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From the Desk of the Superintendent

District #102

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On April 2, the County School Facilities Sales Tax will appear on the Tazewell County ballot. The tax represents a shift away from relying on property taxes for local school district funding in Illinois. The law went into effect in 2007 (based on a similar law in Iowa) allowing voters to approve a sales tax to fund school facility needs. The tax is currently in place in several counties that border Tazewell County including Peoria, Woodford, Fulton, Mason and Logan Counties. If a Tazewell County resident shop at Walmart, Target or Kohl's in Peoria, for example, that resident is already paying this tax in Peoria, but helping to benefit Peoria County Schools.

The sales tax is for one cent on every dollar spent on qualifying retail purchases. The tax is estimated to generate \$13,741,000 annually across the county and \$374,100 for District #102. The tax is distributed to districts based on each district's enrollment of students living within Tazewell County. Each box of the table below discusses a different aspect of the tax. This table is provided for your information.

Retail sales items that are NOT taxed include:

- Cars, Trucks, ATVs, Boats, RVs & Mobile Homes
- Unprepared Food (groceries)
- Medicine (including over-the-counter meds)
- Farm Equipment, Parts, and Farm Inputs
- If it is not currently taxed, it will not be taxed

Sales Tax Revenues can be used for:

- New School Facilities
- Additions & Renovations
- Land Acquisition
- Safety and Security Improvements
- Energy Efficiency
- Paying Off Building Bonds
- Architectural Planning/Engineering
- Durable Equipment

Sales Tax dollars CANNOT be used for:

- Salaries and benefits
- Instructional costs
- Textbooks and Computers
- Moveable equipment
- School Buses
- Operating costs



District 102's spending priorities would be:

- School Security Upgrades Including:
 - * Expand Video Surveillance Capabilities
 - * Improve Entrance Security at Each Building
 - * Upgrade Door Hardware Where Needed
- Maintenance/Modernization of Aging Buildings/Grounds
- Technology Infrastructure Upgrades / Expansion
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at RES and MES
- HVAC System Upgrades at GMS
- Roof Replacement & Repairs at Each Building
- Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Property Tax Abatement /Avoidance

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 Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21, 2019. You may call for an appointment beginning May 1, 2019. **Proof of Residency must be provided before child is screened.**

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, 2019 to qualify for this screening. Another screening for children, who will be three before school begins, will be held in August, 2019. If you would like to have your child screened, please call the Marquette School office (382-3612) to set an appointment beginning May 1, 2019.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up will be held Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 29, 2019, at Marquette School. All children, who turn five years old on or before September 1, 2019, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents or guardians of these children are invited to register in the school office for the spring screenings. Kindergarten screening is on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. **Proof of Residency must be provided before child is screened.**

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.

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

Spring Break April 15 - 22

**GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE
SCHOOL
GRADUATION**
Wednesday
May 22, 2019
6:00 P.M.



School Registration

All parents must register their children at:

GEORGETOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL !!

Registration will be on:

MONDAY, July 29th
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, July 30th
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Voyages Summer Camp Georgetown Middle School

- ◆ June 3, 2019 through August 14, 2019
- ◆ 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!**

Flyers will be sent home with students from school in late April.



REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Registration will be held in the Georgetowne library. We are also registering students on-line. 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

All out of state students need an Illinois physical. 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 17, 2019.**

At Georgetowne Middle School, an additional fee 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.**

District Office
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

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.

School Buses and the Law



In case you are not aware, it is **ILLEGAL** to pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm out if you are on a **divided road**, or if you are in one of the **school parking lots/drive ways**. The only time you may pass a stopped bus with its stop arm out is if you are on a **FOUR LANE** road! Drive safely and watch out for our students.

Rogers Students Pick-Up

If you are picking up your child from Rogers Elementary School, please be aware that cars are not allowed to park on the North side of Rogers Road. When cars are parked on both sides of the street, busses and other vehicles have a hard time getting through. This has created a safety hazard for students and drivers as well.

Enhance the Future Scholarship

The Enhance the Future Scholarship is for Pekin High School seniors who graduate during the 2018-19 school year (mid-year or end-of-year) who attended North Pekin-Marquette Heights School District 102 for, at least, six (6) years and who will be attending an accredited college, university or trade school. Students who attended District 102 Schools who still live within the District 102 boundaries, but will be graduating from a different high school may still apply for consideration. If chosen, a scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to recipients. Recipients are selected by a committee of District 102 current and/or retired staff members.

For individuals who would like to make a financial contribution to support this scholarship, any support is very much appreciated. Checks should be made to the Marquette Heights Men's Club. Please note "EFS" on the "For" line of the check. Checks should be mailed to:

N. Pekin-Marquette Heights District 102
51 Yates Rd.
Marquette Heights, IL 61554
C/O Enhance the Future

The District 102 office will record and copy all checks received.



For questions, please contact Byron Sondgeroth, District 102 Superintendent, at (309) 382-2172.