



**A Volunteer
Pledge
Program**
FROM PTOtoday

As you know, our PTO is run by you, volunteers. And as you also know, we can do amazing things when we all work together. We would LOVE it if you could all join in. We are now participating in a program put together by PTO Today called 2 Hour Power. If we can get every Sweetsir/Donaghue parent to commit Just 2 Hours to helping out, we can do even more amazing things!! This program emphasizes that all help, any help, makes a huge difference for schools. The research is so clear—kids at schools with a broad base of involved parents perform markedly better on all kinds of key school measures.

We'd love to help you get involved in any way that works with your schedule and interests.

We'd love your 2 hours, and - Really! We promise - there is no obligation beyond helping out in this small, but very important way. If you'd like to do more, GREAT, but we realize that is not a fit for everyone.

Watch for your interest & pledge/membership form coming home in Take Home Tuesday when school starts. Let us know how you'd like to help and we will find something for you!

Included in your PTO membership are the membership directory, ability to attend and contribute to meetings, and voting rights. It's a great way to have a say in how your money is spent!!



Merrimac PTO
104 Church Street
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Presents

Merrimac Goes Back to School

Monday, August 25

Sweetsir: 2:30 ~ 4:00PM
Donaghue: 5:00 ~ 6:00PM



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The Merrimac PTO is getting a make-over!! We have a brand new logo, created by our own Mary Rokosz. Our brand new website should be up and running soon. And check out our new PTO Post. We will be using our new newsletter to communicate all of our happenings and accomplishments. The plan is for the Post to be sent home monthly in Take Home Tuesday. The PTO Post will include information about our calendar of activities, appropriations, fundraisers, meetings, officers, and whatever you would like to hear about!! Drop us an email and let us know what you want to hear about!

Calendar of events:

August 25: Merrimac Goes Back to School

Sweetsir: 2:30-4

Donaghue: 5-6

Tue, August 26: First Full Day of School (Grades 1-12)

Wed, August 27: First Day of for Kindergarten

Fri, August 29: No School

Mon, Sept 1: No School, Labor Day

Tues, Sept 2: School Committee Meeting, PHS Cafe

Fri, Sept 5: PTO Bookstore, during lunch at both schools

Tues, Sept 9: HRD Curriculum Night

Wed, Sept 10: PTO Meeting, 7pm in FNS Teachers' Room

Tues, Sept 16: School Committee Meeting, PHS Cafe

Wed, Sept 17: PTO School Store, lunch at both schools

Tues, Sept 20: Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser begins

Wed, Sept 21: Early Release

Merrimac PTO Officers:

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Merrimac Goes Back to School

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SAVE THE DATE! Monday, August, 25th!! Our annual "Merrimac Goes Back to School" is an amazing event, unlike anything you have ever seen. From 2:30-4:00 at the SWEETSIR SCHOOL and 5:00-6:00 at the Donaghue SCHOOL, this event, funded by the PTO, brings children and their families back to school!



Both schools have tables galore providing information about our PTO, fundraising events, free "school tools", homework baskets, community sports and activities, refreshments and more. There is truly something for everyone!

Children and their families (in 1st-6th grade) can also visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher, all in the comfort of this wonderful "Welcome Back" event. These classroom visits and getting to know each other help ease some of those first day jitters, and make the transition from summer and the pool to SCHOOL IS COOL!!

**This event is open to all families K-6. Kindergarten families meet their teachers in the Sweetsir cafeteria and visit their classrooms on the following day.

The PTO would like to thank Sue Freeman at the Sweetsir and Susan Karalias at the Donaghue for organizing these events again this year.

Fundraisers

Innisbrook Comes to Merrimac

The Merrimac PTO is proud to announce an exciting new company to provide our Fall fundraiser catalog. In our effort to provide our community with the best possible product and customer service, the membership looked at many copies, both new and old. And by an overwhelming majority chose Innisbrook. If you have friends or family in neighboring school systems you may already be familiar with their products. Our new representative is Anne Sweeney from Danvers. We have new Co-Chairs for this event. Jen Marden (jen.shane@verizon.net/346-7267) & Sara O'Bara (sobara1011@aol.co/346-9968).

Square 1 Art

Square 1 Art is the FUNdaiser that your children start working on the very first week of school with their art teacher - Mrs. Brown or Ms. Beach. Look for your magnet packets in October to receive your

Appropriations

Funds for the following items were appropriated to Merrimac staff in October 2007 and February 2008:

\$571.83 to Melanie Cannon for SRA Kits

\$186.00 to Kathy Terceiro for Relay for Life Reception

\$364.75 to Joel Yennior for Drum Set

\$95.87 to Marianne Garipey for Privacy Shields

\$1917.97 to Elaine Scafidì for Multimedia Cart

\$932.85 to Kathy Bevelacqua for DRA2 Kits

\$335.83 to Colleen Belmont for DRA2 Kits

Please look for articles in future PTO Posts regarding the many items and activities the PTO has funded for our schools!

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