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Meet Staley Da Bear at the D102 Challenge this Sunday

Sunday, May 1 at Willow Stream Park

5K Run/Walk - 8:00am

1 Mile Run/Walk - 9:00am

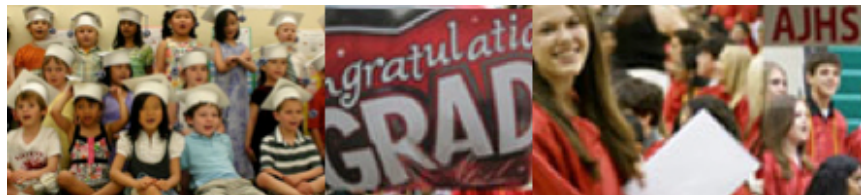
The race is for all ages and all levels of runners. The Chicago Area Runners Association has designated this event as a CARA EMERGING RACE. For more [race details](#) or to [register](#), visit <http://www.d102.org/pto/d102challenge.html>.

Order an Advanced Copy of Autographed Book about Holocaust Survivor Paul Argiewicz by April 29

On May 24 at 1:00pm, Aptakistic will be hosting Holocaust survivor Paul Argiewicz and author Deanne Joseph for a presentation about the remarkable story of a young Jewish boy during World War II. This all school event will be in the large gym, and parents and community members are welcome to attend. Click [here](#) to view the [letter distributed to students](#) and to [order the book](#), Number 176520. Order forms must be returned with payment to Mrs. Nudelman by April 29.

20 Year Board of Education Veteran

District 102 Eases Student Transitions



Do you recall your first days as a student entering a new school or grade level? Can you remember walking into school, finding your classroom, learning the routines, meeting your teachers, and getting to know new friends? For even the most confident child, the transition to a new grade or school can be stressful. Like adults equipped with more sophisticated coping skills, students who are familiar with the culture of school, and who have supportive friends and family typically find such transition less difficult (Daniels, 2011). District 102 strives to prepare its students for starting over in new classrooms and schools, with a new mix of peers and teachers. Our goal is to reduce stress from the transition process and prepare all students for ongoing success.

District 102 readies its students and parents for transition by creating opportunities to visit the school and classrooms to learn about clubs, rules and other aspects that will help students find success, get motivated, and ease whatever anxiety they might have over the transition.

Jeff Newman Honored



On April 25, the District 102 community honored Jeff Newman who graciously served on our Board of Education for 20 years. Fellow Board members, former superintendents, teachers, parents and staff attended Mr. Newman's last Board meeting to bid him farewell. Previous Superintendents Dr. Doug Parks and Dr. Jon Mink, along with current Superintendent, Dr. Theresa Dunkin expressed their sincere appreciation for Mr. Newman's financial stewardship and commitment to the staff and children in District 102.

District 102 Welcomes New Board Leadership

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School Notes

NEW Online Registration Service Coming Soon to District 102

Schools also work behind the scenes to establish well-balanced classes with the input of administration, grade-level teams, support staff, specialists and parents (through parent input forms). Once classes are built, teachers participate in an information exchange, allowing current teachers to speak one-on-one to future teachers to explain students' learning styles, strengths, and where students might need continued support.

Parents wishing to assist and help their children with a smooth transition can support the process by attending school transition activities with their child. Providing children with a chance to express their concerns, share feelings, and talk about the change can help to relieve their anxiety. Setting the stage for goal setting, continually reading over the summer, and staying academically focused can help students feel prepared for the school year as well. Remember, ongoing communication and collaboration with your child's school and teacher(s) is also beneficial to ensure a smooth transition.

Daniels, D. (2011). Supporting Early School Success, Educational Leadership (68) 7, 18-22.

Watch for our new online registration service in the coming weeks. Toward the end of May, a letter will be sent home with detailed instructions.

Kindergarten

Registration/Roundup

Call the office of the school your child will be attending to schedule an appointment for your child's screening on May 6. Visit d102.org/kreg for more details.

Incoming 5th Grade Orientation

All 4th grade students and parents are invited to Meridian Middle School on May 5 at 7:00pm for an hour of dialogue with a panel of experts, school tour, and co-curricular fair. More details on [5th Grade Orientation Flyer](#).

Hot Topics for May 10 Parent Workshop

High School Districts 125 and 214 are sponsoring a parent workshop on Tuesday, May 10, in Stevenson High School's Performing Arts Center from 7:00 to 9:00pm. There will be two sessions. The first session will cover [Alcohol & Drug Use](#) and the second session will include a choice to attend [Adolescent Depression & Anxiety or Bullying and Cyber-bullying](#). Help us plan by registering: <http://tinyurl.com/springTH-5-10>. More details on the [Parent Workshop flyer](#).

**8th Grade Graduation
Party Planning**

The planning for the 8th grade graduation party is well under way! The party is set for Friday, May 20 from 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. at AJHS. Interested parents of 8th graders who wish to volunteer for this event should contact Chris at chrisanne1009@aol.com.

**Activity Based Summer
School Registration Open**

Session I - 6/13 - 7/1
Session II - 7/5 - 7/22
More details at www.d102.org/summerprograms.

For Staff

**Teacher Appreciation
Week May 3 - May 7**

The District is sincerely grateful for our staff and will share a token of appreciation on Tuesday, May 4.

**Staff Recognition
Celebration**

On Thursday, May 5 at the Arboretum Club, we will celebrate service awards and staff retirements.

PTO At A Glance

April Benefit

The entire month of April is Benefit Month at the Red Cottage Salon and Spa in Long Grove. Click here for details: [Red Cottage Salon benefit](#).

Save the Date

Barnes and Noble Book Fair
Saturday, June 4, from
9:00am - 9:00pm.

Up-to-Date PTO Events

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

News From SHS

Freshman Orientation Day

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

Read [e-Minuteman February 25 - March 3](#).

Register to receive it regularly on the [SHS website](#).

Community Briefs

Road Closure at CN Railroad begins May 2 at 8:00am

The Canadian National Railroad announced the intention to close the railroad crossing on Aptakistic Road (Lake County Route A-44) for repairs May 2 thru the evening of May 6.

Vernon Area Public Library Celebrates Children's Book Week May 2 - 8

Hidden Treasures: Picture Books for Older Readers,

Tuesday, May 3, 7 - 8:00pm, Grades 2 - 4

Go Dog Go by P.D.

Eastman Turns 5!

May 4, 2 - 2:30pm or May

5, 7 - 7:30pm
Pre K - Age 7 with a
caregiver. Bring your
favorite stuffed puppy!

Comfy Chair Drawing
Challenge

Design your perfect reading
chair and turn the design in
by May 9. See
www.vapld.info for more
details.

Look Ahead

**4/26 Tripp 1 & 2nd Grade
Concert, 7:00pm**

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Concert, 7:00pm**

4/28 Jazz Cafe, 6:30pm, AJHS

4/29 Jazz Cafe, 6:30pm, AJHS

**5/1 D102 Challenge, 5K/1mile
run/walk, 8:00am/9:00pm,
Willow Stream Park, BG**

**5/5 Incoming 5th Grade
Orientation, 7:00pm, MMS**

**6/1 Last Day of School for
8th Graders and 8th
Grade Graduation**

**6/6 Last Day of School for
Kindergarten and Early
Childhood**

**6/7 Last Day of School for
Grades 1 - 7**

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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