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 Empower All Learners to Excel
Superintendent's Message 
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PARENT WORKSHOP Tuesday, November 16
Preparing for a Global Society and Technology Opportunities



Learn more about cultural diversity from Loyola University professor Dr. Vera and experience hands-on technology used in your child's classroom from D102 English Language Learner teachers Laurelle Stuart and Laura Somers. The program starts at 7:00pm in AJHS cafeteria; and is presented by Chicagoland Partners for English Language Learners and D102 Parent Network.

Future Planning Meeting Monday, November 15

Our second meeting will be in Aptakisic Junior High's cafeteria (1231 Weiland Road). Pizza will be served beginning at 6:00pm and the meeting itself will start at 6:30pm.

At this session, we will examine data collected from the first meeting and from other mediums in the context of our district vision and identify emerging themes that will become the foundation for goals, objectives, and strategies for change.

School Board Members Day November 15

District 102 Board members give much time, talent, and compassion to support the leaders, systems, and

Dear District 102 Families,

As the leaves fall and the temperatures drop, it reminds me that the season of thanks and giving is just around the corner. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each family that makes up this school community. It is an honor to serve families with such deep respect for education and who realize the importance of a quality education for every child. I also appreciate the ability of our staff to create multicultural, 21st Century learning environments where children are respected for individual uniqueness; and at the same time, learn to work together as a community of learners.

I am fortunate to serve families who want children to score well on high stakes tests; yet know that success can be measured in other ways. We have posted school report cards on our website and hope that in reviewing them, you celebrate that approximately 95% of our students are meeting or exceeding state standards. As I reported in September, we had one subgroup at the junior high that did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in mathematics for which we have implemented an improvement and monitoring plan.

I am thankful for a supportive Board of Education that continues to put children first. I appreciate our parent volunteers who make our schools so rich and vibrant. I am so proud of our school-family-community connection; it is second to none.

This is a community that in 2002 approved a tax rate increase in the Education Fund that allowed us to attract and retain high quality staff and to purchase state of the art programs and resources. The passage

teachers who ultimately "Empower All Learners to Excel." Please join me in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to:
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Gary Friedlander, Vice President
Ellyn Ross, Secretary
Pelleg Graupe, Board Member
Joan Koriath, Board Member
Steve Lefar, Board Member
Lenny Ostach, Board Member

American Education Week November 14 - 20

On behalf of the D102uesday newsletter team, THANK YOU to all the teachers, leaders, and support staff for all you do to provide excellent education for our children.

Wish Upon a Star Program

"Star" bulletin boards are located in the lobbies of all four schools. We will collect basic necessities including diapers, clothing, gift cards, and other everyday items. Proceeds will target needy families throughout Lake County, as well as Shelter, Inc., Hope Now, and PADS Center. [More.](#)

PTO At A Glance

Order Your Spirit Wear
Spirit Wear for Pritchett, Tripp and Meridian is now available. Support your schools, look great, and help

of this referendum, coupled with a stable and fiscally responsible Board of Education, has positioned us for a very bright future.

I am grateful for our PTO who are dedicated and hard working parents. I appreciate the fabulous events that PTO organizes. Last Friday, our PTO hosted a Holiday Boutique at Meridian. It was beautifully done, and I was in awe at the amount of work that went into making the evening so magical. I extend thanks to those who continually support all our fundraising efforts, especially in these challenging economic times. We welcome everyone in our community to attend these events. It's a great way to meet other parents and strengthen our sense of community.

I would like to thank you for sending your children to school each day prepared to learn. I am grateful for parents who embrace diversity and teach their children to do the same.

Sincerely,

Dr. Theresa Dunkin
Superintendent of Schools
tdunkin@d102.org

Alert Now

The "official" start date of winter is December 21. This is a perfect time to remind you of our procedures for canceling school in case of inclement weather. Once the decision is made to close school, the district immediately initiates an automatic phone call which goes to all parents and staff members. This is followed up by an email. Please be sure that your contact information is up to date. We also notify the Emergency Closing Center which sends out those ticker messages you see across the bottom of your TV screen.

Veterans Day

There is no school on Thursday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, signaling the end of World War I. Years later, it was changed to Veterans Day to honor our service members. It is a day set aside to thank all those who have given of themselves in wartime and peacetime alike. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our brave policemen and firemen. This is a very difficult time to be in any of these professions, and we are grateful for their service.

earn money for technology. Orders are due Wednesday, November 10.

Trip Book Fair and Gift Wrap Pickup

Save the date, November 17 - 18., details to come.

Update to PTO Events

Be sure to "Like" District 102 PTO on Facebook.

Community Briefs

11/11 Jamma Tales, Vernon Area Public Library, 6:30 - 7:00pm or 7:15 - 7:45pm, Ages 2 - 5 and their caregiver, entire family welcome too.

11/15 Author Joanna

Philbin writes for the junior high audience and will be sharing and signing her books beginning at 7:00pm at the Vernon Area Public Library. Register at 847-634-3650.

10/26 - 11-18 Preschool

Storytime, Vernon Area Public Library, drop-in program from 10:00 - 10:30am or 2:00 - 2:30pm, ages 3 -5.

11/1, 8, 15, and 29 Monday

Morning Tots, Vernon Area Public Library, drop-in from 10:00 - 11:30am, children under 3 years and their caregiver, siblings are welcome.

Why I Love Buffalo Grove Contest

The Village of Buffalo Grove invites all Buffalo Grove students to participate

in a [Why I Love Buffalo Grove](#) contest. Prizes include a US savings bond, a part in the Buffalo Grove Days Parade and recognition by the Village Board. Entries are due by March 1, 2011.

Board of Education Elections

BOE Elections will be held in the Consolidated General Elections on April 5, 2011.

District 102 will have three open seats. Candidates may pick up signature petitions in the Superintendent's Office. Candidates can circulate signature petitions 9-21-10 through 12-20-10.

Candidates may file their petitions at the District Office, 1231 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove, between 12-13-10 through 12-20-10. No petitions can be accepted after 5:00pm on December 20.

Look Ahead

11/11 No School - Veteran's Day

11/15 Future Planning Committee Meeting, 6:00pm - dinner, 6:30pm - meeting, AJHS Cafeteria

11/16 Parent Workshop - Preparing for a Global Society and Technology Opportunities, 7:00pm, AJHS Cafeteria

11/22 & 11/23 No School -
Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/24 - 11/26 No School -
Thanksgiving Break

12/9 AJHS Play, AJHS gym,
9:30am and 7:00pm

12/10 AJHS Play, AJHS gym,
12:30pm and 7:00pm

12/20 Winter Break

1/3 School Resumes

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

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