



## Superintendent's Message

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December 8, 2009

### Parent Workshop

#### The New Permanent Record

On December 16 at 7:00 p.m., Discovery Education's Steve Dembo will present the New Permanent Record. Students are leaving a trail of online activities. Mr. Dembo will share how parents and educators can guide children down the right path. This information will also be presented to student assemblies.

This community parent-only workshop is brought to you by Parent Network and the D102 PTO. The workshop will be held at Aptakisic Junior High School, 1231 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove. *Questions or to reserve a seat, call Jill Campeol at (847) 353-5665 or email her at [jcampeol@d102.org](mailto:jcampeol@d102.org).*

### PTO At A Glance

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the gift wrapping fund raiser at Hawthorn Mall**

A special thank you to our staff who volunteered including Mrs. Lamour, Mrs. Labbe, Mrs. Scofield, and Mrs. Bhardwaj from Tripp; Mrs. Ogilvie and

Dear 102 Families,

### Conference and Report Card Survey

The staff and I would like to know whether or not you were satisfied with the new report card and the fall parent-teacher conference experience. You will be helping tremendously if you take time to answer a short nine question survey. Results of the survey will be reported in next month's second Tuesday email. [Click here to link to the survey.](#)

### Review of School Closing Procedure Due to WEATHER

As you are aware, there is a weather advisory in effect for Lake County through Wednesday evening so the timing is perfect to review our protocol for school closings due to inclement weather. We will always try our best to make the decision to close school as early as possible so that families receive notice via telephone between 5:30 and 6:00 a.m. Since there is no fool-proof telephone system, always remember to check district website or listen to local television early morning news stations for the list of school closures. Our Honeywell Instant Alert System works very well for families when current phone numbers and email addresses are on file and when we are able to make the decision very early in the morning.

### Internet Safety: The New Permanent Record!

On December 16 at 7:00 p.m. the district welcomes Discovery Education's Steve Dembo for parents to learn more about guiding children down the right path when using the Internet. Details are on the sidebar of this email message.

Mrs. Fasuna from Pritchett; and Dr. Dunkin from the District Office.

**Dengeos Benefit Day Friday, December 11th from 10am - 10pm** Proceeds benefit the D102 PTO Community Care Fund. [See flyer for more details.](#)

**PTO November-December Newsletter**  
[View online.](#)

**Parent-Child DJ Party**  
This fun party is for EC-4th graders on Friday, January 29 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Meridian Middle School. ([registration flyer online](#))

**D102 Savings Card On Sale**  
Delivery of cards will occur after Winter Break. They will be good thru December 31, 2010. ([flyer online](#))

**Entertainment Books**  
If you still have at one at home, please send \$20 to your child's school in an envelope marked Entertainment Books or return the book to school. Want more? Please use our [order form \(online\)](#).

**Didn't get a Student Directory?**  
Join PTO today for only \$12 for the year and you will receive your District 102 2009-1010 Student Directory. ([flyer online](#))

**Community Briefs**  
**Holiday Star Program: an opportunity to help others**  
This holiday season, District 102 students will assist needy

## **Second Annual 2010 Digital Media Challenge**

Another strategy the district is using to promote safe use of the Internet and to protect the environment is the second annual 2010 Digital Media Challenge for grades 5-8. The challenge is to produce a 60 second public service announcement to inform, educate, or persuade students to practice safe Internet usage and/or green practices. More details will be available in the weeks to come.

## **Saying Yes to No!**

Do you ever get the feeling that kids, yours or those who belong to others, get everything they've ever wanted? That they haven't had much practice accepting no for an answer? That they have a general sense of entitlement that might not be healthy? As a parent I worry that my children are part of a culture that promotes "more, fast, easy, and fun." My main concern for the children of D102 and my own children is the adverse impact this may have on our children's individual ability to persevere, demonstrate patience, and develop self-discipline and self-reliance all of which are vital for success.

I am reading a great book by David Walsh, Ph.D., president of the National Institute on Media and the Family in Minneapolis, called "No! Why Kids-of All Ages-Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It." I want to share this book with all of you in the hope that you may want to read it as well. The district owns 40 copies so send me an email if you would like to borrow a copy.

This book became so popular in the state of Minnesota that a "SAY YES TO NO" campaign was initiated! When asked why this book took off in Minnesota, Dr. Walsh was quoted as saying, "I think it's the timing. I think we've finally reached the point that things are so out of balance, and we need to get them back in balance." He went on to say, "What we really need to do is to reclaim our ability to say no to our kids so that they can say it to themselves. It's the key to their happiness and success. Moreover, research has shown that self-discipline is actually a stronger predictor of school success than intelligence." He believes that a "media-dominated culture" that is always sending the message that "whatever we have, we should have more of it" is partly to blame. That culture makes it hard for parents to say no to

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 on how you can help on the flyer.](#)

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Educationally yours,  
Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent  
[tdunkin@d102.org](mailto:tdunkin@d102.org)

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### Look Ahead

**12/8** Grades 5 -8 Band Concert at SHS

**12/9** Market Day pick-up at AJHS

**12/10** PTO Special lunches at all schools

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

**12/14** Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**12/5** 5th Grade Band Concert in MMS gym, 7:00 p.m.

**12/16** Parent Workshop: The New Permanent Record at AJHS, 7:00 p.m. RSVP [jcampeol@d02.org](mailto:jcampeol@d02.org)

**12/17** Grade 5-8 Orchestra Concert @ SHS

**12/21 - 1/3/10** Winter Break

SHS - Stevenson High School  
AJHS - Aptakisic Junior High School  
MMS - Meridian Middle School  
PES - Pritchett Elementary School  
TES - Tripp Elementary School

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