

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. Attached, please find Elementary School Physical Education Newsletter.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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)
- 12/5 Thursday – PTO vs. Staff Basketball Game at 6:00 pm
- 12/5 Thursday – Scrip Orders Due
- 12/13 Friday – Scrip Cards Delivered
- 12/23 to 1/1 – Winter Recess – No School

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of the following volunteers:

Lost and Found Committee Volunteers – Volunteers needed for a **very flexible volunteering opportunity**. Only requires your help a couple of times throughout the school

year. Help missing items find their owners and help us donate abandoned items to local charities. Please contact Catherine Centrella at catcentrella@gmail.com if interested.

PTO Basketball Volunteers – We are looking for volunteers to play for our Staff vs PTO Basketball game. If you'd like to be part of the PTO team, contact Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

With our School Superintendent announcing his retirement at the end of June, the School Committee has established a Search Committee to assist in finding his replacement. An online Superintendent Search survey is now available for all Acton and Boxborough residents and school staff members to complete, if they wish to provide input to the Committee. The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N53GLYL> and is open through November 10.

Residents are also welcome to attend one of the community forums on:

Monday, Nov 4

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Blanchard School Library

Tuesday, Nov 5

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Acton Memorial Library Meeting Room

You are welcome to join these meetings at any time in the evening and leave as you wish. There are other forums for school staff. Additional information including the survey link is available on the superintendent search website at www.absuptsearch.com and in the attached flyer.

SAVE THE DATE: STAFF VS PTO BASKETBALL GAME

Get ready for some basketball fun! Cheer for your favorite team, show your Merriam community spirit, and, back by popular demand, watch the halftime whipped cream pie-in-the-face extravaganza! Mark your calendars for the annual Staff Vs. PTO Basketball Game which is scheduled for **Thursday, December 5th at 5:30 PM**. All proceeds go to supporting our wonderful classroom assistants.

Watch your Friday mail folders in November for more information and to purchase tickets. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, sell concessions & pizza, and staff the ticket table. Please contact Carrie Mathews at carrie275@aol.com or 978-635-3989 if you can help.

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.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

At the next School Committee meeting, there will be a vote for the calendar w or w/o religious holidays as well as a few other items. Important for parents to know:

Title: SC meeting Thursday, Nov 7 at 7:15pm - RJ Grey Library: School Calendar Vote

Agenda includes, but is not limited to: an oral discussion about Safety in School by Dr Mills, Voting on the School Calendar (with or without religious Holidays), MCAS Report, New Blanchard Principal and Superintendent Update, Policy Updates, Educational Values Survey Study, Report by the Special Education Parents Advisory Council, and the SMART Goals for FY14 update.