

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of the Superintendent

With most of the school year behind us, I want to thank everyone who helps make our schools run so smoothly. It has been another great school year for District 102. We are truly appreciative of the efforts from students, parents, teachers and community members who help make our district so strong.

Reflecting on another year, one of the big challenges our district faced this year was the transition from the former ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test), a paper pencil assessment, to the PARCC test (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), an online-based assessment. To help prepare for this transition, many of our students had participated in a field test for the assessment during the previous school year. In January, several of our classes and students had also participated in an infrastructure trial to test the effectiveness of our technology infrastructure. Based on many issues we faced participating in both of those sample experiences, we were not optimistic about how things would fair when our students sat down to take actual PARCC test. To our surprise, the first round of PARCC testing went very well, without the issues we had previously faced. Feedback from our students was also positive as many expressed confidence in their performance on the test. Our hope is that this process will continue to improve in upcoming years.

I am very appreciative that this past winter did not rival the previous winter in terms of snowfall and record cold days. Nonetheless, the weather did reach extremes on a few days causing us to cancel school. With those cancellations, we will have to alter our school calendar for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. The district was forced to call off two days in January and one in March. As a result, the end-of-the-year calendar will change. Students will return after Memorial Day on May 25 for their final four full days of classes. Monday, June 1 will be the students' final day of school with an 11:00/11:30 early dismissal. The teachers will finish up their work year with a Teacher Institute Day on Tuesday, June 2. All of this could change again if we are faced with any extreme temperatures.

If you haven't heard the news, District 102 parents can now pay registration and activity fees, as well as make deposits into their child's lunch account online. Our district is utilizing the Illinois Funds E-Pay service. E-Pay is a safe and secure electronic payment program that allows parents to pay bills 24 hours a day, seven days a week without leaving home. The service is provided by the State Treasurer's Office to more than 650 local governments. Payments can be made by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or E-Check. Payments can be made by accessing the district home page at [www.dist102.org](http://www.dist102.org) and clicking on the "E-PAY" tab on the black menu bar at the top of the home page. An additional E-Pay icon is located on the right side of the web page in the section title "Quick Links". The process to make the payment is easy. Simply click the E-Pay icon and follow the directions to make a payment. We hope this change helps provide more payment options for parents.

Finally, April 7, 2015 is Election Day for the school board. The District 102 Board had five candidates submit petitions for six vacant seats. Therefore, an insufficient number of candidates submitted the necessary paperwork to be on the ballot for that election. After the election, one seat will remain vacant. After the new Board is seated in late April, it will need to appoint an interested person to the vacant seat. To learn more about how to apply, please check out the district web page at [www.dist102.org](http://www.dist102.org) or contact the district office at 382-2172.

With April just around the corner, it's time to think spring. Let the sunny days and warmer weather commence!

**District Office**  
51 Yates Road  
Marquette Heights  
309-382-2172

**Georgetowne Middle**  
51 Yates Road  
Marquette Heights  
309-382-3456

**Rogers Elementary**  
109 Rogers Road  
Marquette Heights  
309-382-3401

**Marquette Elementary**  
100 Joliet Road  
Marquette Heights  
309-382-3612

## Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up will be held Monday March 23 through Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Marquette School. All children, who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2015, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. Parents or guardians of these children are invited to register in the school office for the spring screenings.

**You must bring the students' Certificate of Live Birth to pre-register your child.**

It is very important for the students to be pre-registered for kindergarten at this time to plan for fall classes. Kindergarten screening will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

We look forward to seeing you and your child during round-up

## Pre-Kindergarten Screening

North Pekin - Marquette Heights School District #102 will conduct a spring screening for the B.E.A.R.S pre-kindergarten program.

The screening dates are Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22, 2015. You may call for an appointment starting March 23, 2015.

The pre-kindergarten classes are held at Marquette Elementary School during the school year. The classes meet Monday through Friday for two and a half hours, either in the morning or afternoon. The classes are limited to 20 students per session. Students are invited to attend this class based on the screening results. The purpose of this class is to provide developmentally appropriate activities for students while preparing them for entrance into kindergarten.

All three and four year old children who reside in the district are eligible for screening. All children must be three by April 1, 2014 to qualify for this screening. Another screening for children, who will be three before school begins, will be held in August, 2014. If you would like to have your child screened, please call the Marquette School office (382-3612) to set an appointment beginning March 23, 2015.



## Spring Break April 3 - April 12

### GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### GRADUATION

Anticipated Date

Thursday

May 28, 2015

7:00 P.M.



### School Registration

All parents must register their children at:

**GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL !!**

Registration will be on:

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

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

## Voyages Summer Camp Georgetowne Middle School



- ◆ June 8 - August 14
- ◆ 6:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ Cost: \$110.00 per week per student or \$25.00 per day  
A discount is available for each additional family members who attend.
- ◆ Available for students exiting grades Kindergarten through 5th grade this year.
- ◆ Come join the summer fun!
- ◆ There are many exciting daily activities!
- ◆ Junior Camp Counselor Positions available for students exiting 6th and 7th grades.

- ◆ **Awesome field trips!**



- ◆ **Breakfast, lunch and snack included!**

More information will be sent home with the students in the near future.



## REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

Registration is 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 examination upon entering school. The following information is what the health department requires for these students to be in compliance.

### KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS

CHICKEN POX VACCINATION OR A DOCTOR'S LETTER INDICATING YOUR CHILD HAS HAD THE CHICKEN POX.

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

VISION AND DENTAL EXAM FOR KINDERGARTEN

### SIXTH GRADE ONLY

HEPATITIS B - THREE SHOTS WITH THE LAST ONE GIVEN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST ONE

Tdap - TETANUS/DIPHThERIA/ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACINE

DENTAL EXAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN, 2, AND 6.

DIABETES SCREENING

### OUT OF STATE STUDENTS

The requirements are the same for all immunizations.

### CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

All students are required to provide a Certificate of Live Birth. This is to 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 handbook. **This must be turned in to the district no later than the first day of school.**

Textbook fees for students at Marquette Elementary, Rogers Elementary and Georgetowne Middle School will be set this spring. Textbook fees should be paid at the time of registration. **A discount will be given for each student that is paid by September 18, 2015.**

At Georgetowne Middle School, this fee will include textbook rental fees and student handbook fees. Additional fees for electives or activities will also be assessed according to specific class assignments. If you need more information concerning needed supplies or materials, or the cost of these items, please contact the school office at 382-3456.

At Rogers and Marquette Elementary Schools, an additional activity fee for student magazines, assignment notebooks, recorders or journals will be assessed according to grade level. If you need more information concerning this activity fee, please contact Patty at Rogers Elementary School at 382-3401 or Cindy at Marquette Elementary School at 382-3612.

### DENTAL EXAMS

House Bill 752 now requires all children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades of any public, private, or parochial school to have a dental examination. See District webpage for more information [www.dist102.org/dist102](http://www.dist102.org/dist102).



### VISION EXAMS

Effective January 1, 2008, all Illinois children in Kindergarten or upon first entry into an Illinois school beyond kindergarten are required to have an eye examination. This includes all public, private, and parochial schools. Each child is required to present proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or medical doctor who performs eye examinations. See District webpage for more information [www.dist102.org/dist102](http://www.dist102.org/dist102).



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### **Enhance the Future Scholarship**

The Enhance the Future Scholarship is for Pekin High School 2015 graduating seniors who have attended North Pekin Marquette Heights Grade Schools for at least 6 years and are accepted at an accredited college or university.

100 percent of the funds donated will be given to the scholarship recipients. Those recipients will be selected by a committee made up of District #102 senior certified staff following the submission of an application and an interview.

Presentation of the scholarship awards will be made at the Georgetowne graduation and the names of donors will be listed at that time.

This is an on-going project, having begun with the pledge from Mr. Perkins (who retired after teaching 39 years in the district). Over the past ten years, beginning in May of 2005, 61 Georgetowne Graduates have received scholarships. Funds already have been pledged for the eleventh annual scholarship. The goal is to raise enough money for four or more scholarships. It is up to the community of the North Pekin Marquette Heights School District to enable us to help more students with your gift to the fund, which is being administered through the Marquette Heights Mens Club.

Thank you for your donation! Please make your check payable to:

Marquette Heights Mens Club North Pekin Marquette Heights Scholarship.

Mail to: Scholarship Chairman  
North Pekin Marquette Heights School District # 102  
51 Yates Road, Marquette Heights, IL 61554.

