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**Superintendent's Message**   
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**All District 102 parents are invited to hear motivational speaker Mawi Asgedom** on Friday, April 15 at 8:00am or 9:00am in Aptakistic Junior High gymnasium. Asgedom will focus on inspiration and respect. Prior to his talk, 7th & 8th graders will read his book [Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard](#).

Space is limited. Reserve a spot with Andrea Alhadef via email at [aradba@comcast.net](mailto:aradba@comcast.net) or by calling 847-383-5026 or with Peggy Rose Schnierow via email at [schrose4@aol.com](mailto:schrose4@aol.com) or by calling 847-478-8985. District 102 has also been granted permission to record the presentation and make it available to our parents for checkout. The Parent Network is sponsoring this as part of AJHS Career/Social Emotional Learning Day.

**Register for the D102 Challenge 5K/1 Mile Run/Walk**

Health and Wellness are continual goals we are all striving to meet. The D102 Challenge is a program which the District and D102 PTO work together on each year to highlight, as a community, how wonderful it is to be outside and walk. Whether you want to walk or run the D102 Challenge offers children and/or families the opportunity to participate in a fun goal. Teachers, administrators and friends will be joining in the festivities on May 1 at Willow Stream Park to run or walk the 5K or 1 mile courses. There will be trophies for winners of the 5K age categories and a special participation reward for all participants of the 1 mile race. Food will be served.

**Dear District 102 Families:**

Our lives have changed drastically over the last decade. We are busier than ever trying to manage the demands of family and career. Children are equally busy managing the demands of school and extracurricular activities. This frantic pace has become a hot topic. I applaud the efforts of the Area 125 Foundation in showing the documentary [Race to Nowhere](#) at Stevenson last week. The movie made parents and educators reflect on the message, "Are we stealing childhood by over scheduling with activities and homework?"

Are children afforded enough time to discover and develop their interests and passions? As educators, are we recognizing and using the knowledge of these interests and passions to provide engaging learning opportunities? I think about these questions because success is not measured only by test scores, but also by individual well-being.

Our Future Planning Committee is using a "whole child" lens when planning for the future. We are examining "life and learning" and "personalization and rigor" as aligned to the new National Common Core Standards. As our curriculum and learning models continue to evolve, we will continue to adhere to age appropriate homework parameters.

Go to [www.d102.org/pto](http://www.d102.org/pto) for details. Pre-registrations are being accepted until April 17 providing all 5K participants a guaranteed race T-Shirt. Our 5K steps off at 8:00am and the 1 mile steps off at 9:00am. Strollers and wagons are allowed in the 1 mile. The D102 Challenge is open to the public. You can register by completing the form on our website or if you are not a member family of District 102 by going to [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com). For more information, please contact Deborah Mills at 847-459-9289 or email her at [dbmills2@comcast.net](mailto:dbmills2@comcast.net). Come rain or shine, we will be there...will you?  
<http://www.d102.org/pto/d102challenge.html>.

### **PTO At A Glance**

#### **April Benefit**

The entire month of April is Benefit Month at the Red Cottage Salon and Spa in Long Grove. Click here for details: [Red Cottage Salon benefit](#).

#### **Spirit Wear**

It's time to order your Spring Spirit Wear. Cool new logos and awesome new styles! Order forms are available at [d102.org/pto](http://d102.org/pto). Orders are due April 15.

#### **Special Lunch - April 14**

MMS- Wiener Take All; Tripp- PJs; and Pritchett-Noodles & Co. On special lunch days, there is no school lunch service. Students who have not pre-ordered a special lunch must bring a lunch from home.

### **How do we know whether schools are succeeding?**

The examination of how to best balance the rigor of learning and preparing for the future is always in the forefront. How will we know if District 102 is succeeding? After all the test scores and grades are tallied, I return to the district's vision. Are the children being *challenged, feeling successful, and looking forward to tomorrow? Are they coming to school and being met with learning opportunities at their personal developmental level?* Recently, a Board member relayed a compliment from a parent that we teach to the child, not to the test. In other words, District 102 cares first and foremost for the child. This compliment reinforced that our vision is working.

Tomorrow evening, April 13, Dr. Maniacci will address questions and issues raised from the Race to Nowhere documentary, and will also do a presentation called "Stress and Anxiety: How Much is Enough?" The program will start at 7:00 p.m. in Meridian Middle School's gymnasium. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dr. Theresa Dunkin,  
Superintendent

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**Save the Date**

Barnes and Noble Book Fair  
Saturday, June 4, from  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

**Up-to-Date PTO Events**

Be sure to "Like" District 102  
PTO on Facebook or visit  
[www.d102.org/pto](http://www.d102.org/pto).

**School Notes****Stress and Anxiety: How  
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in Meridian Middle School's  
gymnasium

**Celebrating 10 Years of  
Sarah's Corner**

Please join us at Tripp  
School, 7:00pm

**Kindergarten****Registration/Roundup**

Call the office of the school  
your child will be attending to  
schedule an appointment for  
your child's screening on May  
6. Visit [d102.org/kreg](http://d102.org/kreg) for  
more details.

**Incoming 7th Graders****Transition to Aptakisic**

Incoming 7th Grade Parent  
Orientation is scheduled for  
April 12 beginning at 6:30pm  
at AJHS. Incoming 7th Grade  
Transition Night is scheduled  
for May 12 at 6:30pm. More  
details in the Incoming 7th  
Grade [letter](#) and [flyer](#).

### **Incoming 5th Grade Orientation**

All 4th grade students and parents are invited to Meridian Middle School on May 5 at 7:00pm for an hour of dialogue with a panel of experts, school tour, and co-curricular fair. More details on [5th Grade Orientation Flyer](#).

### **8th Grade Graduation Party Planning**

The planning committee for the 8th grade graduation party is well under way! The party is set for Friday, May 20 from 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. at AJHS. Interested parents of 8th graders who wish to volunteer for this event should contact Chris at [chrisanne1009@aol.com](mailto:chrisanne1009@aol.com).

### **Activity Based Summer School Registration Open**

Session I - 6/13 - 7/1  
Session II - 7/5 - 7/22  
More details at [www.d102.org/summerprograms](http://www.d102.org/summerprograms).

### **News From SHS**

#### **Freshman Orientation Day**

Monday, August 22, 2011  
8:00am - 3:25pm. Freshman are encouraged to ride the bus.

Read [e-Minuteman February 25 - March 3](#). Register to receive it regularly on the [SHS website](#).

### **Community Briefs**

**The works of Edgar Allan Poe at Vernon Area Public Library** will be presented through a variety of programs listed below. For [more details click here.](#)

Parent/Child Book

Discussion: The Man Who was Poe by Avi on April 12, 5:45 - 7:00pm

Meet the Author: Avi, April 12, 7 - 8:00pm

Poetry Workshop, April 13, 4:30 - 6:00pm

Tales of Madness & Revenge with Lifeline Theatre, April 17, 2 - 3:00pm. SHS West Auditorium

Poetry Slam, April 20, 7 - 8:30pm.

**The Principles, Strategies and Benefits of an Energy-Efficient Home**

Workshop presented by Kenneth and Blanche Steinkopf on April 20 at SHS, West Auditorium at 7:45. Green tours of SHS begin at 7:00pm

**Look Ahead**

**4/12 Incoming 7th Grade Orientation**, 6:30pm, AJHS

**4/14 Meridian Talent Show**, 7:00pm, MMS gym

**4/15 Career /SEL Day guest speaker Mawi Asgedom**, 8:00am, AJHS gym

**4/18 MAP testing begins**,

grades 2 - 8

**4/20 Future Planning Meeting,**  
6:30pm, AJHS cafeteria

**4/21 No School** - Teachers  
Institute Day

**4/22 No School**

**4/25 Board of Education  
meeting,** 7:00pm, DO

**4/26 Tripp 1 & 2nd Grade  
Concert,** 7:00pm, TES

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Concert,** 7:00pm, TES

**4/28 Jazz Cafe,** 6:30pm, AJHS

**4/29 Jazz Cafe,** 6:30pm, AJHS

**5/1 D102 Challenge,** 5K/1mile  
run/walk, 8:00am/9:00pm, Willow  
Stream Park, BG

**5/5 Incoming 5th Grade  
Orientation,** 7:00pm, MMS

**6/1 AJHS 8th Grade  
Graduation**

**6/7 Last 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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