

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

- 4/7 Monday – Town Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4/15 Tuesday – School Council Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm
- 4/18 Friday – No School (Good Friday)
- 4/21 to 4/25 – Spring Recess – No School

SAVE THE DATE – MERRIAM PARENT SOCIAL

Save the date for Merriam Parent Social at Red Raven on Saturday, May 17th. More details to follow soon! School

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT – PERFORMERS NEEDED

International Night is Friday May 2!

If you would like to perform a dance, sing a song, or tell a story that reflects your home country or country of your ancestors, please fill out the application or contact Jayanthi Srinath at jaysrinath@yahoo.com. Participation is first come, first serve.

TOWN MEETING IS TOMORROW NIGHT – PLEASE ATTEND!

Tomorrow, the town of Acton will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed 2014-2015 School Budget and other school related issues. **We urge you to review your Town Warrant, to attend Acton Town Meeting and vote!**

When: Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: ABRHS Auditorium

For important information regarding Town Meeting, please review sections 11-12 (Questions and Answers regarding Next Years School Budget and process) and 15-16 (SC and Regionalization Update)

CHILD CARE FOR TOWN MEETING – MOVIE NIGHT

Want to go to Town Meeting, but can't find a sitter?

Bring the kids with you and let them enjoy a free **Family Friendly Movie Night**, sponsored by the PTOs of Merriam, Conant and McCarthy-Town Schools along with the AEA.

Time: 6:30 - 9:00

Where: Lower Gym at ABRHS

RSVP: alyheels@hotmail.com by Monday, 4/7 at noon

Children will be chaperoned by CORI-checked adult volunteers including teachers and parents. High school volunteers will be on hand to help out as well.

Recreation activities and equipment will be available

Food will not be served but children can bring water bottles

For more information, contact Alycen Nigro at alyheels@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The senior class at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School will hold a Community Service Day on Friday, May 2, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting 3-4 hours. This will be the 20th year of this senior class tradition. Students plan to head out in teams to do volunteer work for various agencies around Acton, Boxborough and neighboring communities. We'll need over 60 projects for our 516 seniors! We are looking for volunteers to oversee these seniors. If interested, please contact Alycen Nigro at alyheels@hotmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM MERRIAM'S CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

COMMITTEE

On Thursday, April 3, 2014, **Melodeego**, The Clean Green Music Machine Band, visited Merriam. The band performed in front of the whole school. The band used electricity created by the bikes to power their instruments. Our sixth graders took turns to paddle the bikes for 40 minutes, and the energy that got created helped the microphone, speakers, and the electric guitar work. The band used a projector for their presentation which was effective for younger students too. They sang songs and student sang along too. They talked mostly about recycling and reusing. They made this hard topic easy for the young K-5 group.

Parents please talk to your students about the recycling and reusing regime that Merriam is working on. Ask them about Melodeego and their 'I am a bottle' song. Thank you! This program was sponsored by Merriam's Cultural Enrichment Committee.

IN THE COMMUNITY – AFN KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL

Calling all Acton-Boxborough Kindergarteners and their families! Please join us on **Sunday, June 8th from 3-5 PM at the brand new Goward Playground at the Acton Memorial Library for our Annual Kindergarten Social!** Come and meet some of the families and future classmates of your September 2014 Kindergartener. We will have popsicles and water for attendees, and color-coded name tags so that you can easily identify children and their parents who will be going to the same school as your family. **Please RSVP by email to kindysocial@actonfamily.org and let us know how many members of your family will be joining you!**

ACTON PIP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed - AB PIP needs 2 volunteers from each school for Summerskill program. The job will involve collecting hard copy orders and checks (some will be processed online and through the mail) and delivering books to students once a week for about 3 weeks before school lets out. (approximately 1-2 hours per week for 3 weeks). All proceeds help support AB PIP STEM events and scholarships. Interested parties should contact Dewi Win at actonpip@gmail.com.