All monies raised at this event come from outside of the Merriam Community. We need assistance in several areas including Registration, Concessions, on-site Coordinator. This event takes place at the end of January.

Merriam Yard Sale Coordinator(s): We need one or two volunteers to organize and coordinate the annual Merriam Yard Sale. This event takes place in conjunction with McCarthy-Towne in the Spring.

Acton PIP Representatives: We need two volunteers to attend monthly Acton PIP (Parent Involvement Project) meetings and pass information along to the Merriam community regarding upcoming PIP events (e.g., Family Math Night, Nature Walks, Market Math and Star Party).

Please help the Merriam PTO continue to support our wonderful classroom assistants. If you (and/or your friends!) are interested in any of the positions above, please contact: Alycen Nigro (alyheels@yahoo.com). We look forward to working with you next year to enrich the Merriam community!

DO YOU HAVE 60 SECONDS TO SPARE?

As the PTO Board plans for next year, we'd appreciate your input! It will take less than a minute to

answer just a few questions about Merriam's fundraising strategy. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSRQSPL> to complete our survey - your opinion matters!

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 5 AT 7PM

School Committee meeting Thursday, June 5 at 7pm in RJ Grey library

Agenda items as follows:

2014-2015 School Calendar

Election of SC officers

Presentation of Long Range Strategic Plan

Policy Update including Life Threatening Allergies, tobacco use and the consent agenda

Lower Fields Report

Track Update

Safety Task for report

Wellness Committee Report

Superintendent Review

Agenda can be found at <http://ab.mec.edu/about/packets13-14/06-05-14-SC-packet.pdf>

IN THE COMMUNITY – FIREFLY THEATRE, FREE SUMMER CAMP

FireFly Theatre – Chris Charig, Music Teacher from R.J.Grey Junior High is looking for children interested in performing arts for his Summer Program. It's a great way for kids to get teacher-driven stage experience before getting involved in the offerings of the school year at the Junior High and High School. For more information, please see the attached PDF or visit his website - fireflytheatreworks.wix.com/firefly.

Free Summer Camp – Kids from ABRHS from the club and organization – Kids for Education offer free tutoring to kids in the community. This summer, they are hosting their first FREE summer camp. The camp is from July 21-26, and is taught entirely by highly qualified high school volunteers in our community. Classes include Intro to Analysis, Intro to Speech and Debate, Art, Cooking, Intro to Business, and more! This class is open to all rising 4th-7th graders in the community. Again, the camp is entirely free. For more information, and to sign up, visit <http://www.kidsforedu.org/summer-camp-2014>. Please contact the founder Rea Savla at 15savlar@abschools.org or Maurin O'Grady at mogrady@abschools.org, the ABRHS Dean of Students for more information.