

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

- 10/17 Thursday – Scrip Orders Due
- 10/19 Saturday – Fall Fair 4-7 pm
- 10/23 Wednesday – School P.E. Night
- 10/25 Friday – Scrip Cards Delivered
- 10/29 Tuesday – Early Dismissal
- 11/5 Tuesday – Professional Day (No School)
- 11/5 Tuesday – Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- 11/11 Monday – No School (Veteran’s Day)
- 11/12 Tuesday – School Council Meeting
- 11/13 Wednesday – Early Dismissal
- 11/14 Thursday – PTO Board Meeting 9:00-10:30 am

DIRECT APPEAL – THANK YOU

We made it - 50% participation and donations totaling (so far) just over \$40,000!

In our experience at Merriam, no other fundraiser has generated such a high percentage of participation. Our community has clearly shown its commitment to supporting the Merriam Classroom Assistants. Over the next couple of weeks, the PTO Board will revise our fundraising strategy for the year based on these results. We will not have the traditional

auction, but will have an adult spring fling. Thank you all for your support!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of the following volunteers:

Fall Fair Volunteers –

The Fall Fair Committee Needs Volunteers for the following -

Set Up - Friday, 10/18 6pm

Ticket Sales - 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 6-7pm

Concessions - 4-5pm, 5-6pm, 6-7pm

Clean Up 7pm

Caramel Apple Makers

Cake/Cupcake Makers for the Cake Walk

If you can help, please email Danielle Fredericks at daniellefredericks@yahoo.com.

Front Office Volunteers - We are in need of additional volunteers for the Merriam School front office. The commitment is a few hours in the morning for one day every other week for about ½ hour. The front office volunteers coordinate the attendance of all students to ensure safe arrival, and prepare reports for changes to students' dismissal routines. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information on this opportunity, email Joanne Mills at jmills@abschools.org.

Camp Fair Publicity Volunteer – Volunteer needed to help with Camp Fair publicity. This job involves posting flyers and submitting articles to local newspapers. If you can help, please email Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com.

FALL FAIR – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Third Annual Merriam Fall Fair will be held October 19 from 4-7pm in the Parker Damon building.

Last year's event was so much fun and such a success, we can't wait to do it again! Celebrate fall with a fair that will include dancing, a cake walk, and game booths set up by each class. Feast on BBQ, hot dogs, caramel apples, cotton candy and popcorn! Stay tuned for more from the Fall Fair committee and your class room parents.

SAVE THE DATE – PE NIGHT

Save the Date: Join us for PE Night, October 23 from 6:30 - 7:30pm and experience what Physical Education at the Merriam School is like for your child. Wear your sneakers and try activities for building skills and fitness that are lots of fun too! If you have questions, email Mary at mobrien@abschools.org. Hope you and your child can come!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Are you new to Merriam? Do you love to cook or bake? The Merriam Hospitality Committee would appreciate your help. Our first event of the year is coming up on Tuesday Nov 5th. We will host the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. This is a professional day for our wonderful teachers and it is our way of thanking them for all they do for our kids. If you are

able and willing to help out with making a dish or helping with set up or clean up, please email us at merriamptohospitality@yahoo.com. If you are already a member we will be sending an email shortly about this event. Thank you. Ali Stanton and Claire McCarthy.

SCRIP ORDERS UPDATE

It's time for the first SCRIP order of the year! SCRIP is a way for you to purchase gift cards to the places you shop and a portion of every purchase goes to our school to support our Teacher's Assistants! Watch for the order sheet coming home in backpack mail THIS FRIDAY! Order forms will also be on the PTO website. Orders are due back to school on Thursday, October 17th and cards will be delivered on Friday, 10/25. Below is the SCRIP schedule for the year so you can plan your shopping. Please help us reach our goal by purchasing SCRIP this year!

October 2013 - FALL COACHES AND SHOPPING!

Order slips go home Friday 10/11/13

Orders due Thursday, 10/17/13

Cards delivered Friday: 10/25/13

December 2013 - HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Order slips go home Wednesday 11/27/13

Orders due Thursday, 12/5/13

Cards delivered Friday: 12/13/13

May 2014 - END OF YEAR TEACHER GIFTS & GRADS!

Order slips go home Friday 5/9/14

Orders due Thursday, 5/15/14

Cards delivered Friday: 5/23/14

If you have any questions, please contact SCRIP Coordinator, Kristen Koehler at koehlers4@verizon.net.