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**Superintendent's Message**   
Dr. Theresa Dunkin  
February 8, 2011

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### **PTO At A Glance**

**PTO Meeting Tonight** 2/8/11  
Join us in the District Office  
Conference Room at 7:00pm.

### **Market Day Pick Up**

Rescheduled to Wednesday,  
February 9 from 4:30 pm -  
5:30 pm.

### **PTO Programming and Events**

Are you an idea person? Wish  
you could help the PTO  
decide what events we should  
have next year? Come to a  
PTO programming meeting on  
Friday, February 11 at  
10:30am. Please call Laurel at  
847-541-5213 for details.

### **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](http://www.d102.org/pto).

### **District 102 Parents and Community Members,**

Last week's severe weather reminded us all how important good communication is when an emergency falls at our doorstep. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and reliance on our Alert Now messages and website to receive updated and timely information regarding early dismissal, school closures, and bus rider safety.

The purpose of my message this month is to provide an update on the progress toward this year's goals; to share 2011 student registration dates; and to present information and resources as guides for discussing social networking and responsible online behavior.

### **2010 - 2011 District Goals Update**

As you know from my webpage, we have [two main goals](#) this year, specifically one that provides each student more personalized learning and another that ensures team conversations are focused on student learning and sharing instruction. In a nutshell, all individual and team training focuses on improving the teaching function. To this end, we are learning and implementing the following:

#### **Individual training**

Implement a [social emotional](#) learning curriculum, K - 8.

Use [interactive whiteboard](#) technology and the plethora of new resources, K - 8.

Implement a comprehensive new instructional writing resource called, [My Access](#), 4 - 8.

Study differentiation, grading and/or homework practices, K - 8.

## **D102 School Notes**

### **Kindergarten Registration/Round Up**

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

### **New Date for Tripp Elementary Book Club**

Year of the Dog Family Book Club rescheduled for Thursday, 2/10 from 6:30 to 7:30pm at Tripp Elementary School. Please RSVP to Amy Goldstein at [agoldstein@d102.org](mailto:agoldstein@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.

### **Book Drive Beginning February 14**

Meridian is collecting new and 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](mailto:smelnick@d102.org) or Mrs. Matousek at ext. 3583 or [mmatousek@d102.org](mailto:mmatousek@d102.org).

### **Team training**

Creating a results orientation at the school team and teacher levels by 1) linking school goals to district goals; 2) linking team goals to school goals; and 3) focusing on results, not activities.

### **School Registration Information for Fall 2011**

Kindergarten Registration/Round Up is May 6. Returning District 102 student registration will begin on May 2 and continue through May 31. New family registration is June 6 - June 30 or after August 8.

### **Should students have a Facebook account?**

Helping children with all of the things they encounter in life is a responsibility that we all share. Social networking sites like Facebook are a reality that more and more students and parents are faced with at home. School districts walk the line between protecting students by blocking access to these sites and teaching students how to use social networking safely and responsibly. Here is an example of some of the great resources online that can help you (<http://www.commonsemmedia.org/facebook-parents>).

In the March issue of Superintendent's Message, look for the Board of Education 2010 - 2011 Annual Financial Report and student learning outcomes.

**Respectfully,**

Theresa Dunkin, Superintendent  
[tdunkin@d102.org](mailto:tdunkin@d102.org)

### **Information for Future Stevenson Freshman**

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](http://www.d125.org).

#### **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 Preschool Storytime**

Vernon Area Public Library Preschool Storytime begins on Thursday, February 10 and runs through Thursday, March 17. Program times are 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.

*Details and registration at [www.vapld.info](http://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**

#### **2/8 PTO Meeting**

7:00pm, DOCC

#### **2/9 Market Day Pick Up, AJHS**

#### **2/28 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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