

 Empower All Learners to Excel
Superintendent's Message 
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2012 Parent Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to those who have completed the survey. It will be available to complete through mid-February. Please let us know what you think and take our [2012 Parent Survey](#). We appreciate your time and effort!

PTO At A Glance

A HUGE thank you to our volunteers who helped make CAMP D102/DJ Party a success!

Help Wanted

Your PTO is looking for parents who can help next year. We are looking for people who have ANY of the following skills:

- Proficient in Excel/numbers, perhaps some accounting skills?
 - Loves graphic design and being creative
 - Web design
 - Organizational skills
 - Social and outgoing
 - Word processing skills
 - Loves what the PTO does for YOUR KIDS and wants to help!
- If you interested, please call Tara at 847-383-5011 or Missy at 847-409-8781.

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 Alumni Band Concert Rocks



The alumni band concert was a huge success with nearly 50 alumni returning to practice and perform an evening concert with current 8th graders. [Read more at d102.org](#)

Teachers Infuse Mobile Technology

Personal technology devices such as laptops, iPads, iPhones, iPods, etc., allow access and deliver information any place and any time. There have been tremendous changes and additions to the technology tools used at home and at work. These rapid changes are also taking place in the schools. For the past five years, D102 teachers have been working toward a vision of personalized learning - supported by mobile technology. The use of technology devices - from iPads and laptops to interactive whiteboards - is as common in D102 classrooms as the chalk and blackboard of the past.

Last year, when elementary teachers were asked to replace outdated desktop computers, teachers unanimously selected mobile technology devices. Teachers use this portable technology to provide students with rich and engaging learning opportunities.

D102 school office to purchase your cards. For more information email Edie Eiseman-Axe at edie0609@aol.com.

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

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

"Our staff is smartly infusing mobile technology where it makes the most sense as they participate in rigorous training themselves," states Superintendent Dunkin. "They are constantly looking to new horizons in educational technology so they can share it with their students. As we did with our elementary teachers, we asked our fifth through eighth grade teachers what they wanted to replace outdated computers. They too felt strongly that students would benefit from individual access to resources through mobile technology."

Recently, Apple, Inc. announced plans to broaden the education and production materials available for the iPad. Clearly, this will transform the textbook industry and beyond. Students will have access to a rich world of knowledge in one device. Digital books will be less expensive than the traditional textbook and will be continually updated via the Web. This new software will also allow students and teachers to produce very rich content.

On February 13, the Board and administrators will attend a retreat together to discuss collective thoughts on the next mobile technology initiative and other programs that focus on high levels of learning for all students. This meeting begins at 5:00pm in the District Office Conference Center and is open to the public. (The regular Board meeting will follow at 7:00pm.) Additionally, on March 21 at 7:00pm, D102 will host its fourth and final community event to share the new programs and initiatives slated for the 2012-13 school year. This meeting will take place in the junior high cafeteria.

The Board and Superintendent extend sincere appreciation to the original Future Planning Committee for setting such timely and comprehensive long range goals and allowing staff to create the actions that keep the journey on course in a fiscally responsible manner.

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

BINGO Night - 3/9

D102 Challenge - 4/29

Want event updates?

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

Summer School 2012

June 18-July 27

Extended School Year

Bridges

ELL Summer Language

Camp

June 18-29, July 2-13, and July 16-27

Enrichment (*formerly known as Activity Based*)

Pre-K Adventures

Community

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 Feb. 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 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.*

**Calendar Change
for Kindergartner
Parents**

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

Dates

1/31 Consortium Band 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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