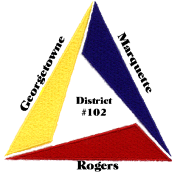


# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Superintendent's Desk



This summer is another busy summer for District 102. The District continues to work to upgrade its facilities using School Maintenance Grant funds it has received from the state over the past two years. The grant funds are matching funds which help offset the total cost of needed maintenance projects in the district. In recent years, similar grant funds have been utilized to install or make improvements to the district's HVAC systems, parking lots/playgrounds, building security systems and to deteriorating secondary entrance doors at different schools. This summer, the same funds will help the district make roofing repairs at Georgetown and Rogers, window pane replacements at Rogers and Marquette and main entry door replacement at all three schools. All this work is being completed while monitoring the impact of these expenditures on the district's tax rate. When the Board of Education reviewed its annual tax rate compared to other local elementary districts, it was pleased to see where District 102's tax rate stood in comparison with other local elementary districts that feed into Pekin High School. Based on information published in the 2014 Assessed Valuations and Rates for Taxes Payable in 2014, Tazewell County, Illinois handbook, District 102's tax rate for the current year is 2.916%. It continues to be the lowest rate of the five elementary school districts that feed into Pekin High School District 303. Those five districts include Spring Lake 606 (3.151%), Rankin 98 (3.565%), South Pekin 137 (3.313%) and Pekin 108 (3.143%).

In addition to the physical changes happening in the district, there will be many changes in personnel this year as a result of retirements and resignations. At the end of the year, the district said goodbye to Amy Jackson (MES 2nd Grade Teacher), Val Rice, (MES Title I & Reading Recovery), Laura Hughbanks (GMS Home Ec./Language Arts), Lynn Fender (GMS Art/Language Arts), Donya Tetrault (RES/GMS Physical Education & GMS softball/volleyball coach), Joy Lyon (GMS Teacher Assistant) Al Love (MES Custodian) and Vickie Landrith (Bus Driver). In the fall, the district will welcome new staff members to the district including Shannon Sullivan (MES Title I & Reading Recovery), Jackie Bohm (GMS Art & Language Arts), Raeleen Hart-Rhoads (GMS Special Education), Wendy Royer (RES/GMS Physical Education and GMS softball/volleyball coach), Randy Spurlock (MES Custodian), and Brenda Johnson (Bus Driver). The district is still in the process of filling some of its remaining positions.

Byron Sondgeroth, Superintendent

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**A Basketball Camp is being held for all District #102 Students. The camp is for boys and girls that go to District #102 and are going into grades 3 to 8. For questions contact Josh Wonsowski at [jwonsowski@dist102.org](mailto:jwonsowski@dist102.org). There is NO FEE for this camp.**

**WHEN: Grades 3rd – 5th – July 20 – July 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Grades 6th – 8th – July 20 – July 24 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and  
July 27 – July 31 from 12 – 3 p.m.**



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## DISTRICT 102 SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Many community members, as well as parents, may not be aware of all the special services and programs offered by the North Pekin – Marquette Heights School District. Many of these programs, or services, are open to community members from ages three to twenty-one. These services include special testing for three and four year olds who may have a speech or language problem, or if the parent feels there may be a concern because of the developmental progress of their child. In such a case, district personnel could evaluate the child for speech and language services, or possible placement in an early childhood program. Students who are currently enrolled in the local schools also have access to the many special programs that the district provides. These programs include, but are not limited to, special education classes for learning disability students, classes for students with behavior problems, services for students with speech or language deficits, as well as programs for students with visual or physical handicaps.

In addition, the district also complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you, as a parent, feel your child needs special assistance in these areas, or any other area, please contact your local school office, to set up an appointment to discuss your concerns.



### Pre-Kindergarten at Risk Screening

Pre-Kindergarten screening is scheduled on Wednesday, August 12 and Thursday, August 13, 2015. You will need to make an appointment for this screening. We will have the screening schedule available at registration on

July 30th and July 31, 2015. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2015 and **NOT** age eligible to go to kindergarten to be screened for this school year. (If your child was screened in the spring and placed on the waiting list you do not need to have your child screened again.) If you are unable to come to registration, please call Marquette Elementary School at 382-3612 on Monday, August 3, 2015 for an appointment.



### IMPORTANT DATES

Registration	July 30 and 31
Teacher Institutes	August 17 and 18
First day of school	August 19
Georgetowne Open House	August 19
Rogers Curriculum Night	August 20
Marquette Curriculum Night	August 27
Labor Day (No School)	September 7
Columbus Day (No School)	October 12
Parent Teacher Conferences (No School on October 30)	October 29 and 30

### ANNUAL ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTICE

This is to inform you of the status of the North Pekin-Marquette Heights District 102 asbestos management plans. It has been determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency that asbestos is a potential health hazard, and precautions should be taken to avoid disturbing any asbestos containing materials. As required, our buildings were initially inspected for asbestos in December, 1987. The AHERA law requires that a visual inspection of asbestos containing areas be completed every six months, and a re-inspection conducted every three years. The district's three-year inspection occurred on July 10, 2013. Any evidence of disturbance or change in condition will be documented in the Management plan as required. The Inspection/Management Plan is available for public review in the District Office located at Georgetowne Middle School, 51 Yates Rd., Marquette Heights. Should you wish to review the plans, please call to make an appointment during normal business hours.

### Early Dismissal First Day of School August 19, 2015

<b>Rogers</b>	<b>1:35 Dismissal</b>
<b>Georgetowne</b>	<b>1:45 Dismissal</b>
<b>Marquette</b>	<b>2:15 Dismissal</b>

### RETIREES

We like to say thank you to the following retirees for their many years of dedication to our district:

We wish them the best!!

**Lynn Fender  
Laura Hughbanks  
Joy Lyon  
Val Rice**



### 21st Century Community Learning Centers



Are you interested in latchkey for the coming school year? After school programs? Contact your local school to find out more about the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program and what it can mean for you and your children.

You will be able to sign up at registration.

### The Tazewell County Health Department Summer Immunization Schedule

\*TCHD has discontinued satellite (off-site) children's immunization clinics.

- Tazewell Co. Health Dept. - Tremont - Every Second Monday - July 14, August 11 3-5:30 p.m.
- Tazewell Co. Health Dept. - Tremont - Every Fourth Monday - July 27, August 24 3-5:30 p.m.
- Tazewell Co. Health Dept. - Tremont - Every Thursday - July 9,16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27 1-4 p.m..

A \$10.00 fee will be charged for each immunization. This clinic is for all children not just school age children. Anyone in the Tazewell County Area can take advantage of this clinic.

For more immunization information please visit their website at [www.tazewellhealth.org](http://www.tazewellhealth.org).

**Registration fees for 2015-2016**

Textbook fees for students at Marquette Elementary and Rogers Elementary are \$80.00 per student. For students at Georgetowne Middle School, the fees are \$85.00. Textbook fees should be paid at the time of registration. A \$5.00 discount will be given for each student if this is paid by September 15, 2015.

Georgetowne Middle School has additional fees for electives or activities that will also be assessed according to specific class assignments. Also, the Board of Education will require students to wear a gown during Eighth Grade Graduation. A fee will be assessed during registration of \$25.00 to cover this cost.

Students wishing to participate in any of the following Georgetowne school activities are required to pay the following participation fees:

- \$21.00 for Literary, Scholastic Bowl and Student Council.
- \$42.00 for Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Pom Poms, Volleyball and Track.
- Maximum charge per student is \$63.00 and \$126 per family.
- All fees may be waived by the building principal for those approved for a "Waiver of Fees."

At Rogers Elementary School, an additional activity fee for student magazines, assignment notebooks and recorders will be assessed according to grade level. If you would like more information concerning this activity fee, please contact Patty at Rogers Elementary School at 382-3401.

Marquette Students will have an additional activity fee to offset the costs of magazines, take home folders and a journal for 1st grade students.

**# SPECIAL NUMBERS #**

It is very important that you remember to bring some very special numbers to registration with you!!! Please write down the following numbers so that you will have them available for registration.

- Students' Social Security Number*
- Medicaid Number*

**CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH**

All kindergarten students and new students to the district are required to provide a Certificate of Live Birth. This can be obtained through the courthouse of the county in which the child was born. The copy from the hospital is not considered a Certificate of Live Birth. Some students who do not have a birth certificate on file may be asked to obtain a **Certificate of Live Birth** as stated in the student's handbook. **This is due into the district no later than the first day of school.**

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

All parents must register their children at

**GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!**

Registration will be held on:

**THURSDAY, July 30  
1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, July 31  
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Registration will be held in the Georgetowne Library. Listed below is some information that will help speed up the registration process. Please read it over and bring all the necessary information with you when you come to register.

ALL kindergarten and sixth grade students are required to have a physical and dental examination upon entering school. All Second grade students are required to have a dental examination upon entering school. The following information is what the health department requires for these students to be in compliance.

**KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS**

DPT – FOUR OR FIVE SHOTS WITH THE LAST ONE AFTER THE FOURTH BIRTHDAY

POLIO – THREE OR FOUR SHOTS WITH THE LAST ONE AFTER THE FOURTH BIRTHDAY

MMR – TWO SHOTS GIVEN AFTER THE CHILD IS 15 MONTHS OLD

VARICELLA - CHICKEN POX, IMMUNIZATION OR PROOF OF DISEASE

HEPATITIS B - THREE SHOT SERIES WITH FOUR WEEKS BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND AND EIGHT WEEKS BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD SHOT

DIABETES SCREENING IS NOW MANDATORY AS WELL

**OUT OF STATE STUDENTS**

The requirements are the same for all immunizations

**ALL PHYSICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS SHOULD BE DATED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.**

**ALL PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE INTO THE DISTRICT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2015 OR YOUR CHILD WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL.**

**School Phone Numbers**  
Marquette Elementary 382-3612  
Rogers Elementary 382-3401  
Georgetowne Middle School 382-3456  
District Office 382-2172



## GIRLS' SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

**Coach: Miss Wendy Royer**

2015 Georgetowne Softball Try-Outs: **July 27 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Any 6th - 8th grade girl who would like to tryout must have a current athletic physical. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory unless prior arrangements are made with Coach Royer. Items needed: glove, cleats and attire for softball. We will be sliding. The team roster will be posted at the concession stand following the 2nd tryout. First team practice will be at 8:30 a.m. on July 28th. I am very excited to meet all of you! Contact information: wroyer@dist102.org



## BOYS' BASEBALL TRYOUTS

**Coach: Mr. Ben Mooney**

Any 6th - 8th grade boys who would like to tryout for the 2015 Georgetowne Baseball team should report **at 9:00 - 11 a.m. on Monday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 4** to the baseball diamonds. Attendance is mandatory unless other arrangements are made with Coach Mooney ahead of time. Remember anyone wanting to tryout must have a current athletic physical. For tryouts, athletes need to bring a glove and dress appropriately for normal baseball activities. The team roster will be posted at GMS following tryouts on August 4.



## Health Examinations

Public Act 95-0422, effective August 24, 2007, revised the School Code such as that a health examination is required before entering the sixth grade of any public, private, or parochial school as opposed to entering the fifth grade of any public, private, or parochial school.

## Dental Exams

Illinois Administrative Code requires all children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades of any public, private, parochial school to have a dental examination



## Vision Requirements for Illinois Students

- ◆ Vision screenings are mandatory for second and eighth grade students
- ◆ Vision screenings are recommended for grades 4, 6, 10, and 12
- ◆ Pediatric color screening is now recommended for second grade, rather than first
- ◆ Photo screening has been approved for children under 3 and for children who cannot be screened with traditional screening methods



## Vision Examinations

Public Act 95-671, effective Tuesday, January 1, 2008, requires that all children enrolling in kindergarten in a public, private or parochial school and any student enrolling for the first time in a public, private or parochial school shall have an eye examination.

Each such child is to present proof of having been examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a licensed optometrist within the previous year before the start of school on August 19, 2015.

## BLOOD LEAD POISONING SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

The Blood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (Public Act #87-1144) requires physicians to screen children, ages six months to six years of age, for lead poisoning. By January 1, 1993, each day care center, day care home, preschool, nursery school, kindergarten or other child care facility, licensed or approved by the State, including such programs operated by a public school district, shall include a requirement that each parent or legal guardian of a child between the ages of six months through six years provide a statement from a physician or health care provider that the child has been screened for lead poisoning. The law requires that this statement shall be provided prior to admission and subsequently, in conjunction with, required physical examinations. The Tazewell County Health Department will provide blood lead testing to those who qualify. If you would like more information on the screening, call Tazewell County Health Department at 309-925-5511 or 309-477-2223.

**Pesticide Notification**

Periodically the schools will contract with local businesses to apply pesticides or herbicides on school district property. If such applications could cause health problems to you or your family, please notify the district office. Your name will then be put on a list and you will be contacted prior to any pesticide application.

**Bus Schedules and School Hours**

Scheduling information and school hours will be available at registration. If you have any questions please feel free to ask at that time.



**DISTRICT 102 WEBSITE**

Please visit our website at [www.dist102.org](http://www.dist102.org) for a calendar of events, breakfast and lunch menus, student handbooks, forms, school board meeting dates and a lot of helpful information through the school year.

**Free and Reduced Meal Applications will be available at Registration**

If you think your child may qualify for free or reduced meals, or that you may be eligible for a textbook fee waiver, please talk with one of the secretaries at registration.

Forms and eligibility criteria will be available on July 30 and July 31 at Georgetowne Middle School.

**Breakfast Program Continues for 2015-2016 School Year**

All three District 102 schools will serve breakfast starting Wednesday, August 19, 2015. The basic menu is the same as last school year:

Choice of 3 cereals, 3 different muffins, variety of juices and white milk

Hot breakfast will be available periodically this year. Notices and menus regarding hot breakfast will be posted to our website ([www.dist102.org](http://www.dist102.org)).

The cost for breakfast – hot or cold – is \$1.85 for regular and \$.30 for reduced. Extra muffins and juice may be purchased for \$.35 each. Extra cereal may be purchased. (Not available at Marquette Elementary School) Students who qualify for free lunch will also qualify for free breakfast. Students pay daily. We also ask that lunch money and breakfast money be kept separate and that no child has more than \$3.70 in breakfast charges.

Serving times are:

Georgetowne and Rogers School 7:20 – 7:40 AM  
Marquette Elementary School 7:50 – 8:10 AM



**Lunch Prices for 2015-2016**

Student Lunches - \$2.45      Reduced Lunch - \$0.40  
Adult Lunches - \$2.95      Milk - \$0.45

**District 102 Parents' Club News**

The Parent's Club officers for 2015/2016 are:

Michelle Valentine President      Andrea Bartlett Secretary  
Adrienne Arnold Vice President      Sarah Parlier Secretary  
Amanda Webb Vice President      Shannon Stevenson Treasurer

We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their help during our events! We still need parents to come to the monthly meetings to help with the decision making. These meetings are just as important as the actual events.

Parents' Club meets the first Tuesday (usually) of each month at Marquette Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. Please check the Parent's Club page on the district website for a list of meeting dates. The purpose of this organization is to raise funds for the needs of both Rogers and Marquette Elementary Schools, provide parents with information concerning club and school activities and provide a place for parents to express their views and opinions concerning club activities. All monies and donations go to the needs of both schools.

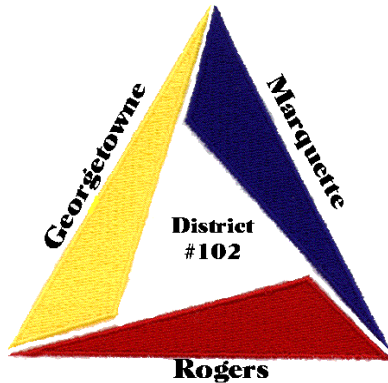
Our activities include the Tiger Stampede, the Spring Carnival, Teacher Appreciation Week, Tiger Trot 5K and Play Day to name a few. We hope to see many new faces at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

**DID YOU KNOW.....**

Georgetowne Middle School Booster Club is NOT all about sports. The Booster Club in the past has purchased library books and televisions with DVDs/VCRs for the school, have helped support school-wide assemblies, kept our sports fans from going thirsty and hungry, honor our teachers and staff members with treats. The Booster Club has also donated to the Enhance the Future Scholarship Fund. However, we can't do it without YOU! We are looking for parents willing to make a difference in our school. Now more than ever, it is IMPORTANT that you are involved in your child's schooling. If you have even one day (mornings, afternoons, evenings- they are all helpful!) free a month, WE NEED YOU! Please call Georgetowne Principal Robert Ketcham at 382-3456 to let him know you are interested. This is a great opportunity to help out the GMS students and community.

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## Enhance the Future Scholarship

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Marquette Heights Men's Club. They have opened an account to deposit the scholarship donations we receive. Without this account we would not be able to continue to raise money for the scholarships.

Congratulations to the North Pekin Marquette Heights School District 102 community! Thank you for raising enough money to grant six \$500 scholarships at the May, 2015 graduation. The recipients were: Kayla Camp, Jordan Farson, Michael Harrison, Airyn Martin and Kassie Meyers. Shannon Wilson received the Dorothy Ohlman Scholarship.

Looking forward to 2016, two things will be sought. First, donations will be solicited from the community. Please make checks payable to "Marquette Heights Men's Club." Please mail them to the Scholarship Chairman, North Pekin Marquette Heights School District # 102, 51 Yates Road, Marquette Heights, IL 61554.

Secondly, please inform 2016's Pekin High School graduates to pick up applications for these scholarships beginning February 1, 2016 at the District 102 Superintendent's office or Pekin High's counselors' offices. The applicants must be graduates from the current graduating class of Pekin Community High School. Six years of their kindergarten through eighth-grade schooling must have been completed in the District #102 school system. Their grade point average at graduation must be 2.0 or higher. In order to receive the scholarship the graduate must have been accepted at an accredited college or junior college. Students' applications must be completed to be on the list of possible recipients.

Thanks go to the Scholarship Committee for managing the scholarship fund's deposits. This allows 100% of the donations to go directly to the scholars.

Chairman: Mrs. Kay Lesko