

# Merriam PTO N2K (Need to Know)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**9/12 – Monday** – School Picture Day

**9/13 Tuesday** - New Parent Coffee (9:30a.m.); PTO Meeting #1 (10:15a.m.-11:15a.m.) Topic: Merriam Goals & Information about the PTO

**9/15 Thursday** -- Early Dismissal (1:00p.m.)

**9/16 Friday** -- Deadline to update Power School data for Merriam Directory; Kid Stuff Coupon Books to be sent home – fundraiser begins.

**9/22 Thursday** – Early Dismissal (1:00p.m.) – Professional Development

**9/27 Tuesday** -- Merriam Open House 6:00p.m. (Kindergarten families); 7:00p.m. (Grades 1-6)

**9/30 Friday** – Community Day

**10/3 Monday** – No School - Rosh Hashanah

**10/6 Thursday** – Early Dismissal (1:00p.m.)

**10/7 Friday** – Raindate for Community Day

**10/10 Monday** – Columbus Day – No School

**10/11 Tuesday** – No School

**10/12 Wednesday** – Yom Kippur – No School

### **PICNIC THANK-YOU**

**NEW!** It was nice to see so many families at Friday's picnic! Thank you for your participation, and for making it such a wonderful, community building event.

### **FUNDRAISING IN THE SIMPLEST OF WAYS**

**NEW! Save those Box Tops!** Have you been collecting your box tops all summer? The next Box Tops deadline is October 15th, so please drop them off in the office, or have your child bring them in to class! What an easy way to support our school!

**NEW! Don't trash that receipt** – Your Donelans receipts, dated September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 can be sent or delivered to the school office in order to support our invaluable teaching assistants.

### **MERRIAM SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

Each fall, the Merriam PTO creates a Student Directory so families can communicate with each other throughout the year. Each Merriam family will receive one copy of the directory for free. Since the Directory information is drawn from the details you enter into the **PowerSchool Parent Portal**, we need to make sure that everyone has submitted their current information, and updated their permissions for publication. This information also allows the school to send our N2K (“Need to Know”) weekly school communication via email to you. If you have not yet done so this school year for each of your Merriam children (**even if you are in the second half of your loop**), please visit PowerSchool to review your information and make any necessary changes. Information on this process will be coming home in the backpacks between now and the deadline **on Friday, September 16th**.

### **FACEBOOK**

The Merriam School Community is online. This closed (private) group is an additional resource for the entire community, and will not replace the PTO Webpage, N2K, or Newsletter. You can do a search for “Merriam School Community” on Facebook to find us, or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/merriamschoolacton/>

### **JOIN THE CAMP FAIR TEAM!**

**Apprentice Camp Fair Registrations Coordinator** – We are looking for someone to help monitor summer camp business registrations for our annual Summer Camp Fair in January. This is one of our largest fundraisers, so we need to secure this position as soon as possible. This position involves updating one letter with current dates/deadlines and monitoring/assisting camps as they register using our online registration system. Please contact Amanda Ragusa [amandadragusa@gmail.com](mailto:amandadragusa@gmail.com) for more information.

**Apprentice for the Online Auction:** Assist current committee member in maintaining and

organizing the Online Camp Fair Auction. For more information, please contact Amanda Ragusa at [amandadragusa@gmail.com](mailto:amandadragusa@gmail.com).

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE MERRIAM PTO**

**Friday Mail Team** - Come join a group of fun and friendly parents at approximately 9:20 a.m. on Friday mornings to assemble the information packets that go home every week. Please contact Karen Brandstein ([kmwb1@yahoo.com](mailto:kmwb1@yahoo.com)) for more information.

**Room Parents** - Becoming a Room Parent can be a great way to get involved with your child's class. It is also a great opportunity for parents that may not be able to volunteer in the classroom, but would like to help out remotely. Please look for the flyer to be sent home in the upcoming N2K to learn more typical Room Parent responsibilities. If interested, or have questions, please contact Leah Abraham ([leahabraham@gmail.com](mailto:leahabraham@gmail.com))

### **YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**NEW!** Class library schedules are available on the attached flyer. The library would be grateful if you could help your students remember to return library books every week.

**Library Volunteers** – Parents are **always** needed to help out in the library – If you're interested in this rewarding and peaceful volunteer opportunity, please contact Joan Hilton ([jhilton@abschools.org](mailto:jhilton@abschools.org))

### **COMING SOON TO A BACKPACK NEAR YOU!**

We're selling **KidStuff Coupon Books** to support our school at a cost of \$25! Save at Macy's, Sears, Dick's, Michaels, Payless + more! See attached flyer for more info!

### **IN THE COMMUNITY....**

**NEW! AB Family Learning Series** - We are fortunate to have an incredible line-up of presenters coming to our district this year. The list of topics they will be addressing is extensive and diverse. The series debuts with "**The Science of Sleep**" on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. We earnestly encourage you to look over the attached flyer for details