



Superintendent's Message

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May 11, 2010

Special Notice

Attention SHS Seniors Who Have an AJHS 8th Grade Syibling

The Stevenson PPA is throwing a party for our graduating seniors on June 2. As luck would have it, it is on the same evening as the Aptakisic Junior High School graduation at SHS. Our party is a lock-in, with the doors opening at 7:00 p.m. and closing/locked at 8:00 p.m. We are allowing seniors who have younger siblings at Aptakisic to have special permission to attend the Aptakisic Junior High School graduation ceremony and then enter the party-lock-in so long as they have notified our committee in advance. Parents of SHS seniors need to submit their senior's name to Ellyn Ross at pross59223@aol.com if their senior would like to attend the Senior Celebration 2010 after attending Aptakisic's graduation ceremonies.

PTO At A Glance

Your PTO Needs You

Do you have ideas to improve our PTO events? Are you ready

Dear Families,

With the state budget crisis in the news, it is timely to discuss our financial health. As you know, a budget includes revenue and expenditures. On the revenue side, districts are funded by local, state and federal funding formulas. The end result is that wealthy districts receive fewer state dollars because they receive more commercial and residential local property tax dollars. In the Education Fund, District 102 receives about \$750,000 from the state of our \$22 million budget. Fortunately, even if state funding were to disappear, we have the ability to make up that loss in revenue through cuts in spending without impacting our students.

So what does our financial picture look like today? The Board will be adopting a balanced budget for the 2010-2011 school year. As stated in a Board press release today, "Salaries and benefits, which are approximately 80% of the budget, are forecasted to grow at 1.48%. Almost all growth is due to health care benefit costs. Administrator costs will decline by (2.27%) and certified staff, teacher, costs will grow by .84%. This was achieved while still expanding our programs, investing in curriculum and technology, maintaining class sizes at current levels and continuing our community commitment to pay competitively, recruit, retain and train staff."

I would be remiss if I did not give praise and thanks to past boards, the community, union leaders, administrators, and business managers for our current financial status. Both

to get involved? We are ready to fill chair positions for the 2010-2011 school year. There are lots of choices to fit your schedule. [Visit the PTO website for more information.](#)

Upcoming PTO Events

Check out the [d102 PTO](#) webpage for more details.

School Notes

D102 Music in May

May 14 Concert Band and Concert Orchestra performances at Pritchett and Tripp, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

May 18 District 102 Orchestra Concert (gr. 5-8) **Aptakisic Large Gym**, 7:00 p.m. (**location change to AJHS**)

District 102 Returning and New Student Registration

Returning student registration will begin May 1 and run through May 31. Visit [d102's website](#) for detailed information.

New student registration will begin June 7 and run through June 30. Registration will reopen on August 3.

8th Grade Graduation Party

The party is set for Friday,

May 21 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Contact committee chairs with questions.

Decorations - Julie Harris and Lauren Newman,
thecreativecurve@comcast.net

Food - Pam Redfern and Susan Loveland-Handler,
palredfern@yahoo.com and
slovelandhandler@yahoo.com

Party Favors - Marcy Stillman,

students and fiscal responsibility have been at the forefront of the budget process. Again, I want to acknowledge the 2002 community for passing an education fund referendum that continues to sustain and give us the ability to expand programs, add teachers, secure resources, and train staff to benefit the kids while so many other districts are deeply cutting.

This year, District 102 received the highest of recognition for financial health from the State of Illinois and from Moody Investor Service with a AAA bond rating. This makes us only one in 15 districts in the state to receive this rating from Moody's, as well as Standard and Poor's AAA rating last year. "Our mission is to provide the best education for our students, but to do so, like all districts in these unprecedented times, we need to continue to manage our finances carefully," said twenty-year veteran Board President Jeff Newman.

Sincerely,

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Memory Book - Gayle Brim,

ggb27@comcast.net

Volunteers for Party - Laurel

Konopacki, skono1@yahoo.com

General questions or donate to

the party - Andrea Puritz,

andimike64@comcast.net

**Incoming 5th Grade Parent
& Student Orientation
Scheduled for May 26**

Current 4th graders and their parents will be welcomed to Meridian Middle School on Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Meridian's cafeteria. Our "panel of experts" will answer general orientation questions, students will attend a Co-curricular Fair, parents will meet with Mrs. Jenkins for a detailed orientation and transition presentation, and everyone will end the evening with a tour of the school.

Community Briefs

**Community Symposium on
Drug Use Tonight, May 11**

Stevenson, Buffalo Grove, Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools are sponsoring a community symposium to educate the public on the dangers of teenage substance use and abuse. "Partying? My Kid?" will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 in Stevenson High School's Performing Arts Center. [Register online.](#)

**3 X 3 Basketball
Tournament to Benefit Kids
in Need**

The tournament will be at Stevenson High School on Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m. For

more information, contact [Pat Ambrose](#).

**Upcoming Programs at
Vernon Area Library**

May 20 Astronomy Under the
City Lights, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

May 23 Musical Petting Zoo, 2 -
3:30 p.m.

June 14 - July 24 Junior
Volunteer Opportunities

Registration or obtain more
information by calling
847-634-3650 or visiting [online](#)
at <http://www.vapld.info>

**Save the Date for SHS
Charity Event**

Mark your calendar for Sunday,
September 19, 2010. Stevenson
High School's National Honor
Society will be hosting a Spirit
Fest fund raising event.

Look Ahead

5/1 - 5/31 Returning Student
Registration

5/28 Half-Day In-service (PM
Kindergarten/EC only)

6/2 8th Grade Graduation at SHS

6/3 Last Day of School

6/7 - 6/30 New Student Registration

6/14 - 7/2 D102 Summer School
Session 1

7/6 - 7/23 D102 Summer School
Session 2

8/3 New Student Registration opens
again

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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