

 *Empower All Learners to Excel*
Superintendent's Message 
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PTO At A Glance

Party in the Park

Join the fun on September 9 from 4:30-8:00pm at Meridian Middle School. There will be carnival games, Moonwalks, dodgeball tournament, and much more.

Party in the Dark

Back for its second year, this event is for 5th - 8th graders. Right after Party in the Park from 8:00-9:30pm. A \$5 admission includes DJ, dancing, ice cream, and more.

Party in the Park Vendors Wanted

We are looking for vendors who sell items or who want to promote their business at our annual Party in the Park. The cost is \$100 per table. Please contact Rebecca Feldman at 847-383-5775 or download a vendor contract from the PTO website for more information.

Student Directory Personal Ads & Business Advertising

Congratulate your new 8th grader, send a personal message to a student or advertise a business through one of our ads. Call Ilana Kopinsky at 847-459-7527 or email her at

Dear District 102 Families,

I'd like take this opportunity to welcome all of our families as we begin a new school year. Our teachers, administrators and support staff are working tirelessly to prepare our schools for the arrival of our students next week!

These days, superintendents across the nation are being asked, "What is your district's 21st Century strategy?" In other words, what is your plan to ensure a world-class educational system for every child in your district? Personally, I do not think that superintendents should be answering a question like this without first listening to what parents and the community want for their children's future and what our teachers believe are critical elements of forward-looking learning environments. During the past school year, we conducted a formal strategic planning process, involving students, parents, community members, and district staff. While one tangible result of that process was a document outlining our goals, strategies and action items, I feel very strongly that the process not end with this document being put away on a shelf until the time comes to revise it again.

Our final plan was presented to our Board of Education and formally approved on June 30, 2011, but because our process included unprecedented transparency, we have also created a web site to share our stories and document our progress toward the attainment of our goals. We're calling it [Learning Vision into Action](#). At the moment, what you'll find there is an outline of our goals, strategies and action plans for the coming school year, but keep an eye out as we share learning stories from every corner of our district.

My greatest hope is to keep our district's energy focused on our broad goal areas: Life and Learning, Personalization and Academic Rigor, Writing and Human Capital. Because we have such a supportive community and a dedicated staff, there is no end to what we can accomplish for our children if we stay the course and work together!

I hope you and your children are as excited as we are to begin this new school year. I look forward to meeting many of you at the welcoming events we have planned to kick off the school year.

paperdreams@comcast.net
for information.

Forms and Flyers

All forms and flyers for special lunch, ice cream treats, volunteer opportunities, etc. are posted at www.d102.org/pto.

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Dates

8/22 Aptakistic Junior High Ice Cream Social/School Supply Pick up, 6:00-8:00pm
(School supply pick up also from 8:00am-11:00am)

8/22 New Teacher Orientation, MMS Science Lab, 8:00am

8/22 Board of Education Mtg., DOCC, 7:00pm

8/23 Teacher Institute Day

8/23 Pritchett Early Childhood & Guided Class Open House, 6:30-7:00pm

8/23 Pritchett Kindergarten Open House 7:15-7:45pm

8/23 Pritchett/Tripp/Meridian Meet & Greet, 5:30-7:00pm

8/24 Half Day of School for Grades 1 - 8

8/24 Drop-in Day for Early Childhood and AM/PM Kindergarten, 9:30-11:30am

8/24 Tripp Kindergarten Open House, AM-K 6:30-7:00pm & PM-K 7:15-7:45pm

8/25 Full Day of School - All Grades

8/25 Pritchett Grades 1 - 4 Open House, 6:00-8:15pm

9/1 Tripp Grade 1 - 4 Open House, 6:00-8:15pm

9/5 No School - Labor Day

9/6 Aptakisic Junior High Open House 6:30-8:30pm

9/7 Meridian Open House, 6:30-8:00pm

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