

NEWS Tuesday
Empower All Learners to Excel
Superintendent's Message
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Parent Workshop

Thursday, October 13,
Aptakisic Junior High
School cafeteria from
7:00 to 8:30pm. Hear
from an expert about
ideal *Learning Spaces*.

PTO At A Glance

Special Lunch This Week

On Thursday, October 13
there will be special lunches
at Pritchett, Tripp and
Meridian schools. If you
have not pre-ordered, please
bring a sack lunch.

Pritchett Movie Night

Kindergarten - "Rio"

Gr 1-4 - "Spy Kids 3"

October 14 from 6:00-
8:00pm. More details at
<http://tinyurl.com/PESmovie>.

Tripp Movie Night

**Grades 1-4 - "Gulliver's
Travels"**

**Kindergarten -
"Despicable Me"**

November 4 from 6:00-
8:00pm. More details at
<http://tinyurl.com/TrippMovie>.

Family Foto Day

Schedule your professional
portrait sitting by KC
Katfield for Saturday,
October 15 from 10:00am

Dear District 102 Parents and Community Members:

Staying involved and partnering with national and regional education communities is an important part of improving any school district. Most recently we have joined a national group called Edleader21 comprised of 60 diverse school districts from across the United States who are committed to becoming 21st century school districts. While Edleader21 is in its infancy and is comprised of school districts at various stages of long range planning, it is very dedicated to preparing students for success in the 21st century life, college, and career. This group of 60 superintendents met in Dallas last week and will continue to build a supportive online community. A highlight from the trip included meeting the Director of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and hearing him speak about how the United States ranks among other nations in education.

On a regional level, District 102 is one of seven feeder districts into Stevenson High School called the Area 125 Consortium, and this is a pivotal year for the consortium. Why? Because when district leaders convened this summer, we realized that each district would be aligning respective Language Arts curriculum with national standards. It stood to reason that we should work on curriculum together. This will be the first time in the history of Area 125 Consortium that we are working collaboratively as a K-12 district on curriculum. This means that some teachers from the consortium will have to leave their classroom for up to five days this year to complete this work. But it also means that students in all classrooms and from all feeder districts are guaranteed a viable curriculum. In future messages, I will explain in more detail how this curriculum work will decrease the variability of instruction and assignments.

-6:00pm. Receive an 8x10 color portrait for only \$20. More details at <http://tinyurl.com/PTOfotoDays>.

Our Most Delicious Fundraiser Is Here

All students should have already brought home a packet from Sally Foster on ordering Cookie Dough. The cookies are delicious! All order forms are due October 17. Cookie dough pick up will be November 16 at Tripp School. Gift wrap is ALSO available and can be ordered at www.sallyfoster.com using our school ID number 864642.

If you did not receive your order form or have questions, please call Jill Feldman at 847-338-8862 or Laurie Levinson at 847-975-0735.

Entertainment Books

By now, all students at Pritchett, Tripp, and Meridian have received a copy of the 2012 Entertainment Book. For every book purchased our PTO earns \$10. If you are interested in purchasing the book your child has brought home, send in a check for \$25 made out to District 102 PTO, otherwise please return your book to school as soon as possible.

Questions: Call Marcy Weinstein at 847-459-8269 or email her at mweinstein68@comcast.net.

Want updates to all of our events?

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

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to attend our parent workshop this Thursday, October 13 in the Aptakisic Junior High School cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:30pm. The program will focus on "Learning Spaces," exploring the design of places where we learn. Amy Yurko, AIA, architect, educator and founder of [Brainspaces](#), will share the work she is doing within the United States and abroad. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night.

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Community

Vernon Area Public Library Events

Clubhouse Kids Programs

Kids in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are invited beginning October 6 - November 14. Visit the VAPL for more details.

Morning Matinee

Saturday, October 22 from 10-11:00am

Join us for a Mo Willems film festival.

Scary Stories

Thursday, October 27 from 7-8pm, registration required for grades 4 and up.

Truly thrilling tales of woe and wonder.

Science Explorers

Tuesday, November 1 from 7-8:30 pm, registration required for grades 4-5.

Students can expand their knowledge of the world by exploring multiple scientific disciplines in this fun-filled evening about the rain forest.

Please register for library programs in person, online at www.vapld.info, or by phone at 847.634.3650.

Stevenson High School

Presents

October 23, Darius the Dragon from 1:00-3:00pm for children, West Auditorium

November 12, Comedy Sportz at 7:30pm in the

Performing Arts Center

Tickets to SHS events or questions, call Barbara at 847-415-4121

Dates

10/13 PARENT WORKSHOP:
Learning Spaces, 7:00-8:30pm,
AJHS Cafe

10/14 PTO Grades K - 4 Movie
Night at Pritchett

10/21 Early Dismissal

10/22 Make A Difference Day at
Pritchett from 10:00-2:00pm

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