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From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Each year the Illinois State Board of Education, the ISBE, gathers financial information on Illinois school districts to determine each district's financial strength. The purpose of this data gathering process is to identify those districts that are moving towards or are already in financial difficulty. The ISBE looks at the following information to determine a district's strength.

- Fund balance to revenue ratio
- Expenditure to revenue ratio
- Days cash on hand
- Percent of short term borrowing available
- Percent of long-term debt margin

After reviewing each district's information, a financial designation profile score is calculated. Scores are accompanied by one of four ratings (listed from highest rating to lowest): Financial Recognition, Financial Review, Financial Early Warning and Financial Watch.

District 102 is proud to announce that, for the eighth consecutive year, the district has achieved "Financial Recognition" status. This recent designation is based on a review of District 102's finances from the 2016 fiscal year.

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, the state of Illinois fully funded its General State Aid payments to districts until the 2011-12 school year, fiscal year 2012, when it began the practice of proration. From the 2012 fiscal year through the 2016 fiscal year, Illinois districts saw their annual General State Aid revenue paid at prorated levels, dropping from 100% funding down to anywhere from 87% to 95% over a five-year period. For District 102, the prorated payments resulted in lost revenue of just under \$1.1 million over that period. These lost payments to the district over the years makes the district's continued "Financial Recognition" designation that much more noteworthy.

Enhance the Future Scholarship

The Enhance the Future Scholarship is for Pekin High School 2017 graduating seniors who have attended North Pekin Marquette Heights Grade Schools for at least 7 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 twelve years, beginning in May of 2004, 70 Georgetowne Graduates have received scholarships. Funds already have been pledged for the thirteenth 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.



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 18 and Friday, May 19, 2017. You may call for an appointment beginning April 24, 2017.

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, 2017 to qualify for this screening. Another screening for children, who will be three before school begins, will be held in August, 2017. If you would like to have your child screened, please call the Marquette School office (382-3612) to set an appointment beginning April 24, 2017.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up will be held Monday, March 27 through Friday, April 7, 2017, at Marquette School. All children, who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2017, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2017-2018 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 tentatively scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 & 20, 2017.

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

Spring Break April 8 - 17

**GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE
SCHOOL
GRADUATION
Thursday
May 25, 2017
7:00 P.M.**



School Registration

All parents must register their children at:

GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL !!

Registration will be on:

**MONDAY, July 31st TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Voyages Summer Camp Georgetowne Middle School



- ◆ May 31st - August 16th
- ◆ 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 2017-2018

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 15, 2017.**

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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51 Yates Road
Marquette Heights
309-382-2172

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

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

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