

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

- 10/23 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
- 11/27 Wednesday – Early Dismissal
- 11/27 Wednesday – Scrip Order Slips Go Home
- 11/28 Thursday – No School (Thanksgiving Recess)
- 11/29 Friday – No School (Thanksgiving Recess)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of the following volunteers:

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 – THANK YOU!

The Fall Fair was a huge success because of the many people who generously gave of their time and talent. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, baked cakes/cupcakes, made caramel apples, worked a booth, helped with concessions, set up, and cleaned up. Without you, the Fall Fair wouldn't be possible!

2013 MERRIAM WEAR IS HERE!

The Merriam PTO is excited to bring you the 2013 Merriam Wear selections. Merriam Wear is a great way for your family to show their Merriam spirit while also supporting our school and community. This year we are offering a variety of wearable items including tie dye t-shirts, flannel pants, shorts, long sleeved t-shirts and full zipper hoodie sweatshirts. So that the parents are not left out, we are offering most items in adult sizes as well!

Please check your child's Friday Mail for the pricing flyer and order form. A full color Merriam Wear catalog, which included information on colors, sizing and prices, can be found in your email or on the PTO website (www.merriampto.org). Once you decide on your items, you can use the Merriam Wear order form to complete your purchase. Completed order forms and payments can be sent into the office with your child or mailed to the office (Merriam School, 11 Charter Road, Acton MA 01720). Payment should be made out to "Merriam PTO". The deadline for ordering is **Friday, November 1st** so be sure to get your order in on time so you don't miss out. Merriam Wear will not be available again until the fall of 2015!

If you have any questions about any of the items, please contact Alycen Nigro via email (alyheels@yahoo.com). Remember, all proceeds from the sale of Merriam Wear go towards funding our fabulous classroom assistants. The Merriam PTO and the Merriam community greatly appreciate your school spirit as well as your support!

SAVE THE DATE - PE NIGHT

Join us for PE Night, Wednesday, 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.

SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 15

Please join for a Family Science Night (K-8) at ABHS Cafeteria on November 15th, 6.30 to 8.30 pm hosted by ABHRS Science and Environthon Teams. Come and learn more about Massachusetts wildlife, plants, engineer a glider plane and much more. Please look at the flyer attached for more details.

IN THE COMMUNITY

School Committee Meetings - To view SC meetings, please go to the following link. Also, for live streaming, go to Acton TV and find the live streaming:

<http://actontv.org/on-demand/government>

Schedule of SC Meetings:

<http://ab.mec.edu/about/aboutpdf/2013-2014SCcalendar.pdf>

An evening with Dr Zhao:

<http://actontv.org/on-demand/post-video/an-evening-with-dr-zhaomp4-1376080206>

Bikes Not Bombs - The National Honors Society is organizing a bike drive for Bikes Not Bombs . Bikes Not Bombs is an organization that collects used bikes and gives them to the underprivileged youth. We will be holding the bike drive on Sunday, October 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the front circle of the high school. The drive will occur rain or shine unless otherwise noted. We would appreciate any old bicycles, helmets, parts, or other accessories that you have to donate. At the drive there will be volunteers to help take apart and pack the bikes and equipment. For a complete list of what to bring and more information about Bikes Not Bombs, you can visit the website at <https://bikesnotbombs.org/bike-drive/463>. If you have any question you can email either Chris Benson at 14bensonc@abschools.org or Ryan Engert at 14engertr@abschools.org.

Thank you and we appreciate your support.