



Superintendent's Message

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January 12, 2010

8th grade notices

Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation Nights at Stevenson High School

Stevenson's annual Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation Evenings will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 19 (A-H)

Thursday, Jan. 21 (I-P)

Wednesday, Jan. 27 (Q-Z)

Each event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center and will conclude at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Freshman Information Packets will be distributed beginning at 6:00 p.m. outside the Performing Arts Center. Please pick up your packet prior to the meeting.

Parents will hear from the Principal, as well as academic division directors about course offerings and academic Summer School. School administrators will be available for questions from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Glass Commons. Building tours will also be available at 6:15 p.m. and again at 8:00 p.m.

Dear D102 Families,

Happy New Year! Thankfully, we were able to survive the first snowstorm of 2010 without having to close school. So much of the decision to close has to do with the timing of when the heaviest snowfall occurs. Thanks for your understanding.

Did you know that as of January 1 it is illegal to text while driving? Did you also know that it is now illegal to use cell phones in school zones unless they are hands-free? Please be mindful.

Report Card and Conference Survey Results

Over 70 families responded to the Report Card and Conference Survey. To view the results "[click here.](#)" The input you provide does drive school improvement and future planning. Thanks to those who took the time to respond.

Fifty families read the book [No, Why Kids- of All Ages-Need to Hear It and Way Parents Can Say It.](#) If you would like to borrow a copy, send me an email and I'll send a book home with your child.

Please complete the Child Count Census

This month we are conducting a D102 Child Count Census. The census will help determine future needs for space, budgeting, and personnel. Please complete the census to help in these efforts.

Your Feedback is Important

Make up date for SHS placement tests

The make up date for the Stevenson Placement Tests are Saturday January 23rd at Stevenson High School .

Math Makeup is at 8 a.m.
English is at 9 a.m.
World language is at Noon.

Students need to call in to sign up for make ups:

For Math call 847-415-4600

Need to know what Math class student is in now.

For English call 847-415-4325.

For World language call 847-415-4700. Need to know what Language student is taking and how many years.

Transition guide for incoming SHS freshman

Everything an eighth grader needs to know is in the [SHS Transition Guide](#).

PTO At A Glance

Latest PTO Press now available online

Click here to [read the December-January PTO Newsletter!](#)

PTO hosts Beach Party in January

The elementary Parent-Child DJ Party will be on Friday, January 29 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Meridian Middle School. PTO invites Pritchett and Tripp students from Early Childhood through grade 4 and their parents to join in the fun. [Click here for party registration form](#).

PTO Savings Card available

As your superintendent, I want to spend the remainder of this school year gathering parent feedback, through the survey process, on what issues are important to you. I will use the information gained from these surveys to drive change. For example, if 50 parents respond to the question about homework in such a way that it emerges as an area of concern, then a focus group will form around the issue of homework. In February, I will conduct another survey and hope for a strong return rate. Your feedback is important to me so thank you in advance for taking the time to help me help your child.

I wish for everyone a hopeful and happy heart and mind to help ensure that 2010 turns out to be an amazing year for everyone.

Sincerely,

Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent
tdunkin@d102.org

District 102's 2010 PTO Savings Card is available to order. It includes more than 70 coupons for the entire year. [Order now.](#)

Community Briefs

Parent Workshop - Social Emotional Learning: The Foundation for Your Child's Success in School, Work and Life

On January 28 at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Clark McKown will share why children's ability to interact well with others, make and keep friends, and earn peer's acceptance are important to one's well-being. Dr. McKown will describe skills children need to acquire in order to achieve social success, factors that contribute to social problems, and ways parents and educators can support social development. Dr. McKown is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Behavioral Sciences at Rush University Medical Center and the Associate Executive Director of Rush NeuroBehavioral Center. The program will be located in Aptakisic Junior High's small gym and is hosted by District 102 and Parent Network.

Tickets available for Second City performance at SHS

Stevenson High School Community Foundation's upcoming show: The Second City, on Saturday, January 30. [Details on flyer.](#)

Vernon Area Public Library Reading Club through January 31.

It's not too late to join the Vernon Area Public Library

Reading Club. [Details on flyer.](#)

The World's Fair 2010 Set for January 23 and 24

The Stevenson High School Diversity Council's annual celebration of international culture will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 23-24, in the West Building's Wood Commons. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, and admission is free. World's Fair offers a chance for students at Stevenson to showcase either a country of their own heritage, or simply a culture in which they have some interest. In addition to student booths, there will be an entertainment showcase at 3 p.m. each day in the Performing Arts Center.

Look Ahead

1/13 Market Day pickup at AJHS

1/14 Ice Cream Special, AJHS

1/15 Early Dismissal

1/18 No School - M.L. King Day

1/21 PTO Special Lunches, PES, TES & MMS

1/21 AJHS Science Fair

1/25 BOE Meeting, 7 - 9:00 p.m.
DOCC

1/26 Pritchett - EC Community Resource Fair, 6 - 7:30 p.m., PES

1/29 PTO Parent -Child DJ Party

SHS - Stevenson High School
AJHS - Aptakisic Junior High School
MMS - Meridian Middle School
PES - Pritchett Elementary School
TES - Tripp Elementary School
DOCC - District Office Conference Center

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