



Aptakistic-Tripp CCSD 102 February 15, 2011
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SPECIAL REPORT

Parent Workshop
Cyberbullying, Sexting and Your Kid on Facebook Workshop February 28
In collaboration with District 96's Parent to Parent Network, parents are invited to hear Sarah Migas, Internet Safety/High-Tech Crimes Specialist from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, address a range of topics including social networking, online gaming and strategies for increasing kids' safety. The workshop will be at Twin Groves Middle School in Buffalo Grove at 7:30pm.
[More details.](#)

PTO At A Glance
Special Lunch February 17
MMS-Froods; Tripp-Culver's; and Pritchett-Wiener Take All. Students who have not pre-ordered a special lunch, will need to bring a lunch from home.

MMS Lighted Schoolhouse, February 25
Please call Patti @ 847-520-5531 if you can help.

Volunteers Needed
Pritchett Book Fair is March 1

AREA 125 CONSORTIUM
Aptakistic-Tripp Diamond Lake Kildeer Countryside
Hawthorn Lincolnshire-Prairie View Stevenson

A Collaborative Superintendent's Message
The superintendents of all the schools that form the Area 125 Consortium (Districts 73, 76, 96, 102, 103, and 125) are pleased to have co-authored this first-ever superintendent's message. They would like to share their story. It is a story of ongoing and powerful collaboration, of which we can all be proud, as this collaboration is benefiting every student who attends or will attend Stevenson High School.

In the mid-1990's, a small group of superintendents met and decided to join forces in an effort to improve student learning for all students in our communities. From the group's inception, the central focus on improving student learning has been "the glue" that bonds them together.

The work of the consortium group has continued to grow and evolve. The consortium group offers a means for its members to exchange ideas and strategies for improving the education system, provides mutual support for one another, and engages individual districts to benefit students in multiple communities. It allows forward-thinking leaders to focus on key issues with the goal of improving the educational experience for all kids.

To that end, the group has brought administrators and teachers at all levels together in the following work:
· Collaborative discussion and work surrounding standards-

through March 3. Please call Heidi @ 847-520-5798 if you can help.

BINGO & Raffle Prizes Needed for BINGO Night

Clean out your closets.

Donation bins are located in the office at each school.

Questions or if you need us to pick up your donation please email Kolleen Cherry at dnkcherry@aol.com or call her at 847-478-0945

2011 Savings Cards

Discounts at nearly 70 area businesses. Purchase one for \$10 or three for \$25.

[Order online.](#)

Help Wanted

PTO is looking for a few people with computer graphic skills or creativity. Please call Missy at 847-419-7740 or Tara at 847-383-5011.

Up-to-Date PTO Events

Be sure to "Like" District 102 PTO on Facebook or visit www.d102.org/pto.

D102 School Notes

Last Day of School Adjusted

Since we had two snow days, the last day of school will be Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

Kindergarten

Registration/Round Up

Mark your calendar for Kindergarten Registration/Roundup on May 6. More details coming soon.

Book Drive Beginning

February 14

Meridian is collecting new and

based reporting.

- Common Institute Day, every other year, with all educators coming together to learn.
- Successful alignment of curriculum review/adoption cycles.
- Common formative and placement assessments in key disciplines.
- Coordinated annual meetings/discussions with each of our district-level administrators in order to stay abreast of current trends, initiatives, and challenges.
- Superintendent annual meetings with the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) superintendent to provide input and feedback.
- Consortium-wide doctoral program through Northern Illinois University (includes 24 participants).
- Expanded curricular opportunities for all students.
- Data-sharing across districts for various educational purposes (Measures of Academic Progress-MAP, high school placement, and fifth grade benchmark assessments).
- Vertical articulation regarding curriculum in order to best prepare students for the next level of learning.
- Area 125 Administrator's Academy, meeting three times per year to learn together and share best practices.
- A consortium-wide committee charged with exploring social-emotional learning standards.
- Expanded opportunities for special needs students within neighborhood schools.
- High-school and middle-school articulation at least twice per year per subject area.
- Regular articulation between the following groups: superintendents; assistant superintendents for teaching and learning/curriculum; business managers; principals.
- Board of Education members meeting twice per year for articulation.

The Area 125 open collaboration has been beneficial on multiple levels and Boards of Education are kept apprised of the consortium's work. Superintendents meet regularly to discuss the current work in each district, consider challenges, and brainstorm solutions. Likewise, administrators share and learn from each other and teachers come together to discuss student learning and assessment.

"This vertical and horizontal articulation throughout the consortium is unique and powerful," notes Dr. Theresa Dunkin.

gently used books for Bernie's Book Bank. Bernie's Book Bank is a not for profit group that provides books to students from low-income families in the Chicagoland area. Books should be for grades 6th grade and below. No workbooks, textbooks, or reference books. Meridian's book drive will continue through February 28. If you have questions please contact either Mrs. Melnick at ext. 6217 or email smelnick@d102.org or Mrs. Matousek at ext. 3583 or mmatousek@d102.org.

Food Drive

Pritchett 2nd Grade Brownie Troop is having an Annual Food Drive from Tuesday, March 1 through Friday, March 11, 2011. Please deliver to the food bins outside Pritchett's front office.

News From SHS

Stevenson High School

Patriot Parent Association

The Stevenson PPA will be looking for new members for its open board and committee positions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Nominating Chairperson, Jodi Smith at 847-215-2790 or email her at Jodila44@aol.com.

Parents of incoming Stevenson High School **freshmen are invited to sign up for the school's weekly email newsletter, the eMinuteman**. You can sign up at www.d125.org.

"It demonstrates a true collective commitment to all students, which leads to higher levels of learning for everyone. The Superintendent's Articulation Council (SAC) is one more reason I am thankful for working and serving in this community. Indeed, it is one more reason to celebrate."

Area 125 Foundation Hosts Private Showing of Race to Nowhere

The Area 125 Foundation is supporting a joint event with the Stevenson feeder schools on Thursday, April 7. They will show the movie Race to Nowhere from 7:00 - 9:00pm at Stevenson High School. After the movie, there will be a 30 minute presentation offering tips for parents on reducing anxiety and stress in adolescents. In April, there will be followup sessions related to this topic.

SHS Co-Curricular Fair

Wednesday, March 23,
6:30 - 8:30pm, SHS Field
House

Freshman Orientation Day

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

Community Briefs

Northwestern University

Summer Program

Center for Talent
Development at Northwestern
University offers rigorous
enrichment and advanced
placement courses to inspire
and challenge gifted students.
More details online

at <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/summer/>

2/10 - 3/17 Preschool

Storytime

Vernon Area Public Library
Preschool Storytime is on
Thursdays from 10:00 -
10:30am or 2:00 - 2:30pm.

**2/26 Madeline and the Bad
Hat**

As part of Vernon Area Public
Library Arts and Literature
Series, Madeline and the Bad
Hat, on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

**3/7 Dave DiNaso's Traveling
World of Reptiles**

Learn more about reptiles at
the Vernon Area public
Library from 11:00am -
Noon.

Details and registration at

www.vapld.info

Why I Love Buffalo Grove Contest

The Village of Buffalo Grove invites all District 102 students who live in Buffalo Grove to participate in a [Why I Love Buffalo Grove contest](#). Prizes include a US savings bond, a part in the Buffalo Grove Days Parade and recognition by the Village Board. [Entry forms](#) are due by March 1, 2011.

Look Ahead

2/28 Board of Education mtg.,
DOCC, 7:00pm

3/3 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/4 No School - Teacher Institute Day

3/14 Board of Education mtg.,
DOCC, 7:00pm

AJHS - Aptakisic 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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