



# Superintendent's Message

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## Find Interesting Books at Your Child's Reading Level

Do you know how to help your children find a good book? A book at a level they will enjoy, or a book that may challenge them? Visit the "Find-a-Book" website. Using a student's Lexile scores (noted on MAP test results), the [Find-a-Book](http://www.lexile.com/findabook/) website offers quick and easy access to a list of books that will match a child's reading level and interests, as well as the nearest libraries carrying each title. A search can also be done using a child's grade level and comfort with typical reading materials at that grade level. Find out more about this program at <http://www.lexile.com/findabook/>

## School Notes

### New Student Registration

New student registration will begin June 7 and run through June 30 at each school. Schools are closed during the month of July, but the District Office is open. Registration will reopen on August 3.

### Dear D102 Families,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your support of our schools and our teachers this school year! Your unwavering belief in and championship of your child's academic, social and emotional journey and your strong support of our schools builds the foundation for a premier school district. I'd like to take a moment to highlight just a few of this year's accomplishments:

### 2009/2010 School Year Accomplishments

- New student broadcasting program in grades five through eight
- Weatherbug program at Meridian Middle School
- Installation of interactive whiteboard technology in over 70 classrooms
- Brand new fitness room for Aptakisic Junior High
- First ever District and community 5K run/walk and a comprehensive wellness plan
- Digital Media Challenge and new Internet safety curriculum, including cyber-bullying awareness
- Expanded athletic and extra curricular programs throughout the district
- New math and science textbooks and program updates for sixth through eighth grade.

### New for the 2010 - 2011 School Year

There will be a new social studies digital resource to support our social studies program called Social Studies TCI Digital ([www.teachtci.com/tci-approach/technology.html](http://www.teachtci.com/tci-approach/technology.html)) and a brand new social-emotional learning curriculum called Lion's Quest ([www.lions-quest.org/socemotlrng.php](http://www.lions-quest.org/socemotlrng.php)).

Last week, watching our eighth graders receive their diplomas was wonderful. They all worked very hard and possess the academic, social and emotional skills they need to move forward. Our students will continue to be the "best of the best" at Stevenson High School.

As for our kindergartners, they graduated last week and will be the 8th grade class of 2018. Over the course of this year, they have acquired the

### **Last Chance Dates to sign-up for Activities Based Summer School**

The last day to sign-up for Session 2 of Activities Based Summer School will be June 30.

### **District 102 Alumni Selected for Prestigious Awards**

Three Stevenson High School students, who formerly attended Aptakisic, were selected for scholarships provided by the Aptakisic Business Club, District 102, and District 102 PTO. Kelly Hahn, Jeremy Kolko, and Marissa Gillis received these scholarships respectively. Ms. Hahn will attend the University of Illinois, Mr. Kolko will attend the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, and Ms. Gillis will attend Northwestern University.

### **PTO At A Glance**

#### **Upcoming PTO Events**

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

### **Community Briefs**

#### **Upcoming Programs at**

#### **Vernon Area Library**

**June 14 - July 24** Junior

Volunteer Opportunities

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

#### **Meet Astronaut Dr. Wakata on June 19**

Meet [Astronaut Dr. Koichi Wakata](#), veteran of three space

academic skills and social skill necessary to be successful in first grade next year. Next month I will attach an application to my D102uesday email if you are interested in working with me to answer the essential question, "What can we do to be even better prepared for the class of 2018 and beyond?"

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent

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### **Good-byes and Smooth Transitions Make Positive Stepping Stones**



District 102 schools host many end-of-the year events to celebrate the school year, as well as to say good-bye to teachers and friends until they meet again at the summer's end. Students celebrated and said farewell with school concerts, field days, assemblies, Unity Nights, and classroom parties.

A smooth transition to the next grade level is very important. The elementary schools host a transition day so that students have the opportunity to meet all the teachers at the next grade level, hear about extra-curricular opportunities, and become familiar with some of next year's classrooms. Both Meridian Middle School and Aptakisic Junior High School host orientation events for incoming students which would include 5th grade and 7th grade respectively.

### **Class of 2010 Heads for Stevenson High School**

The class of 2010 received diplomas at the Aptakisic Junior High graduation ceremony at Stevenson High School on June 2. Of the 253 students that graduated, 70 earned National Junior Honor Society rank and 28 a G.P.A. of 4.0. Special recognition included Joyce Chung, a 4.0 student who was selected to give student reflections at the graduation event. Also notable were the students who received awards this spring including the two Illinois Principal's Association Outstanding Student Recognition Awards that were presented to Eric Chang and Yoon Doh.

flights and currently a NASA robotics instructor astronaut. Stories from Space will be presented at the Holiday Inn, 3405 Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows from 3 - 4:30 p.m. Students free, adults \$10. [More 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**

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

**8/3** New Student Registration opens again

**8/19** First Day of School

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

### **District 102 Board of Education**

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District 102 PTO honored three students. Two students received the Bob Basofin Award including Amy Orlov and Alex Konopacki, and Yana Nudelman received the Douglas Parks Award. Lastly, our congratulations go to Nikki Novoselsky who received the 2010 Excellence in Character Award from the Lake County Regional Office of Education.

### **6th Grader Earns Highest Score on Portion of SAT Test**

District 102 and the Lake County Regional Office of Education congratulate sixth grade student Lia Tziortzis for achieving the highest score on the verbal section of the SAT test. In February, qualifying Meridian sixth grade students were invited to take the high school level test for college-bound students in an attempt to find high achieving, academically talented students.

### **Meridian Students Place at Math Competition**

Meridian Middle School recently participated in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Competition. Fifth grade came in third place and sixth grade came in second out of 70 participating schools. Students competed in three competitions throughout the year and the scores were based on the total points earned.

### **Aptakisic Business Club Shares Profits With All District 102 Schools**

Aptakisic Business Club (formerly Student Corporation) had a successful 2009-2010 school year. Among the fund-raising events used to help illustrate the business world were the sale of AJHS spirit wear clothing, Taffy Apple/Caramel Corn Fall event, Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate week, Chocolate Roses on Valentines Day, and Lou Malnati's Pizza business trip to make pizzas. The AJHS Business Club also assisted Student Council with the Cystic Fibrosis walk and the end-of-year 7th grade BBQ. The Aptakisic Business Club defied the economic odds and pulled in over \$3000 in profits of which each school will receive a check for \$750. Thank you to Laurie Friman for sponsoring the Aptakisic Business Club.

### **Digital Media Challenge**

The Digital Media Challenge (DMC) is a service opportunity for students to lend voices to a timely topic of concern through the creation of public service announcements. Three topic areas were selected including Health & Wellness, Environmental Citizenship, and Digital Citizenship. This year's challenge included submissions from Meridian Middle School and Aptakisic Junior High School. Aptakisic Junior High students participating in National Junior Honor Society can earn up to ten service

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credit hours for work on DMC projects. This year's DMC T-shirt design was created by Jana Nudelman which was presented to all participants.

Congratulations to all participants including Kaitlin Feeley, Elizabeth Bonk, Max Kahn, Bart Upart, Alexa Chmieleski, Miranda Brin, Meghan McGrogan, Amanda Friedlander, Gina Cicero, Carly Newman, Alexxis Kiven, Rebecca Jacobs, Jackie Sushan, Michelle Krichevskava, Justin Horowitz, Francesca Florendo, Alexis Kahn, Sydney Wyner, Matthew Giddens, Alyssa Singer, Jorie Singer, Daniella Drapatsky, Hallie Kleman, Monica Wilner, and Yana Nudelman.

## Parents Share Time and Talent with Tripp Students

On June 1, more than 54 parents led, assisted, or donated materials for classes at Tripp Elementary School's 8th Annual Parent Share Day. There were 28 classes offering a variety of themes such as scrap-booking, balloon creations, scrunchies making, karaoke, and face painting. Other parents offered sports themed classes like soccer, basketball, baseball card trading, and a NCAA basketball dice game. This year, many classes had a multicultural theme such as How to Write Chinese Characters, Sign Language, Chinese Character Greeting Cards, Motreshka and Henna, and Rangoli (sand painting).

What an amazing day for the students to spend time with so many talented parents learning something new. If you are interested in participating next year, please contact Mrs. Labbe at Tripp School.

## Aptakistic Ecology Club Collects School Supplies to Benefit Less Fortunate

Aptakistic Junior High 's Ecology Club organized a locker clean out recycling program collecting new and gently used school supplies. The students collected 36 boxes of supplies that will be donated to Chicago schools in need.

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