



The banner features a red background with a white oval on the left containing the text "NEWS Tuesday" and "Weekly News" with a small graphic. To the right, the text "Empower All Learners to Excel" is written in a cursive font. Below this, "Teaching & Learning" is written in a large, bold, black font, with "in ACTION" in a smaller font to its right. In the background, there are faint silhouettes of people and the number "102".

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### **Summer School 2012 programs (June 18-July 27)**

Extended School Year

Bridges

ELL Summer Language Camp

#### **Three two-week session programs (June 18-29, July 2-13, and July 16-27)**

Enrichment (formerly known as Activity Based)

Pre-K Adventures

### PTO At A Glance

#### **Lighted Schoolhouse**

Join the fun on Friday, December 2 from 7-9pm at Meridian Middle School. Tickets will be sold during MMS lunchtime all week for \$4 and at the door for \$6. A guest pass costs \$8 and a lost ticket will cost \$2. There will be carnival games, Snowflake Pull, Bingo, crafts, sports games, scavenger hunt, Beanbag Cafe, open gym, ping pong, DJ, raffles, and snacks. [More details on the flyer.](#)

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

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### **District 102 Fine Arts Programs Expand Learning for All**

*"The arts enhance the process of learning. The systems they nourish, which include our integrated sensory, attentional, cognitive, emotional, and motor capacities, are, in fact, the driving forces behind all other learning." -Eric Jensen, Arts with the Brain in Mind*

District 102 celebrates a long history of arts education. All students are engaged in musical and visual arts through regular instruction aligned with state and national learning standards. Students experience a variety of techniques, styles, tools and instruments throughout the elementary years. Students' art work is displayed throughout our schools and District Office. Moreover, special displays of student artwork are prepared for curriculum nights, open house events, and the annual Consortium Art Show hosted by Adlai E. Stevenson High School each spring. Elementary concert performances provide students additional opportunities to celebrate skills learned with an audience of friends and family members.

In the upper grades, students continue to develop skills and passion for the arts. In addition to music, art, communication and debate/drama courses offered at this level, fifth through eighth grade

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.

### **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.

### **Seeking Aptakistic Band Alumni**

#### **1st Annual Alumni Band Concert**

On Tuesday, January 24 District 102 Band Alumni are invited to our 1st Annual Alumni Band Concert. The rehearsal begins at 4:00pm, pizza dinner at 5:00pm, and the concert will be at 7:00pm.

### **Community**

#### **Youth Programs at the Vernon Area Public Library**

*Registration required for all programs. Register in person, online at [www.vapld.info](http://www.vapld.info), or by phone at 847.634.3650.*

students have the option to participate in Art Club, Broadcasting, or serve in one of the many roles supporting the Aptakistic Junior High School drama production performed each winter. Students may also join band, orchestra and chorus, where they can explore a variety of musical compositions in preparation for ensemble concerts.

Arts education is strong in District 102 thanks to the vision and support of its community and its Board of Education that continues to encourage and support the arts as a valued and integral part of the core learning experience. At a recent meeting of Consortium music teachers (teachers from school districts that feed into Stevenson High School), the District 102 Board of Education was acknowledged for its vision to provide instrumental music programs, and the impact that decision has made on programs offered at the high school. Since so many District 102 students expand artistic interests and abilities throughout the high school years, a powerful partnership has developed across the Area 125 Consortium to provide support and continuous learning for students and teachers.

In addition to scheduled articulation meetings, fine arts teachers from the Area 125 Consortium attended Stevenson High School's professional development sessions this month. Some District 102 fine arts teachers experienced a morning with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, a long-time band director, educator and writer, who spoke on the numerous educational gains promoted by fine arts education programs. He shared research that points to the crucial role that arts education plays in overall learning. Lautzenheiser cited one leading researcher, neuroscientist Eric Jensen, whose books, [Arts with the Brain in Mind](#) and [Music with the Brain in Mind](#) explore the link between the fine arts and intelligence, "The evidence suggests that arts are central to all of learning."

Visual arts teachers were invited to the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), to participate in a workshop entitled, [Why We Need New School Art Styles](#) with Olivia Gude, Professor of Art Education. Professor Gude is a respected art educator and has been recognized for her work on community issues and postmodern art. Teachers then toured the UIC Spiral Workshop program which has received national attention for its progressive approach to art education. The teachers also shared ideas related to the Consortium Art Show scheduled for May 21, 2012 in the Adlai Stevenson High School Field House.

Learners of all ages, interests and abilities continue to benefit from strong arts education. Support of the arts at home and throughout the District 102 learning community provides a rich foundation that

### **Frogs! Frogs! Frogs!**

**December 7** from 7:00-8:00pm for all ages. Meet the coolest and strangest group of animals on the planet, frogs! Deb Krohn aka "The Frog Lady" will introduce fascinating and bizarre frogs facts in this lively program.

### **Jiggle Jam**

**December 10** from 10:30-11:30am for infants - six-year-olds with caregivers. Jodi Koplin will have toes tapping and finger snapping as the group sings and dances to the energetic tunes.

### **Puppet Workshop**

**December 27** from 7-8:00pm or **December 29** from 10-11:00am for ages 3 -14. Children under six must be accompanied by a caregiver. Puppets will come to life at this hands-on workshop.

### **Arts and Literature**

**Series: Brothers Grimm**  
**December 4** from 2:00-3:00pm for all ages. Bookworm Adventures magically transports you to a world of make believe. Meet the Grimm brothers, Jacob and Wilhem, as they bring to life stories such as Hansel and Gretel, Fisherman and His Wife, and Little Red Riding Hood.

### **Teen Scene: Holiday Photo/Memo Boards**

**December 19** from 7-8:30pm for grades 6 -12. Running out of ideas for the holidays? Photo and memo boards are fun to make and give as gifts. Please bring at least six colorful buttons for the board, all other supplies

complements all learning activity. We invite you to experience the growth and development of our students at events scheduled throughout the remainder of this year.

## **UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS**

Beginning Band Concert, December 6, Meridian Middle School, 7:00pm

Half Magic, December 8 & 9, Aptakisic Junior High, 7:00pm

Art & Music Night, December 14, Meridian, 6:30pm

Orchestra Concert, December 15, Stevenson High School, 7:00pm

Aptakisic Alumni Band Concert, January 24, 2012, Aptakisic, 7:00pm

Consortium Choral Concert, January 30, SHS, 7:00pm

Pritchett 3rd Grade Concert, February 16, 7:00pm

Tripp 3rd/4th Grade Winter Concert, February 28 & 29, 7:00pm

Art & Music Night, March 7, Meridian, 7:00pm

Orchestra Concert, March 19, SHS, 7:00pm

Band Concert, March 20, SHS, 7:00pm

Pritchett 1st Grade Concert, March 22, 7:00pm

Meridian Talent Show, April 12, Meridian, 7:00pm

Tripp 1st/2nd Grade Spring Concert, April 18 & 19, 7:00pm

Jazz Cafe, April 25, AJHS, 7:00pm

Orchestra Concert, April 30, SHS, 7:00pm

Band Concert, May 8, SHS, 7:00pm

Choral Concert, May 9, SHS, 7:00pm

will be provided by the library.

**Winter Reading Club**  
**December 18 - January 29**  
for kindergarten - grade 8. Bingo is back! Join Dream Big Bingo at home or in the library. Enter weekly raffles and collect prizes as you participate in a variety of reading related activities.

**Ready, Set, Read!**

New this year, a specially designed reading club for our youngest patrons infants through pre-kindergarten.

**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**

12/6 Beginning Band Concert, MMS, 7:00pm

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.

12/14 Art & Music Night, Meridian, 6:30pm

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

Pritchett Learning Showcase, May 15, 1st & 2nd is 6:15-7:00pm and 3rd & 4th is 6:45-7:30pm

Consortium Art Show, May 21, SHS, 7:00pm

Pritchett 4th Grade Concert, May 23, 7:00pm

Meridian Showcase of Learning, May 24, Meridian, 7:00pm

Tripp Learning Showcase (Art Show), May 31, 6:00-7:30pm

**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

**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. (D102 Parents Invited)  
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

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

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