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PTO At A Glance

Don't Miss Our Annual DJ Party This Friday

CAMP D102 will be on Friday, January 27 from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Meridian Middle School for Pritchett and Tripp students, Early Childhood through 4th graders and parents.

[More details.](#)

It's Not Too Late to Order Spirit Wear

The following items are available for immediate purchase by contacting Sherrie Cummins at sscummins@att.net.

Pritchett:

Black sweatpants - Adult Large

Tripp:

Gray Hoodie sweatshirt - Youth Small

Purple Hoodie sweatshirt - Youth Medium

Black sweatpants - Youth large and adult small

Black tie-dye T-shirt - Youth small

Blue tie-dye T-shirt - Adult medium

Meridian:

Black sweatpants - Youth Large

Black tie-dye T-shirt - Youth Large

2012 District Savings Cards on SALE with OVER 75 offers

Cards are \$10 each or three for \$24. Download an [order form](#) or visit any D102 school office to purchase

Your Feedback is Important: 2012 Parent Survey

As part of our strong commitment to open communication between home and school and in accordance with our long-range goals, we are once again asking for parent feedback. (As you may know, we conduct a parent satisfaction survey every two years.) We want to know what you think - your opinions and comments are valuable tools in our never-ending quest to improve our schools. Please take a few minutes to answer these survey questions by [clicking on this link](#). We sincerely appreciate and respect your input.

Aptakistic Alumni Band Tonight

District 102 band alumni will be participating in the first Alumni Band Concert tonight, January 24 at Aptakistic Junior High. The rehearsal will begin at 4:00pm, pizza dinner at 5:00pm, and concert at 7:00pm. A huge thank you to Band Director Thomas Eifert and AJHS band members.

Tripp Students Donate Blankets to Shelter



The fourth grade students in Tripp's Student Council recently made 30 "no-sew" tie blankets instead of going to recess. The blankets will be donated to Shelter, Inc. in Arlington Heights. Shelter, Inc. is a non-profit community based organization that provides emergency and longer-term housing for children and adolescents. Thank you to all of the fourth graders who participated in this project and to the Student Council sponsors Ms. Cardella, Mrs. Kurtas, Mrs. Machtinger, and Mrs. Wischmeyer.

Fifth Grader Wins Meridian Spelling Bee

Meridian held its 6th annual school spelling bee on January 19. The winner was 5th grader Ani Nuthalapati who spelled "vicinage" correctly.

your cards. For more information email Edie Eiseman-Axe at edie0609@aol.com.

Shop Online All Year and Raise Money for Our Kids

Our ongoing fundraiser with SchoolStore.com, an online shopping mall, has over 200 merchants including Target, Office Depot, Barnes & Noble, Wal-Mart and many more. Go to www.schoolstore.com and enter any D102 school and start shopping. Your student can earn a participation prize by going to www.schoolstore.net and entering the school ID and three email addresses of friends and family to invite them to shop. Click here for [more information and a list of all the merchants](#). Contact Jodi Kearney at chris.jodi@prodigy.net or 847-821-9325 with questions.

Save the Dates

Annual BINGO Night -
March 9
D102 Challenge - April 29

Want updates to all of our events?

Be sure to "LIKE" District 102 PTO on Facebook today!

Summer School 2012

June 18-July 27

Extended School Year
Bridges
ELL Summer Language
Camp

June 18-29, July 2-13, and

In 2nd place was 6th grader Allen Kuncheria. Ani will represent Meridian in the sectional spelling bee on February 22 at South Park School in Deerfield.

Last Orientation Night for Incoming Freshmen Families

SHS hosted two orientation evenings last week for incoming freshmen with the last event tonight, January 24. Families are encouraged to arrive at 6:00pm to receive two packets of information related to registration for the 2012-13 school year, and to tour the facilities. The orientation program will begin at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Cyberbullying Parent Workshop Wednesday, January 25

Parents are invited to hear Jerry Ackerman speak on the timely topic of cyberbullying. Mr. Ackerman speaks nationally and internationally on topics relevant to parents and youth in these tumultuous times. His commitment is evident in his talks on leadership, attitude, communication, education, and change. Junior high students will attend a cyberbullying presentation by Mr. Ackerman during school hours. The event will be in the Aptakisic Junior High Cafeteria beginning at 7:00pm. We will invite parents from our neighboring districts to participate. Please RSVP to Kathleen Young-Perkins at (847) 353-5665 or kyoungperkins@d102.org. [More details](#).

8th Graders to Play in Consortium Band Concert January 30

On Monday, January 30 the Aptakisic 8th grade band will be performing with all the 8th graders from other Stevenson feeder schools. The concert will begin at 7:00 in the Fine Arts Center at Stevenson.

D102 Principal Pursuing National Board Certification

Meridian Principal Rebecca Jenkins is working towards becoming a National Board Certified Principal. Certification involves an intense amount of work on both the part of the professional and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The certification examination and compilation of materials assures that leaders are committed, knowledgeable, and experts in their field and are active members of a learning community. Visit NBPTS's website [for more information](#).

Did You Know about the Electronics Disposal Ban Effective January 1, 2012

Beginning January 1, it is no longer legal to dispose of unwanted electronics in the regular trash. Discarded electronics including computers, monitors, electronic keyboards, scanners, fax machines and many other electronic devices must be taken to a registered recycler for proper management.

July 16-27

Enrichment (*formerly known as Activity Based*)

Pre-K Adventures

Community**International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

On Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in partnership with the Illinois Holocaust & Genocide Commission, will mark the sixty-seventh anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, with commemorations across the globe in observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Join two renowned leaders in the field of memorialization, James Young and Cliff Chanin, as they discuss how the Holocaust, genocide, war, 9/11 and other epic historical events.

SHS World's Fair Starts January 28

Stevenson's World's Fair on January 28-29 is free and open to the public. Visit cultural booths from around the world from 10:00am - 3:00pm, and a cultural showcase performance at 3:00pm in the SHS Performing Arts Center.

Sharks - February 1

A program from Discover the Depths will discuss myths associated with sharks from 7:00-8:00pm at the Vernon Area Public Library.

Literature Series

On Saturday, February 4 the VAP library's Arts and Literature series is featuring "Are You My Mother/" from 11:00am-12:00pm.

**Ralph's World is coming to Stevenson High School
February 19**

The show is perfect for the preschool and elementary school crowd and their families. Tickets are available by calling 847-415-4121.

**Fine Arts Festival
February 7-8**

Vernon Area Public Library is excited to partner with SHS to welcome community families to two preschool programs as part of Stevenson's biennial fine arts festival, Odyssey. On February 7, learning and laughter abound as we play and sing together with musician and family literacy expert Jim Gill. On February 8, join Be the Groove, a group that fuses a variety of music, percussion and rhythmic techniques.

Register in person, online at www.vapld.info, or by phone at 847.634.3650.

Last Night for Jack and the Magic Beans Auditions

A local community theatre group in Mundelein will be performing a children's show, Jack and The Magic Beans in April. Auditions for the show for people ages eight through adult will be held on January 24 at St. Andrews Church, 10 S. Lake St. (Rte. 45) in Mundelein. For more information visit

[http://www.kirkplayers.com/.](http://www.kirkplayers.com/)

Calendar Change for Kindergartner Parents

Please note March 1 and
May 25 affects AM
Kindergartners/EC.

Dates

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

1/25 PARENT WORKSHOP Parents
are invited to attend a presentation on
cyber-bullying. Jerry Ackerman will also
meet with students earlier in the day.
Aptakistic Junior High Cafeteria,
7:00-8:30pm

1/30 Consortium Choral Concert, SHS,
7:00pm

2/28-2/29 Tripp 3rd/4th Grade Winter
Music Concert, 7:00pm

3/7 Music & Art Night, Meridian Middle
School, 7:00pm

3/19 Orchestra Concert, SHS, 7:00pm

3/20 Band Concert, SHS, 7:00pm

4/12 Meridian Talent Show, Meridian
Gym, 7:00pm

4/18-4/19 Tripp 1st/2nd Grade Spring
Music Concert, 7:00pm

4/25 Jazz Cafe, AJHS, 7:00pm

4/30 Orchestra Concert, SHS, 7:00pm

5/8 Band Concert, SHS, 7:00pm

5/9 Choral Concert, SHS, 7:30pm

5/21 Consortium Art Show, SHS,
7:00pm

5/24 Meridian Showcase of Learning,
Meridian, 7:00pm

5/31 Tripp Elementary School Art
Show, 7:00pm

6/6 8th Grade Graduation at SHS

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