



Superintendent's Message

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D102 Website Face Lift Focuses on Communication

As part of our continuing efforts to improve communication with our parents and the wider community, we have updated our site with these goals in mind:

- To continue to make information easier for you to find,
- To make it easier for our staff to publish information important to you, and

Visit www.d102.org. This is an ongoing process. If you have suggestions or if you cannot find what you are looking for [please let us know](#).

School Notes

Registration Reopens

August 3

Registration for new families will begin again at our schools on August 3. The District Office at 1231 Weiland Road in Buffalo Grove is open during the summer. Please call 847/353-5650 if you need assistance. Our schools are

Dear District 102 Families:

I hope this finds you enjoying every minute of summer time. Below are a few topics regarding the upcoming school year.

August Mailing

Critical information will be mailed home during the first week in August and will include the name of your child's teacher (or schedule, for grades 5-8), bus information (if applicable), school-year calendar, as well as other information you and your child need prior to the first day of school, August 19.

Seeking Long Range Planning Committee Members

In last month's message, I promised to ask interested parents to help me with future planning for the district by participating in focus groups as a result of the 2010 parent survey. If you are interested in sharing your expertise for the betterment of the district, please email me your contact information, along with a few sentences on why you feel qualified to serve on this committee. For more details and background on this process, please visit my blog, [Dr. Dunkin's Dispatch](#).

New Classroom Treat Guidelines

District 102 is continuing to promote a healthy lifestyle for students. Our commitment is strong, and we have assembled a Wellness Committee that will continue a process from last year that actively connects and impacts school health issues. This year, parents and teachers will be asked to provide an alternative to food for birthday celebrations, student motivators, and rewards. There are some awesome methods to celebrate birthdays and reward positive student behaviors and achievements without using edible treats. Teachers will work with his/her classroom during the first weeks of school to lay out other options for birthday celebrations and rewards, and each classroom will vote on a favorite way to celebrate! It will be very exciting for the kids, as well as an opportunity for teachers to instill positive, fun-filled habits for student celebrations. Following the class vote, notes will go home to parents with each student.

closed during the month of July.

Meridian Middle School Staff Receives "Character Matters" Award

Congratulations to 5th Grade Teacher Carrie Curtis who recently received the "Character Matters in Lake County Excellence in Character Award."

PTO At A Glance

Upcoming PTO Events

Party in the Park is scheduled for August 27 at Meridian.

Check out the www.d102.org PTO webpage for more details.

Community Briefs

There's Still Time to Participate in the Vernon Area Library Summer Reading Club

Register for our Summer Reading Club online or in person. This summer, earn a paperback book for completing four hours of reading and receive another one after eight hours. Visit our website at <http://www.vapld.info> for more program information.

Summer Reading Club Finale Includes Golf

On July 24 from 10 - 3:00 p.m., the Reading Finale includes one round of miniature golf at Stevenson High school. Call the Vernon Area Library at 847-634-3650 to reserve your

Newly Refreshed Website is Part of Continued Focus on Communication

Each Tuesday we will continue to publish a D102uesday email. In addition, we will publish more information on our website, so please visit regularly or subscribe to RSS feeds to receive email updates when something new has been added. [Visit our website](#) and check out the new look!

First Week of School

During the first week of school, we will send home information about fall sports, after school programs, and PTO opportunities, to name a few of the items for which you should be on the lookout.

The Ice Cream Social/supply pickup for the junior high will be from 6 - 8:00 p.m. on August 17 for students and parents. AJHS students may also pickup school supplies that same day from 8 - 11:00 a.m. Pritchett, Tripp, and Meridian will have a "Meet and Greet" on August 18 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Parents with students at both an elementary building and Meridian will have ample time to visit both schools on this one evening. It takes about 30 minutes for the "Meet and Greet" event at each school.

Our goal is to improve all of our means of communication with parents, so let us know how we're doing. Please call me (847-353-5660) or send an email.

Sincerely,

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

Aptakistic Students Present Ecology Project to School Board Members



Eighth grade students presented an Eco-Resort project to the School Board during a May meeting. Students selected one of the land biomes and created an Eco-Resort that fits into the opportunities and restriction associated with that part of the world. Students needed to, among other requirements, create five days of activities for the resort guests. Two of the days needed to relate to animals, two of the days with plants, and one of the days was a service project.

time.

Look Ahead

7/23 D102 Summer School Session
2 -Last Day

8/3 New Student Registration
reopens

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

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Students Study Alternative Energy

AJHS students did some experimenting last year as part of the Ecology Club using alternative energies. This was a new direction/activity for the club. It is a hot topic for the 21st Century. Students in the club had the opportunity to learn about and work with solar energy, hydrogen fuel cells, wind power, and water power. The solar energy system and the hydrogen fuel cell combined to power a small car. The water wheel was assembled and shown to operate a power lever which could be used to move other devices such as a saw or hammer. The wind power system was just getting underway when the school year ended so its ultimate uses weren't fully investigated. During the first part of the year the Ecology Club students studied bird watching.

Aptakisic Ecology Club Collects School Supplies to Benefit Less Fortunate



Aptakisic Junior High's Ecology Club organized a locker clean out recycling program for the second year in a row and it was bigger and better. Last year's program donated 17 boxes of supplies to an inner city school in New York City where one of our math teachers, Amy Leibach, taught through Teach America. This year the students decided to stay closer to home. A program through St. Mary's Church in Buffalo Grove works with inner city Chicago schools in need. We donated 37 boxes of new or gently used school supplies. Dr. Brontman and Mrs. Koerner helped with this club activity, with Dr. Brontman continuing the collecting and the sorting even after the students were dismissed for the year. The entire district should be proud of the efforts of these "Ecology Warriors." Their dedication to "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" will benefit everyone's future.

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