

# 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

- 5/28 Wednesday – Spring Theme Day
- 5/30 Friday – Scrip Cards Delivered
- 6/2 Monday - Volunteer Reception - 8:35 - 9:45 a.m.
- 6/6 Friday - Field Day
- 6/12 Thursday – End of the Year School Picnic
- 6/16 Monday – Sixth Grade Graduation
- 6/18 Wednesday - Last Day of School/6th Grade Handshake

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

The Merriam PTO would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped out this year! Planning and implementing the Merriam PTO's numerous activities, events and fundraising endeavors truly takes a team effort. With your help, the Merriam community raised **over \$95,000** to support our wonderful classroom assistants. **Thank you very much!**

### **We are now planning for next year and have some opportunities for volunteers:**

**Merriam Directory Team:** We are looking for a few volunteers to help put together the Merriam Directory. Jobs include procuring advertisements (so we can keep the Directory free for families), organizing family and class information from the main office and formatting that information into the final directory.

**Fall Fair Team:** We are looking for several volunteers to help plan and run Merriam's 4th Annual Fall Fair. This event is a fun evening of "carnival games", cakewalks and yummy food. Many hands are needed to make this October event run smoothly.

**Camp Fair Team:** The Acton Camp Fair is our largest fundraising event of the year. All

monies raised at this event come from outside of the Merriam Community. We need assistance in several areas including Registration, Concessions, on-site Coordinator and Camp Auction Coordinator. This event takes place at the end of January.

**Merriam Yard Sale Coordinator(s):** We need one or two volunteers to organize and coordinate the annual Merriam Yard Sale. This event takes place in conjunction with McCarthy-Towne in the Spring.

**Acton PIP Representatives:** We need two volunteers to attend monthly Acton PIP (Parent Involvement Project) meetings and pass information along to the Merriam community regarding upcoming PIP events (e.g., Family Math Night, Nature Walks, Market Math and Star Party).

**Webmaster:** We need a volunteer to take over weekly webmaster duties for the Merriam PTO website. This person must have at least the basic knowledge of Wordpress and HTML. Our outgoing webmaster, Emilie Ying, will review the weekly update procedures with the new webmaster to insure a smooth transition.

Please help the Merriam PTO continue to support our wonderful classroom assistants. If you (and/or your friends!) are interested in any of the positions above, please contact: Alycen Nigro ([alyheels@yahoo.com](mailto:alyheels@yahoo.com)). We look forward to working with you next year to enrich the Merriam community!

## ANNUAL WORKSHOP WITH DR. JEFFRY Q. BOSTIC POSTPONED

Dr. Bostic's May 27th presentation on Mental Health Issues in Children and Teens has been postponed. Dr. Bostic has been asked by the U.S. Government to travel to the Ukraine and will leave shortly. Thank you for your understanding.

## ACTON PIP – SUMMER SKILLS WORKBOOKS

AB PIP STEM Offers Summer Skills Workbooks - Early Bird Orders Due, Friday, May 30. (Regular deadline June 6)

AB PIP STEM is again offering Summer Skills Math Books to help your children review math skills over the summer. If you order by May 30, you will receive the Early Bird discount price of \$18 per book; you save \$2 and PIP receives \$1 per book. Regular price after that will be \$20 per book. Proceeds support popular AB PIP STEM events, such as Market Math Mania, Star Party, and Discover STEM, as well as yearly scholarships. Flyer and order forms are attached and can also be found at [actonpip.org](http://actonpip.org).

For more information, email [actonpip@gmail.com](mailto:actonpip@gmail.com) with any questions. Samples of the workbooks can be found at the Acton Memorial Library, in the Children's Reference Department, or by visiting <http://www.summerskills.com/>. This year's books align with the new Common Core State Standards. Other subject area books available upon request.

## IN THE COMMUNITY – FIREFLY THEATRE, FREE SUMMER CAMP AND PMC BIKE RIDE

**FireFly Theatre** – Chris Charig, Music Teacher from R.J.Grey Junior High is looking for children interested in performing arts for his Summer Program. It's a great way for kids to get

teacher-driven stage experience before getting involved in the offerings of the school year at the Junior High and High School. For more information, please see the attached PDF or visit his website - [fireflytheatreworks.wix.com/firefly](http://fireflytheatreworks.wix.com/firefly).

**Free Summer Camp** – Kids from ABRHS from the club and organization – Kids for Education offer free tutoring to kids in the community. This summer, they are hosting their first FREE summer camp. The camp is from July 21-26, and is taught entirely by highly qualified high school volunteers in our community. Classes include Intro to Analysis, Intro to Speech and Debate, Art, Cooking, Intro to Business, and more! This class is open to all rising 4th-7th graders in the community. Again, the camp is entirely free. For more information, and to sign up, visit <http://www.kidsforedu.org/summer-camp-2014>. Please contact the founder Rea Savla at [15savlar@abschools.org](mailto:15savlar@abschools.org) or Maurin O'Grady at [mogrady@abschools.org](mailto:mogrady@abschools.org), the ABRHS Dean of Students for more information.

**PMC Bike Ride - The 2nd Annual Acton-Boxboro PMC Kids Ride will take place on Sunday, June 1 from 8:30-12:00 pm at NARA Park.**

PMC Kids Rides became an official PMC program in 2005 as a way to include young cyclists in the Pan-Mass Challenges mission of raising money for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. These rides enable children between the ages of 3 and 13 to ride their bikes and solicit sponsorships to donate money to cancer research. 100% of all the monies raised at this event and by the children will go directly to Dana-Farber via the PMC.

The event will include the ride, lunch, multiple kids' activities and raffles. Ride details, rider and volunteer registration can be found at: <http://www.kids.pmc.org/acton-boxboro.aspx>. You can also email [PMCKidsAB@gmail.com](mailto:PMCKidsAB@gmail.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!