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Tuesday
WEEKLY NEWS

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School News

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September 6, 2011

Party in the Park IS THIS FRIDAY!

September 9 from 4:30pm-8:00pm at Meridian Middle School
Carnival Games, Moonwalks, Dodgeball Tournament and much more.
Fun for the entire family. More information at www.d102.org/pto.

Party After Dark

This event is for 5th - 8th graders from 8:00-9:30pm.
\$5 admission includes DJ Dance, Ice Cream and more!

PTO At A Glance

Volunteers Needed for Party in the Park

Adults and students (7th grade and up) are needed to help with Party in the Park. Please contact Missy at missypto@gmail.com.

Parking for Party in the Park

The front lot will be for handicapped parking only. Drop off will be allowed. The west parking lot will be available for parking and in marked areas on some streets

Please Look for Signs Indicating No Parking

There is no parking on the east side of Meridian Way, in cul-de-sacs, and on Prairie. No Parking signs will be posted - violators will be ticketed. The Buffalo Grove Police Dept will enforce the parking rules.

Dear 102 Families:

Sunday, September 11 marks the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our nation. District 102 plans to acknowledge this anniversary through a People for Peace theme as a way to bridge the events of 9/11 and what it means to be an American, especially in our richly diverse D102 community. As a district, we will recognize Patriot Day, September 12, by wearing red, white, and blue clothing. On September 21, we will promote peace within our district and community in celebration of the International Day of Peace by wearing "peace" themed clothing. One focal point around the world will be the minute of silence at 12:00 noon on September 21, as requested by Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations.

There will be daily quotes featured such as Helen Keller's, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming it," and one by Anne Frank, "I still believe that people are really good at heart." For the elementary students, we will continue to share acts of kindness and focus on the fact that the vast majority of people are good. For the middle and junior high students, the teachers will work closely on remembering the victims, and what makes a real life hero. Please refer to your school's webpage for a detailed outline of events.

Dr. Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent

Back to School Book Fair
at Meridian Middle School
Wednesday, September 7 -
8:00am-8:30pm and
Thursday, September 8
from 8:00am-2:30pm
See the flyer at
www.d102.org/pto for
more information or to
donate money to One for
Books or to purchase a
book fair gift certificate!
For more information or to
volunteer, please contact
Ivy Elkins at 847-415-2431
or Dana Litwin at
847-821-9030.

Forms and Flyers
All forms and flyers for
special lunch, ice cream
treats, volunteer
opportunities, etc. are
posted at
www.d102.org/pto.

**Want to Learn More
About Your PTO?**
Join us for our first PTO
meeting of the school year
on Tuesday, September 13
at 7:00pm in the District
Office Conference Center.
For more information -
contact Missy Frank at
847-419-7740.

**Want updates to all of our
events?**
Be sure to "LIKE" District
102 PTO on Facebook.

Community

Vernon Area Public Library Events

Morning Matinee
September 10 from
10-10:30am
Ages 2-6 and a caregiver

**Preschool Science
Detectives**
September 13 and 15 from

tdunkin@d102.org

Aptakisic Junior High School

Arrowhead

AJHS Open House Tonight

Open House for the junior high is Tuesday, September 6 from 7:00-8:30pm. This is going to be a very informative evening with an opportunity to meet teachers and see new things around the building. See the [Arrowhead](#) for more details and a copy of the schedule.

SEL Standards Incorporated into the Report Card

District 102 committees have established five Social Emotional Learning (SEL) standards in alignment with the state standards: Goal Setting, Problem Solving, Forms Positive Relationships, Recognizes and Manages Emotions, and Responsible Decision Making. These standards have been incorporated into the Report Card. More details in the [Arrowhead](#)

Strong Relationship Between Developmental Assets and Staying on the Right Path

The Search Institute surveyed two million youth and revealed strong and consistent relationships between the number of assets present in young people's lives and the degree to which they develop in positive and healthful ways. Results show that the greater the numbers of Developmental Assets are experienced by young people, the more positive and successful their development. Assets in the areas of support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and life skills, and positive identity. Read a more detailed description of these assets in the [Arrowhead](#)

Meridian Middle School

Meridian Minute

Meridian Open House on September 7 from 6:30-8:00pm

Please join us for an informative evening regarding your child's classroom and curriculum. This is an opportunity for you to learn specifics about the curriculum and meet the staff that your child will be interacting with on a daily basis. We are looking forward to a dynamic year of growth and learning.

Rebecca Jenkins, Principal

Open House Schedule for 9/7

6:30-6:50pm -Visit your child's team

10:30-11:00am OR
September 27 and 29 from
6:30-7:00 pm
Ages 3-5 and their
caregivers

Annual Bookmark Contest
September 2 - October 3
Grades K-8

Design an original
bookmark. Pick up the new
contest rules and an
official blank bookmark in
Youth Services beginning
September 2. Practice
bookmarks and rules are
also available at
www.vapld.info. All entries
must be turned in to Youth
Services by 9:00pm on
Monday, October 3.

Dates

9/6 Aptakisic Junior
High Washington, DC
Meeting 6:30pm

9/6 Aptakisic Junior
High Open House
7:00-8:30pm

9/7 Meridian Open
House, 6:30-8:00pm

9/9 Party in the Park

9/29 No School - Offices
Closed

**District 102
Board of
Education**

Members

Gary Friedlander, President
Ellyn Ross, Vice President
Pelleg Graupe, Secretary
Joan Koriath, Board Member
Steve Lefar, Board Member
Lenny Ostach, Board Member

7:00-7:20pm -Specifics about Math Curriculum

7:30-8:00pm -Topic based breakout sessions

Topics include: Middle School Changes, Encore, Special Education in D102, Reading and Math Support, Beginning Band, Orchestra, Chorus, ELL Program, S.E.E.K. Program, Technology & Resources, and After School Clubs.

Social Worker Debbie Morris Offers Group Opportunities to Grow

There are three exciting group opportunities for this school year. If you believe that your child needs to enhance his/her abilities to make responsible decisions, increase his/her connectedness to school, or learn how to work out conflict, please consider signing him/her up for one of the following groups: 1) Thinking and Acting Responsibly; 2) Strong Students; and 3) Working out Conflict. More details in the [Meridian Minute](#).

Pritchett Elementary School

[Pritchett Times](#)

Pritchett for Peace

With the ten-year anniversary of September 11 nearly upon us, it is important that we take time to reflect. In honor of the ten-year anniversary and the International Day of Peace, Pritchett School has special events planned. It all begins on Monday, September 12. Please have your child come to school wearing red, white, and blue clothing. This will help kick-off our "People for Peace" campaign, which will run from September 12 through September 21. During these days, we will begin each morning with an inspirational message centering on peace; facilitate classroom activities fostering peace and acceptance; and conclude each school day with a song focusing on patriotism and/or peace. More details in the [Pritchett Times](#).

Study Smarts and Organize and Learn

From a science test at the end of each unit to a spelling quiz every Friday, studying is a skill children will need throughout the years. Help your child improve study habits, scan textbooks for meaning, and add variety to learning a topic. When it comes to organizing and learning, Pritchett teachers have a few helpful ideas as well. Find out more about graphic organizers that help the brain arrange and remember information. See the [Pritchett Times](#).

Tripp Elementary School

[Tripp Times](#)

A Message from the Principals

Alan Rubenstein, Board Member

Send news, feedback, and questions to

news@d102.org.

With the ten-year anniversary of September 11 nearly upon us, it is important that we take time to reflect. In honor of the ten-year anniversary and the International Day of Peace, Tripp School has special events planned. It all begins on Monday, September 12. Please have your child come to school wearing red, white, and blue clothing. This will help kick-off our "People for Peace" campaign, which will run from September 12 through September 21. Read more in the [Tripp Times](#).

Nurse's Note

September is Food Safety Education month. At the start of every year, the nurse likes to review the importance of keeping our students with food allergies safe. A food allergy is an abnormal response to a food protein. The body releases histamine to attack the enemy when the food is eaten. More details in the [Tripp Times](#).

Coping with Back-to-School Anxiety

The beginning of the school year can be a very difficult time for many students. Separation anxiety may become an issue for students, as they might have spent lots of the time at home with family. Here are some tips for helping a child cope with back to school anxiety: 1) acknowledge the problem; 2) help your child name his/her fears; 3) help your child recognize the positive aspects of school; and 4) discuss and role play alternate ways to handle anxiety-provoking events. More details in the [Tripp Times](#).

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