

Dear Meritor Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season. In this e-mail you will find the details of the events the PAC has planned for January.

The PAC has already begun planning and scheduling activities for Meritor children and families for the remainder of the school year. Some events are ready to go and others are in the works. There is a lot going on so be sure to read your emails and check your mail folders at school.

**The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30pm
at Panera Bread in North Andover.**

Please don't hesitate to attend this meeting if you haven't attended previous meetings. Come to get involved or just to learn more. Read on for more information.... If you have questions or comments about the contents of the newsletter or the PAC in general, please e-mail me.

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Events and Activities:

Outside the Box, Dino Dig Adventure!

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

9:30 & 10:30 AM Shows

The PAC is bringing a new act to the Meritor classrooms! We are every excited to host this interactive children's adventure show based on dinosaurs. There will be age-appropriate discussions on topics such as types of dino's, extinction and their connection to current day reptiles. The children will embark on a dinosaur expedition where they will uncover plastic bones, fossils and a dino egg! They will explore caves and create their own fossils!

Your child may attend either show even if they do not attend school on Wednesday's. Please check with Bunny or Gina to confirm if you will need to stay with your child during the show.

Jump On In, Haverhill, Family Event!

Monday, January 26th @ 6:00 PM

\$6 PER CHILD (Adults are FREE)

Deadline to sign up is January 21, 2009

The PAC is hosting a Family night at Jump On In located at Ward Hill in Haverhill. Jump On In is an indoor inflatable jumping facility that encourages children to explore trampolines and inflatable equipment.

The cost **PER CHILD** is \$6 and adults are free. In order for us to run this event we must have 20 children. The sign up sheet will be at the front desk near the sign in computer starting on Monday, January 5th. At the time of sign up, please fill out a waiver form per child who will be attending (required by Jump On In) and leave it with your payment in cash or check made out to Meritor PAC.

On the sign up sheet we will be asking for 6 Parent Volunteers to be monitors on the equipment. We will rotate in shifts of 1/2 hour to an hour based on how many children are attending. You can sign up for a shift from 6-7 or 7-8. Plan on being a monitor for that one hour and it may possibly be shorter than that.

More information about the facility can be found on their website at: www.jumponinfun.com

Please contact Nicole Bennett @ meritorpac@gmail.com with any further questions.

Looking ahead....

Valentine's Bake Sale

Monday, February 9th through Wednesday, February 11th

The PAC is hosting a Valentine's Bake Sale beginning Monday, February 9th. Donations of baked treats are greatly appreciated! Please drop off donated treats at any time on Monday, February 9th or Tuesday, February 10th.

We ask that all treats be peanut-free and that you wrap each item for quick, easy sales. The bake sale will run until the treats run out! Proceeds will be used to fund future PAC sponsored events for our children.

Michael Glaser, Marine Educator

Date: TBA - tentative for February

Your child may attend the show even if they do not attend school on the day the show is held. Please check with Bunny or Gina to confirm if you will need to stay with your child during the show once the date is announced.

Family Pot Luck Dinner Luau!

Thursday, March 12, 2009

First United Methodist Church Hall, North Andover

(located next to CVS on 114 and across from ACE Hardware)

\$10 PER FAMILY

Each year the PAC hosts a Family Pot Luck Dinner at the First United Methodist Church Hall. Each family that wishes to attend will pay a fee of **\$10 PER FAMILY** and signs up to bring a dish to share. This year we are having a Luau! There will be a children's music DJ for dancing, balloons, tattoos and lots of fun to be had!

Be on the lookout in the next month or so for a sign up sheet.

Thank you to Maria Philbin and Donna Phaneuf for organizing this event!

Classroom Wish Lists:

While Meritor supplies all of the core materials for a solid education, teachers often utilize their own financial resources and time to supply their students with additional educational items that will enhance the learning experience and classroom environment for their students. The PAC has asked the teachers to share their wishlists for their classrooms with us so that we in turn can share them with all of you.

In the past the PAC has circulated these wish lists 3 times per year. The winter wish lists will be sent out to all families within the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for this e-mail.

Thank you for your continued support of Meritor and the PAC!

And finally, a special thank you goes out to all of the parents who have supported the PAC through paying their enrichment fee and volunteering their time!

