



Superintendent's Message

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October 13, 2009

PTO At A Glance

Benefit Night

Culvers Benefit Night,
Wednesday, October 28,
5 - 9 p.m.

Entertainment Books \$20

50% of each Entertainment Book sold goes directly to the District 102 PTO Technology Fund.

Gift Wrap

Gift Wrap information has been sent home with students. If you have not received yours, please contact Leslie Forman at braebaby@comcast.net

Tonight, October 13, Open House for Parents with Children in the ELL/TBE Programs

Open House for Parents with students in the English Language Learners (ELL) or the Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) programs is at Pritchett from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for new parents and from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. for returning parents.

Dear 102 Families,

For schools serious about school reform, bringing the report card into alignment with both state and local learning standards is a critical element. More than five years ago, District 102 began this process by identifying the important skills and knowledge students should learn in each subject, at each grade, and that are aligned to local curriculum objectives and Illinois State standards. Also during this time, as part of our ongoing curriculum development process, curriculum resources have been selected to support these learning standards.

During the 2008-2009 school year, our Subject-Area Learning Teams (SALT's) worked to identify reporting standards to use on a newly designed report card. These reporting standards are statements of what we expect students to know and be able to do as they progress through their years with us. Beginning this year, all students will receive a set of marks on these reporting standards. (In addition, students in grades 5-8 will receive traditional letter grades.)

We realize that you will have questions about our new report card. What follows are answers to some commonly-asked questions. If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to contact me or your building principal.

How are standards-based report cards different from traditional report cards?

On **traditional report cards**, students receive one grade for math, one for science, one for language arts and so on. These letter grades are often calculated by how well the student met his/her particular teacher's expectations, how he/she performed on assignments and tests, and how much effort the teacher believes he/she put in. However, **letter grades do not tell parents which topics their children have mastered or whether they are working at grade level.** For example, while one fifth grade teacher might be reviewing basic division facts and weighs behavior/effort more

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.

District 102 takes steps to keep H1N1 flu from spreading

What to do when you think your child has the flu. [Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours...](#)
[Read more.](#)

District 102 Board of Education members

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Joan Koriath, Board Member
Steve Lefar, Board Member
Lenny Ostach, Board Member

Looking ahead

10/13 Board of Education meeting @ 7:00 p.m., DOCC

10/13 Open House for Parents with Children in the ELL/TBE Programs from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Pritchett Elementary School

10/14 Market Day Order Pick-Up at AJHS

10/15 Special Lunch - All Schools

heavily, another might be teaching multiplication of two- or three-digit numbers and not counting behavior at all, an A in each of these classes would mean very different things. The letter grade does not communicate any specific information about how the child is progressing in the major areas of learning within each subject.

In contrast, on a **standards-based report card**, each subject area is divided into a set of learning standards which describe what a student should know and be able to do. Students receive a separate mark ("Meeting Standard," "Learning," "Area of Concern" or "Exceeding Standard") for each standard or topic under the subject. This is similar in some ways to the report card used in previous years for grades K-4. One important difference is that the reporting standards are new and are consistent across all grade levels.

Will my child still receive a letter grade for each subject?

Yes. In addition to marks on the standards, students in grades 5-8 will receive a letter grade for each subject.

How will effort, attitude or work habits be communicated?

If your child is not consistently completing or turning in his/her homework assignments, not prepared for class or tests, or has other habits that are negatively affecting his/her ability to learn, this will be communicated to you in the comment section of the report card. In most of these cases, parents are contacted well before the marking period ends or the report card comes home. In the future, we plan to develop reporting standards for Social and Emotional Learning so that we can provide you with information in these important areas of child development as well. We are one of the first districts in the country connecting social and emotional development to traditional effort, attitude, and work habits.

How will the traditional grades A through F equate to the standards that are marked with M, L, AC, and E?

While it might be tempting to equate a traditional grade of "A" with an "E" (Exceeds Standards), the two types of grades are arrived at differently and do not correspond neatly to each other. Because District 102 has a rigorous curriculum and high expectations, most students receiving the traditional "A" in a subject will likely see mostly "M's" with a few "E's" or possibly all "M's." To exceed District 102's standards, a student must demonstrate performance well above grade level in a given subject.

Thank you,
Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent
tdunkin@d102.org

10/15 Meridian's Art/Music Night @
7:00 p.m. in the Gym, Library & Art
Room

10/16 K-4 Pritchett Movie Night, 6:00
- 8:00 p.m. *Movie Information*
Grades 1-4, Monsters vs. Aliens
Kindergarten, Pooh's Hefalump
Halloween Movie

10/19 Meridian - Parent/Child Book
Club in the Library @ 7:00 p.m.

10/21 Grades 6-8 Band Concert @
7:00 p.m., AJHS

10/23 K - 4 Tripp Movie Night, 6:45
-8:15 p.m. *Movie Information*
Grades 1-4, Monsters vs. Aliens
Kindergarten, Toy Story

10/26 Board of Education meeting @
7:00 p.m., DOCC

10/30 K-4 Pritchett/Tripp Halloween
Parties (check with school for times)

10/30 5-6th grade Meridian Lighted
Schoolhouse, 7 - 9:00 p.m.

The Stevenson High School Community Foundation Presents

THE CAVERN BEAT
A Beatles Tribute Band

Saturday, October 24 @ 7:30pm,
Stevenson Performing Arts Center

Adults: \$10
Students & Seniors: \$8

FALL CHILDREN'S PLAY
THE BROTHERS GRIMM--OUT OF

ORDER

Sunday, November 1 @ 1:00 &
3:00pm, Stevenson West Auditorium

All tickets just \$5.00!

*Costume party between
performances! (Reserve your spot
now!)*

To order tickets, please call the
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1.847.415.4121

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