

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 the PTO Meeting #2 – End-of-Year Assessments Notes.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/27 Wednesday – Early Dismissal
- 11/28 Thursday – No School (Thanksgiving Recess)
- 11/29 Friday – No School (Thanksgiving Recess)
- 12/5 Thursday – PTO vs. Staff Basketball Game at 5:30 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:

PTO Basketball Volunteers - Players needed for the PTO basketball team. 4 spots remain. If you'd like to play in this fun, non-competitive game, email Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com.

Volunteers are also 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.

Camp Fair Volunteers - The Camp Fair is Merriam's 2nd largest fundraiser, raising close to \$20,000 for our teaching assistants. The Camp Fair is on January 30, but a lot needs to happen between now and then. We need your help! If you can help in any of the following roles, please email Tina Hamilton at tinahamilton_2000@yahoo.com. And remember, you will have help with each of these jobs!

1. Concessions Coordinator - Purchase and order food that we sell at the fair. This role is needed in December and January.
2. Electrical Set-Up - This is just the day-of the event, laying out the extension cords according to our floor plan.

ATTEND STAFF VS PTO BASKETBALL GAME ON DECEMBER 5TH

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!

Attend 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. Return the ticket order form in the Friday mail folder to pre-order tickets or purchase at the door. Get ready for a great event!

DISMISSAL SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

From the Office of the Superintendent, Steve Mills, this Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving, dismissal times for the schools will be as follows:

Junior High: 11:06 a.m.

Senior High: 11:18 a.m.

Conant/McT/Merriam 12:15 p.m.

Douglas/Gates 1:00 p.m.

Please note: Elementary dismissal follows the usual Thursday schedule. Attached, please find the schedule.

HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDER

The holidays are upon us – let SCRIP make your life easier! Gift cards are perfect for everyone on your holiday list. They are also a favorite for teachers and coaches. Get your shopping done in one easy step by ordering SCRIP! And don't forget, you can use the gift cards to do your regular shopping and earn money for Merriam at the same time. So if you know you will be spending \$100 on gifts at Macy's this season, why not purchase a \$100 gift card to Macy's through SCRIP for your purchases and painlessly donate \$10 to our school at the same time?

You have two options for buying gift cards – using the attached order form, or by going online to www.shopwithscrip.com. Check out the Merriam PTO website(www.merriampto.org) for instructions on online ordering.

We have a goal of raising \$1000 through the SCRIP program this year. Please contact Kristen Koehler at koehlers4@verizon.net for any questions.