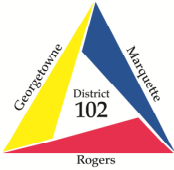


COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent's Desk

It is no secret that, for the past year, the topic of a state budget dominated the media. Our legislators struggled to reach any agreement on how the state should be funded. As a result, the state operated the entire fiscal year from July 2015 through June 2016 without an approved budget. Fortunately for schools, the state did pass legislation to fund education during that time so school districts around the state were able to continue operating. Much like previous education budgets, last year's funding of Illinois schools fell very short. Instead of school districts receiving their full entitlement of General State Aid (GSA) from Illinois, payments were reduced to an allotment of 92% of entitled amounts. That reduction resulted in a \$176,997 loss in GSA for our district over the past year. When adding that loss to the prorated GSA payments from the previous four fiscal years, the district has experienced \$1,092,938 in GSA reductions in the past five years.

This upcoming fiscal year appears to be headed in the right direction for schools. After seeing multiple media reports about the possibility of schools not being able to open for the fall due to the lack of a budget, the state legislature recently approved a budget for Illinois schools that will fully fund GSA payments to schools from July 2016 through June 2017. That is good news. Based on the formula used to calculate GSA for our district, this year's allotment is scheduled to be less than in previous years, however it helps in the budgeting process to know that the district is projected to see a slight increase of approximately \$47,000 for the upcoming year because it will receive its full allotment. As the year moves forward, the legislature appears to be committed to studying the issue of school funding with the hope of creating a fully-funded, and more equitable formula to fund schools.

District 102 appreciates the fact that it can rely on consistent funding from its local tax base. Reduced GSA amounts from the state over the years have caused challenges when trying to predict what funds the district will receive, however the funds received through local property taxes remain a constant which is needed in the budgeting process. The Board continues to monitor its local tax rate in comparison with other local elementary districts that feed into Pekin High School. Based on information published by Tazewell County in its recent handbook entitled **2015 Assessed Valuations and Rates for Taxes Payable in 2016**, District 102's tax rate for the current year is 2.932%. It continues to be the lowest rate of the five elementary school districts that feed into Pekin High School District 303. Those remaining four districts include South Pekin 137 (3.155%), Pekin 108 (3.172%), Rankin 98 (3.667%), Spring Lake 606 (3.700%).

Byron Sondgeroth, Superintendent

Pre-Kindergarten at Risk Screening



Pre-Kindergarten screening is scheduled on Friday, August 12 and Monday, August 15, 2016. You will need to make an appointment for this screening. We will have the screening schedule available at registration on August 1 and August 2, 2016. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2016 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 anytime after Wednesday, August 3, 2016 for an appointment.

Kindergarten Screening for new students

Marquette Elementary School will conduct screenings for new kindergarten age children that are new to the district who were not screened last Spring. Please contact Marquette Elementary School at 382-3612, Wednesday, August 3, 2016 to make an appointment for this screening. Excluded are previous screened Pre-Kindergarten students.

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.



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.

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 is scheduled to occur in July, 2016. 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 Georgetownne Middle School, 51 Yates Rd., Marquette Heights. Should you wish to review the plans, please call to make an appointment during normal business hours.

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 11, August 9 **3:00-5:30 p.m.**
- Tazewell Co. Health Dept. - Tremont - Every Fourth Monday - July 25, August 23 **3:00-5:30 p.m.**
- Tazewell Co. Health Dept. - Tremont - Every Tuesday - July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
- Tazewell Co. Health Dept. - Tremont - Every Thursday - July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25 **8 - 11 a.m. and 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.



IMPORTANT DATES

Registration	August 1 and 2
Teacher Institutes	August 18 and 19
First day of school	August 22
Rogers Curriculum Night	August 24
Georgetownne Open House	August 25
Marquette Curriculum Night	September 1
Labor Day (No School)	September 5
Columbus Day (No School)	October 10
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 3 and 4 (No School on November 4)

**Early Dismissal First Day of School
August 22, 2016**

Rogers	1:35 Dismissal
Georgetownne	1:45 Dismissal
Marquette	2:15 Dismissal

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!!

- Linda Betzelberger**
- Trina Dotson**
- Rick Drake**
- Bonnie Mason**
- Mary Munson**



Registration fees for 2016-2017

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 16, 2016.

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:

- MONDAY, AUGUST 1**
1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 2**
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, 2015.

ALL PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE INTO THE DISTRICT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14, 2016 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

2016 Georgetowne Softball Try-Outs: **July 25 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:00 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 boy who would like to tryout for the 2016 Georgetowne Baseball team should report at **9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1 and 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2** 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 2.



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 22, 2016.

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 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 August 1 and August 2 at Georgetowne Middle School.

Breakfast Program Continues for 2016-2017 School Year

All three District 102 schools will serve breakfast starting Monday August 22, 2016. 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).

The cost for breakfast – hot or cold – is \$1.95 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 - \$2.55 Reduced Lunch - \$0.40
Adult Lunches - \$3.05 Milk - \$0.45



District 102 Parents' Club News

The Parent's Club officers for 2016/2017 are:

Michelle Valentine, President Andrea Bartlett, Secretary Angela Mahr, Treasurer
Adrienne Arnold, Vice President Sarah Parlier, Secretary Ariane Taft, Treasurer
Amanda Webb, Vice President Jodi Jacobs, Tiger Trot Race Director

We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their help during our events in 2015-16. Parents' Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Marquette Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting of the year will be on September 6. Parents Club officers can be reached through our email, parentclub@dist102.org, our Facebook page (District 102 Parents Club) or leave a message for an officer at the school office. The purpose of this organization is to raise funds for the needs of both Rogers and Marquette Elementary Schools. The Parents Club has provided funding for books, kindles, smart boards, playground equipment and many other items that contribute to the students education. Being a member of parents club provides opportunities to develop stronger relationships with other district parents and with school staff.

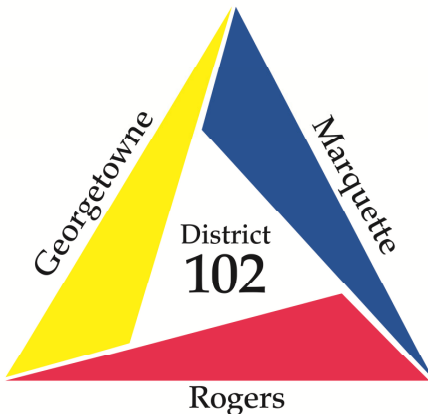
Our activities include the Tiger Stampede, School Carnival and Silent Auction, Trunk or Treat, Secret Santa Shop, Movie Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, Tiger Trot 5K and Play Day. We hope to see many new and returning faces at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 6. At this meeting we will discuss the activities we have planned for this year including the School Carnival which this year will take place in the fall on October 7. We look forward to a great year.

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 nine \$500 scholarships at the May, 2016 graduation. The recipients were: Jarod Bergamini, Austin Bumbalough, Molly Giamette, Kassondra Horn, Michael Inman, Krystina Kauh, Taylor Pfahl and Maxwell Turner. Riley Bloom received the Dorothy Ohlman Scholarship.

Looking forward to 2017, 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 2017's Pekin High School graduates to pick up applications for these scholarships beginning February 1, 2017 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