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November 15, 2011

**Thank You PTO**  
*Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to D102 PTO leaders, members, and supporters for all your hard work and generosity.*

*Also, our warmest wishes to all D102 families and our community for a wonderful Thanksgiving.*

*The next E-newsletter will be published on November 29, 2011.*

**Tripp PTO Book Fair**

On Wednesday, November 16, 8:00am - 8:30pm, and Thursday, November 17, 8:30am - 8:00pm visit the Tripp School Gym to purchase books.

NEW THIS YEAR  
Access the Online Book Fair from 11/12-11/21 at <http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/>. Choose Illinois, Buffalo Grove and Tripp School (no matter where your child goes to school) and start shopping.

**Buffalo Grove Rotary Hosts Low-Cost Pizza Fest Tonight**

Join the Buffalo Grove Rotary at Buffalo Grove

**Zany 2nd Grade Concert at Pritchett**



The Pritchett Elementary 2nd Grade Concert was full of life, entertainment, and unstoppable energy. The students sang animated songs accentuating the words with lively actions, dance, and musical instruments. Songs from the Music of Life program included The Cat Came Back, Wild and Crazy Monkeys, I Can't Spell Hippopotamus, and Rockin' Robin to name a few. The 2nd graders performed for the entire school in the afternoon and in the evening for their parents. Thank you to the musical director Rosemary Nelson, all the 2nd grade teachers, Diana Hachikian for videotaping the concert, Lynn Kozicki and Gabe Soto, and the custodial staff for contributing to a wonderful program.

High School from 5:00-8:00pm for pizza supplied by Lou Malnati's, Nino's, Wa-pa-Ghetti's, Domino's, 30's, Jet's and more. Admission is \$2 and each slice of pizza, drink or cookie is only \$1. Rotary will be collecting non-perishable food items for the new Wheeling Food Pantry. More information at [www.BGRotary.org](http://www.BGRotary.org).

### **PTO At A Glance**

**Special Lunch this Thursday at All Schools**

**Shop Online for the Holidays and Earn Money for the District 102 Community Care Fund**

Visit [SchoolStore.com](http://SchoolStore.com) and order from over 200 merchants including Target, Office Depot, Barnes & Noble, WalMart and many more ([view a complete list](#)). Students will earn a prize by going to [www.schoolstore.net](http://www.schoolstore.net), entering school ID, and three email addresses of friends and family to invite them to shop. Questions, please contact Jodi Kearney at [chris.jodi@prodigy.net](mailto:chris.jodi@prodigy.net) or 847-821-9325.

### **2011-2012 Student Directories Available**

Student directories have been delivered to all families who have joined the PTO. If you would like to join the PTO or purchase additional directories, please [complete the order form](#). Questions, contact Ilana Kopinsky at 847-459-7527 or at [paperdreams@comcast.net](mailto:paperdreams@comcast.net).

## **District 102 Students Enjoy Dance and Games at Lighted Schoolhouse**



On October 28, students enjoyed the first Lighted Schoolhouse of the year. The evening included sporting events, carnival games, a Haunted House, a Scary Story House, raffles, and the Bean Bag Cafe. Students were also entertained by our very own teacher Jody Rech who played his guitar in the Cafe.

## **Enrollment Open for Winter Enrichment Classes**

The Center for Gifted, in partnership with Northern Illinois University, will offer a series of classes for students at District 102 this winter. The program, which includes courses in sculpture, robotics and creative writing, among others, will run on Sunday afternoons from January 15 to February 12, 2012 at Meridian Middle School. Interested parents can find more information at <http://www.d102.org/teachinglearning/gifted-education.html>.

## **D102 and Neighboring School District Social Workers and Psychologists Expand Resources**



## 2012 Entertainment Books

If you are interested in purchasing an entertainment book, send a check to school for \$25 payable to District 102 PTO. The PTO earns \$10 for every book purchased. For more information contact Marcy Weinstein at 847-459-8269 or [mweinstein68@comcast.net](mailto:mweinstein68@comcast.net).

### Want updates to all of our events?

Be sure to "LIKE" District 102 PTO on Facebook.

## Calendar Change for Kindergartner Parents

Please note January 13 affects PM Kindergartners/EC only, and March 1 and May 25 affects AM Kindergartners/EC only.

## Dates

11/15 Buffalo Grove Rotary Hosts Low-Cost Pizza Fest at Buffalo Grove High School, 5:00-8:00pm, details

11/16 Tripp Book Fair, 8:00am - 8:30pm

11/16 Band Concert (MMS & AJHS) at SHS, 7:00pm

**11/16 PARENT WORKSHOP: Balancing Academic Achievement and Student Well-Being**, SHS West Aud., 7:00-9:00pm, details

**11/16 PARENT WORKSHOP: Demystifying School Finances**, Fremont Intermediate School, 6:30pm

11/17 Tripp Book Fair, 8:30am - 8:00pm

11/17 Choral Concert (MMS & AJHS) at SHS, 7:30pm

11/17 Tripp Family Reading Night 6:15 -7:35pm

District 102 social workers and psychologists recently met with counterparts from neighboring school districts 96 and 103 to learn more about supporting children who are grieving. Nearly 50 professionals attended the [Grieving Children in the School Setting](#) sponsored by the Lauri S. Bauer Foundation for Sudden Loss, for Help, for Healing, for Hope. Stefanie Norris, MSW, LCSW, founder and executive director of Willow House, offered guidance and resources for participants. Parents, guardians, or students should contact their school social worker or psychologist if they need to talk, gain more support, or receive services from the Lauri Bauer Center.

## District 102 Teachers Present at Fall into Literacy Conference

Congratulations to Stacy Lipshutz and Lindsay Zucker on presenting the "Rebecca Caudill Reading Challenge and Parent/Child Book Club." The presentation was selected for the Fall Into Literacy Conference on November 8 at Woodland Intermediate School in Gurnee. The conference is sponsored by the Lake County Regional Office of Education and the Northern Illinois Reading Recovery Consortium.

## PARENT WORKSHOPS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Balancing Academic Achievement and Student Well-Being - 11/16

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Maniacci, who will discuss [Stress and Achievement: How Much is Enough?](#) The event will include Dr. Maniacci's presentation followed by four breakout sessions including: Internet and cell phone safety; escaping the competition trap; raising emotionally healthy children; and anxiety in adolescents. SHS West Auditorium, 7:00-9:00pm, [more details](#)

### Demystifying School Finances - 11/16

School finance expert Tom Kersten, professor of Educational Leadership at Roosevelt University in Chicago, will explain the complex topic of Illinois school finance in a way that is understandable to taxpayers with limited school financial knowledge and experience. Fremont Intermediate School, 6:30pm

11/21 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

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11/23 No School - School Offices Closed, District Office is Open

11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Day

11/25 No School - District Holiday, All Offices Closed

12/8 AJHS Play - Half Magic, 7:00pm

12/9 AJHS Play - Half Magic, 7:00pm

**12/13 PARENT WORKSHOP - Internet Safety**

by Sarah Migas, internet safety specialist with the Illinois Attorney General's office, Fremont Intermediate School, 6:30pm. Open to D102 parents.

12/15 Orchestra Concert (MMS & AJHS) at SHS, 7:00pm

12/19 Winter Break

1/3 School Resumes

1/15-2/12 Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder enrichment classes, The Center for Gifted, MMS, Sundays, 2:00-4:30pm

**1/25 PARENT & STUDENT**

**WORKSHOP:** Cyber Bullying in the 21st Century, Aptakisic Junior High Cafeteria, 7:00-8:30pm

3/21 Community Event- Learning Vision

**Internet Safety - 12/13**

Sarah Migas, Internet Safety Specialist with the Illinois Attorney General's office. Her presentation will cover: Harsh Truths on Surfing the Net, Sexual Exploitation, and Cyber Bullying.

Fremont Intermediate School, 6:30pm

**Cyber Bullying - 1/25**

Parents and students are invited to attend a presentation on what bullying in this 21st century looks like and what to do about it. Please contact Jill

Campeol at [jcampeol@d102.org](mailto:jcampeol@d102.org) or (847) 353-5665.

Aptakisic Junior High Cafeteria, 7:00 - 8:30pm

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