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From the Desk of the Superintendent

As our society continues to become more dependent on technology, District 102 is doing its part to keep pace by increasing its technological capabilities. In addition to continually upgrading the computer labs in the buildings, the district recently added two 30-device Chromebook carts to its technology inventory. The Chromebook carts are located at Rogers and Georgetowne Schools. A Chromebook is a different breed of laptop. Instead of using a Windows or Mac operating system, Chromebooks run Google's Chrome operating system. These machines are designed to be used primarily while connected to the internet, with most applications and documents living in the cloud. Chromebooks are specifically designed for the Google Apps for Education Suite. Google Apps for Education, GAFE, is a set of communication and collaboration tools that includes email, calendar, and documents.

Chromebooks and GAFE have been popping up in classrooms all around the world. More than 30 million students, teachers, and administrators in schools around the world use Google Apps for Education. It's not hard to understand why. Google Apps require no expensive hardware. They never need to be updated. And best of all, Google Apps for Education are free, an important consideration for district watching tight budgets.

Here are a few things to keep in mind as the District moves to using Chromebooks:

- To be able to access the GAFE suite, the District provides students with login credentials for their own accounts, not public Gmail addresses.
- The intended (and necessary) purpose of the student accounts is to provide access to both the Chromebooks and the Google Drive where students can type, create and publish their work using GAFE.
- GAFE filters the unsolicited advertisements and inappropriate content that often spam typical accounts. The student email addresses only work to email other individuals within the District102 domain.
- Additionally, the student accounts are subject to the school internet filter and can be access by the district.
- Parents sign the acceptable use policy that governs the use of internet and technology in the school environment.
- District staff teaches internet safety at school and rely on parents to promote safe internet usage in the home.

In order for the Chromebooks to be effective in the classrooms, the district made a small investment this fall in infrastructure, adding updated and additional wireless access points to the buildings. This allows the Chromebook carts to travel from class to class so they can be used to access the internet throughout the buildings.

This is a very exciting time for students and teachers in our district as we seek to develop citizens who are committed to engagement in life-long learning.

On another note, with the writing of this newsletter, the district has not yet had to use any emergency days due to the somewhat mild winter we have experienced. Assuming this weather continues, the last day of school continues to be scheduled for Tuesday, May 24. Please remember, however, that this date will be pushed back a day for any day we may lose as a result of weather. If most of you are like me, I'm thankful for the mild winter to date, but am ready to bring back the sun and warmer temps that spring has to offer.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up will be held Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 15, 2016, at Marquette School. All children, who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2016, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2016-2017 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 27, 2016.

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 19 and Friday, May 20, 2016. You may call for an appointment beginning April 18, 2016.

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 May 1, 2016 to qualify for this screening. Another screening for children, who will be three before school begins, will be held in August, 2016. If you would like to have your child screened, please call the Marquette School office (382-3612) to set an appointment beginning April 18, 2016.

Spring Break March 25 - April 3

GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADUATION

Anticipated Date

Thursday

May 19, 2016

7:00 P.M.



School Registration

All parents must register their children at:

GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL !!

Registration will be on:

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Voyages Summer Camp Georgetowne Middle School



- ◆ May 31st - August 19th
- ◆ 6:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ Cost: \$120.00 per week per student or \$27.00 per day (1st child) \$100.00 per week or \$22.00 per day (additional children).
- ◆ Available for students exiting grades Kindergarten through 6th grade this year.
- ◆ Come join the summer fun!
- ◆ There are many exciting daily activities!
- ◆ **Awesome field trips!**
- ◆ **Breakfast, lunch and snack included!**

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

Field Trip



REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

Registration will be held in the Georgetowne library. We are also investigating having parents register online. 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 - TWO VACCINATIONS 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

LEAD SCREENING

VISION AND DENTAL EXAM FOR KINDERGARTEN

SIXTH GRADE ONLY

HEPATITIS B - THREE SHOTS WITH THE LAST ONE GIVEN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST ONE (IF NOT ALREADY RECEIVED)

Tdap - ONE TETANUS/DIPHThERIA/ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACINE

MENINGAOCOCCAL - ONE VACCINE ON OR AFTER 11TH BIRTHDAY

VARICELLA (chicken pox) - 2nd VACCINE OR PROOF OF DISEASE (IF NOT ALREADY RECEIVED)

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.



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 16, 2016.**

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.



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.



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.**

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Enhance the Future Scholarship

The Enhance the Future Scholarship is for Pekin High School 2016 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 twelfth 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.

