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School News

Aptakistic Junior High School
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Give Your Child an Edge, Keep the Mind Active, and Call It Summer Fun

Kindergarten Roundup was last week and many parents are thinking about school success. Enroll your child in Kindergarten Kickoff this summer. This is an activity-based summer school class from 9:00 - 12:00pm that is fun and will help prepare your child for Kindergarten. [View the summer school catalogue](#) of skill building classes for all ages in the areas of arts, academics, and sports.

PTO At A Glance

School Supplies

Order school supplies for the upcoming school year through the PTO. There are two ways to order:

1. Use the order form on our website and pay by check; orders due 5/16/11.
2. Order online at www.epipacks.com - orders due 5/27/11. Visit www.d102.org/pto for order forms and contact information.

Chairpersons Needed for the 2011-2012 School Year

Parents needed to chair various PTO events and fundraisers for the 2011 - 2012 school year. The D102 PTO raises close to \$100K each year to help our schools, and we need your help. We have chairperson opportunities for one time events, for ongoing events and opportunities to help

APTAKISIC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

[Arrowhead](#)

May 12, Transition Night for Incoming 7th Graders

This Thursday, incoming 7th grade students and their parents are invited to attend Transition Night at Aptakistic Junior High beginning at 6:30pm. The evening will include a co-curricular fair showcasing many available extracurricular activities, as well as an opportunity to meet classroom teachers.

The Teen Years

You've lived through 2:00am feedings, toddler temper tantrums, and the back-to-school blues. So why is the word "teenager" causing you so much anxiety? When you consider that the teen years are a period of intense growth, not only physically but morally and intellectually, it's understandable that it's a time of confusion and stress for many families. Despite some adults' negative perceptions, teens can be energetic, thoughtful, and idealistic, with a deep interest in what's fair and right. Read Quick Tips in the [Arrowhead](#).

How to Respond to Anxiety and Avoidance Behaviors in Adolescents

If a teenager is willing to talk about fears and anxieties, listen carefully and respectfully. Without discounting feelings, help him/her understand that increased feelings of uneasiness about

from your home! Not sure what to do? Call Missy (847-409-8781) or Tara (847-383-5011) and talk to them. Go to www.d102.org for a list of opportunities.

Save the Date

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

Find PTO events by visiting

<http://www.d102.org/pto.html>.

School Notes

SHS Consortium Art Show May 16

Nearly 200 District 102 students from all four schools will display their artwork at this year's art show. Art work by kindergarten through 12th grade students will be on display in the Stevenson field house from 7:00 - 9:00pm next Monday.

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.

News from SHS

Freshman Orientation Day

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

body image, performance, and peer acceptance and a general uncertainty are all natural parts of adolescence. By helping trace the anxiety to specific situations and experiences, it most likely will reduce the overwhelming nature of the feelings. Read more on this topic in the [Arrowhead](#).

MERIDIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

[Meridian Minute](#)

May 11, District 102 Choral Concert at Stevenson at 7:30pm

Lady Jazz from Stevenson High School will perform this Wednesday as part of District 102's Choral Concert in the West Auditorium. This concert promises to be entertaining with both Meridian and Aptakisic students performing songs from Michael Jackson, Princess and the Frog, and Swinging on a Star.

Social Worker Shares Summer To Do List

Summer vacation can be a child's dream come true or worst nightmare. There are hours of time to fill with activities, time to explore interests that don't fit into the school day, and time to get bored. "Kids who have high-quality summer experiences perform better on standardized tests and go back to school more motivated and ready to learn," says Ron Fairchild, Executive Director of the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University. Read [the Meridian Minute](#) for ideas.

Student Council ABC Countdown Started May 2

This list is a must read of 24 special days left until the end of school. The list starts with **Appreciation Day** and features days like **King Day** (treat all boys well), **No Homework Day**, **Queen Day** (treat all girls well), **U and Me Day**, ending with **Zip Your Bag** and **Leave Day**. View the complete list in [the Meridian Minute](#).

PRITCHETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

[Pritchett Times](#)

Learning Showcase: New Name for Pritchett's Traditional Art Fair/Unity Night Event

Pritchett's [Learning Showcase](#) will be on Thursday, May 19 at 6:15pm for first and second graders and 6:45pm for third and fourth graders. The celebration of student creativity through art is always inspiring. Ms. Doherty has done a magnificent job teaching the children throughout the year and will proudly display final products. Ice cream will be served as a treat for everyone! More

Community Briefs
Summer Opportunities
in Your Back Yard

Lake County Family
YMCA

(www.ymcalakelakecounty.org)
Located in Vernon Hills, the YMCA offers kids' fitness classes, martial arts classes, and music lessons for students ages 6 - 12.

Buffalo Grove Park
District

(www.bgparkdistrict.org)
The park district offers a wide range of activities and programming including sports teams, as well as Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

Vernon Area Public
Library

(<http://www.vapld.info/>)
The library offers a variety of reading programs and activities during the summer. Visit the website for more information.

Buffalo Grove High
School

BG High School offers a number of athletic camps for students in grades 1 - 12, including baseball, wrestling, tennis, and more! For more information visit: <http://bghs.d214.org/>.

Stevenson High School's
Patriot Recreation
Education Program
(PREP)

Stevenson offers several age level sports camps for elementary, middle and junior high school students this summer. Camps are

details in the [Pritchett Times](#).

Let's All Ask Ourselves, "Why Tease?"

"I was very excited to hear about an activity in which our first grade Daisy Troop took part recently," notes Frannie Goldwin, School Social Worker. Dedicated parents/volunteer troop leaders, Sandi Ring and Kolleen Cherry, facilitated a lesson about the negative impacts of bullying and teasing, through the Girl Scouts program, Why Tease? Following the lesson, the first grade girls created and decorated posters for each first grade class depicting reasons why teasing isn't cool and how we should treat one another. More in [Pritchett Times](#).

Practical Activities to Help Your Child Succeed

The Pritchett Times newsletter includes ideas for enhancing family learning and appropriate levels of independence for children. How can you inspire your child to keep learning while school is out? It's easy when your whole family learns together. This summer is also a great time to take steps toward helping children become more independent. More details in the [Pritchett Times](#).

TRIPP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

[Tripp Times](#)

Each Reading Strategy is an Important Part of the Successful Reading Puzzle

Throughout the year, a new reading strategy was introduced each month. Each strategy is extremely important in order for your child to comprehend what he or she is reading. Think of reading as a puzzle. Each strategy is like a piece of the puzzle because it's needed in order for a child to make sense of what has been read. This year, the articles in "Tripp Times" have been on Making Connections, Activating Prior Knowledge, Summarizing, Visualizing, Evaluating, Questioning, Decoding, and Predicting. Resources to help children use these strategies is included in the [Tripp Times](#). This summer, try to read with your child everyday.

Summer is a Perfect Time to Learn New Skills and Tweak Social Skills

Summer break is a perfect opportunity to involve your child in various groups and activities to help promote positive interpersonal skills. Taking advantage of local opportunities to teach social skills will help your child discover his or her strengths and interests and promote a greater sense of self-esteem. [Tripp Times](#) lists some

available in badminton, baseball, basketball, fencing, football, golf, softball, wrestling and volleyball. For more information visit: www.d125.org/prep.

Look Ahead

5/11 Choral Concert

Grades 5 - 8, Stevenson High - West Auditorium, 7:30pm

5/12 Transition Night -

Incoming 7th Graders, Aptakisic Junior High, 6:30pm

5/16 SHS Consortium Art

Show, 7:00 - 9:00pm, SHS Field House

5/17 Orchestra Concert

Grades 5 - 8, Aptakisic Junior High, 7:00pm

5/18 Meridian Learning

Showcase, Meridian Middle School, 7:00pm

5/19 Pritchett Learning

Showcase, Pritchett School, 6:15pm - 1st & 2nd graders
6:45pm - 3rd & 4th graders

5/23 National Junior

Honor Society, Aptakisic Junior High, 7:00pm

5/24 Holocaust survivor

Paul Argiewicz and author Deanne Joseph Presentation, Aptakisic Junior High, 1:00pm

5/25 Tripp Learning

Showcase, Tripp School, 6:30pm

resources as starting points.

Tripp's Learning Showcase May 25

Please join us as we highlight students' learning experiences over the course of the 2010 - 2011 school year. Guests will be invited to walk through classrooms and view all of the students' wonderful accomplishments. The Learning Showcase event will run from 6:30 - 7:30pm at Tripp Elementary School. The District PTO will serve ice cream from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

5/26 Mosaic Variety Show,
Aptakistic Junior High,
1:15pm

5/27 Parent Share Day,
Tripp School, 9:15am

**6/1 Last Day of School for
8th Graders and 8th
Grade Graduation**

**6/6 Last Day of School for
Kindergarten and Early
Childhood**

**6/7 Last Day of School for
Grades 1 - 7**

AJHS - Aptakistic 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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