



## Superintendent's Message

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### PTO At A Glance

#### **Volunteers needed for Gift Wrapping Fundraiser on December 5th and 6th**

We need approximately 70 volunteers to wrap gifts at Hawthorne Mall on December 5 and 6. More information will be coming out shortly.

#### **November PTO Newsletter**

[Read the PTO Press.](#)

#### **Family Photo Day is back**

*Images by KC* is providing a family photo for \$20. Email them for an appointment on November 21. [For more details see flyer.](#)

#### **Tripp Book Fair: "One for Books" due November 16**

As part of the District 102 Book Fair, we are participating in "One for Books" fundraiser. Each dollar donated goes directly to Tripp School's Media Center. [For more details see flyer.](#)

### Community Briefs

#### **Students to help Lake County residents in need**

*Holiday STARS program*

This holiday season, District

Dear Families,

With both Veterans Day and the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, I want to extend thanks and appreciation to our veterans and families of the D102 school community. As Americans, we enjoy a way of life that many around the world can only dream of. Much of this is due to the sacrifices of our courageous veterans. Veteran's Day is a chance for all of us to thank those citizens who have given of themselves in wartime and in peacetime.

I also am very aware of how fortunate I am to be an employee of District 102 because I enjoy a work environment and vast opportunities to provide for children in ways that other school leaders around this nation can only imagine. District 102 is leading the way in many areas today and beginning with next month's email, I will start to share each of these stories.

For now, I'll highlight just a couple stories you may already know. Last week the Daily Herald announced that our school district had the highest 8th grade math scores of any school in Lake County. In such a high performing area, this is truly a proud moment. Another first for our district was earning a AAA bond rating last year. We are one of only six elementary school districts in the state of Illinois with this top rating.

Much of our success as a school district is due to a community that places a premium on quality education. More specifically, a community that in 2002 approved a tax rate increase in the Education Fund that has allowed us to attract and retain high quality staff and to purchase and train quality staff in state of art programs and resources. The passage of the 2002 referendum, coupled with a very stable and effective Board of Education for the past twenty years, has positioned this district for a very bright future.

Finally, as this season of Thanksgiving approaches, I am sensitive to the hardships faced by many of our families and individuals in this current financial downturn. The days ahead will be very difficult for some of our children. With our children's best interests at heart, each of us can more deliberately reach out through various community service opportunities.

102 students will assist needy families from throughout Lake County, as well as children and families from *Shelter, Inc., Hope Now, and PADS Center. The Holiday Gift Drive will start November 12 and run through December 8 at all four District 102 schools. More details to come.*

#### **Last week for AJHS Drama Drive**

Donate things such as bridesmaid dresses, wigs, crazy hats and more from October 15 - November 12. [View the complete list of items at the bottom of AJHS's News & Events page.](#)

#### **Recycle Halloween costumes**

Are you in a dilemma of what to do with last year's Halloween costumes? Drop them off at Meridian Middle School's collection box between November 3 - November 21.

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#### **Looking ahead**

11/11 No School, Veterans Day

11/12 AJHS Ice Cream Special

11/12 Special Lunches at Tripp, Pritchett & Meridian

11/18 Pritchett 2nd Grade Concert

11/18 Market Day Pickup @ AJHS

11/18 Tripp Book Fair

For example, one that provides for our own children in this community is the Holiday STARS program (see left side bar for details). We can find our own reasons to be grateful and thankful inspiring us as individuals to find ways to help create childhood memories for every child in our community like the ones you and I hold closest to our hearts.

Sincerely,

Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent of Schools  
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11/19 7th & 8th Grade Choral Concert  
@ SHS

11/23 Board of Education meeting @  
7:00 p.m., DOCC

11/23 - 11/27 No School, P/T  
Conferences & Thanksgiving Break

11/30 Meridian Parent/Child Book  
Club meeting

12/8 Band Concert @ SHS

12/10 & 12/11 Rumpelstiltskin Play at  
AJHS, 7:00 p.m.

12/17 Orchestra Concert @ SHS

12/21 - 1/3/10 Winter Break

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