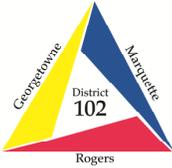


# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

For the first time in two years, the state of Illinois has a budget. For the past two years, the state has operated with no budget. Fortunately for our schools, the state did pass legislation to fund education during that two-year period. This past year even saw Illinois schools receiving 100% of their annual allotment of General State Aid (GSA). As you may recall, for the previous five years, the state had prorated its General State Aid payments, resulting in over \$1 million in lost GSA from 2011 through 2016 for District 102. In spite of District 102 receiving its full entitlement of GSA from July 2016 through 2017, the state again fell short of fully funding its obligations. Over the course of the year, Illinois failed to pay its full share of categorical reimbursements to schools. As a result, District 102 saw lost payments of just over \$100 thousand. These categorical payments are used to reimburse districts for costs related to special education, lunch and transportation. It is our hope that with the approval of a state budget for the 2017-18 school year, District 102 will finally see its full entitlement of GSA and categorical payments.

The District 102 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 **2016 Assessed Valuations and Rates for Taxes Payable in 2017**, District 102's tax rate for the current year is 2.934%. 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 (3.127%), Pekin 108 (3.199%), Spring Lake 606 (3.700%) and Rankin 98 (3.809%).

As the District approaches the start of a new school year, progress continues on the annual summer cleaning and maintenance. District 102 is addressing needed upgrades and maintenance in its buildings. To address items identified in a 10-year health/life safety survey completed a few years ago by the district's architect, all three buildings are experiencing upgrades to their fire notification systems to meet code. At Rogers and Marquette Schools, the upgrades include additional pull stations, horns and strobes. At Georgetown School, where the current system is over 40-years old, the entire system is being replaced with a new fire alarm system to meet all new code requirements. Additionally, each building is addressing specific plumbing issues outlined in the same 10-year life safety survey report. New carpeting was installed in four rooms at GMS to replace older carpeting that was coming loose from the floor and buckling, creating a tripping hazard. New storage cubbies have replaced the old, rusted metal lockers in the Pre-K rooms at Marquette School. All the upgrades and maintenance are moving along as planned so that they are completed by the time classes return to session in August.

Byron Sondgeroth, Superintendent

## **Pre-Kindergarten at Risk Screening**



Pre-Kindergarten screening is scheduled on Wednesday, August 2 and Thursday August 3, 2017. You will need to make an appointment for this screening. We will have the screening schedule available at registration on July 31 and August 1, 2017. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2017 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 Wednesday, August 2, 2017 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 2, 2017 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, 2019. 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 - Walk in Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00-11:00 am and 1:00-4:00 pm
- Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 pm;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 8:00-11:00 am and 1:00-5:30 pm

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).



**IMPORTANT DATES**

Registration	July 31 and August 1
Teacher Institutes	August 17 and 18
First day of school	August 21
Rogers Curriculum Night	August 23
Georgetownne Open House	August 24
Marquette Curriculum Night	August 31
Labor Day (No School)	September 4
Columbus Day (No School)	October 9
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 2 and 3 (No School on November 3)

**Early Dismissal First Day of School  
August 21, 2017**

<b>Rogers</b>	<b>1:35 Dismissal</b>
<b>Georgetownne</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!!

- Mrs. Sue DuBois**
- Mrs. Kim Lynch**
- Mrs. Sheila Ransom**
- Miss Sue Runyon**



**Registration fees for 2017-2018**

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, 2017.**

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 Pons, 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.

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, July 31  
1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1  
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 AND LEAD SCREENING IS NOW MANDATORY VISION AND DENTAL EXAM**

**OUT OF STATE STUDENTS**

**The requirements are the same for all immunizations**

**ALL PHYSICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS SHOULD BE DATED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.**

**ALL PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE INTO THE DISTRICT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13, 2017 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

2017 Georgetowne Softball Try-Outs: **July 31 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.** Any 6th - 8th grade girl who would like to tryout must have a current athletic physical. Items needed: glove, cleats, softball pants and t-shirt. The team roster will be posted on the front door of GMS on Monday at 1:00 p.m.. First team practice will be the evening of the 31st at 6:00. Following practice, we will have a mandatory parent meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. I am very excited to meet all of you! Contact information: wroyer@dist102.org

## BOYS' BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Coach: Mr. Jeff Chapman



Any 6th - 8th grade boy who would like to tryout for the 2017 Georgetowne Baseball team should report **at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 31 and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1** to the baseball diamonds. Attendance is mandatory unless other arrangements are made with Coach Chapman 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 1.



## 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 21, 2017.

## 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 31 and August 1 at Georgetowne Middle School.

**Breakfast Program Continues for 2017-2018 School Year**

All three District 102 schools will serve breakfast starting Monday August 21, 2017. 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 \$2.05 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 \$13.25 in breakfast and lunch charges.

Serving times are:

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

**Lunch Prices for 2017-2018**

Student Lunches - \$2.65      Reduced Lunch - \$0.40  
Adult Lunches - \$3.15      Milk - \$0.45



**District 102 Parents' Club News**



Michelle Valentine, President

Angela Mahr, Treasurer

The Parents Club is seeking individuals who are interested in holding one of the following officer positions: Vice President of Marquette or Rogers and Secretary. We are also seeking a Carnival co-chair. If you are interested or have questions please contact Michelle Valentine at 370-9622 or [shelly@gmail.com](mailto:shelly@gmail.com). Parents' Club meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Marquette School Library at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this organization is to raise funds for Rogers and Marquette Schools. This year \$3500 will be donated to each school. Funds raised are used to purchase items for Administrative Assistant Day, School Staff Appreciation week and Box Top prizes. Our activities in 2016-17 included the School Carnival and Silent Auction, Trunk or Treat, Secret Santa Shop, Tiger Trot 5K, Tiger Stampede and My Tiger and Me dance. We planned the end of the year Play Day and used the generous donation from the Marquette Heights Mens Club to pay for the inflatables and Barnyard Discoveries trailer. Face painting was provided by volunteers from the Mens Club. In order to keep these or other activities going we need help from parents/guardians or interested family member. Being an involved member of the Parents Club provides opportunities to develop stronger relationships with other district parents and with school staff. Our first meeting of the year will be September 5th. We are on Facebook at District 102 Parents Club.

**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.

# 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, 2017 graduation. The recipients were: Alexis Alexander, Madison Cravens, Taylor Hoerr, Megan Little, Kobie Magana, Kelsi Mathias, Malina Overholt and Leighton Rhoades. Morgan Turner received the Dorothy Ohlman Scholarship.

Looking forward to 2018, 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 2018's Pekin High School graduates to pick up applications for these scholarships beginning February 1, 2018 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

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Miss Kim Stahl  
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