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Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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Good afternoon,

In the aftermath of the recent round of PT conferences AND Thanksgiving, I ran across a line from the poet Murial Rukeyser that really hit home. She wrote:

“The Universe is made of stories, not atoms”

In many ways, it may not be so unusual to have PT conferences and Thanksgiving linked so closely on the calendar. While they don't necessarily completely align, they are both clearly defined by their capacity for creating moments and stories that are capable of more distinctly bringing to life the home/school hymn.

They are both also guilty of attempting to squeeze in big themes and nuanced narratives into short google meets conversations and dinner time dialogues.

Just as the day after Thanksgiving is formally known as Black Friday, the first school day back from the week-long break should be morning circle Monday. This is mostly due to the fact that you can REALLY get some wonderfully colorful and vivid holiday debriefs at the morning circle.

In so many wonderfully sweet and heartwarming ways, it allows us here at school to briefly be able to be present in the past with your children through their words and giggles.

For our own adult sized Monday morning fatigue, those stories, tales, and yarns help each and every classroom reconnect and re-engage the final month before the next holiday break.

Instead of “Once upon a time,” sometimes the very best holiday stories begin with, “My little brother was laughing so hard he”

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

Important Dates:

- **Monday, Nov 28th** - SCHOOL RESUMES
 - **Tuesday, Nov 29th** - Erin's Law Presentation
 - **Wednesday, Dec. 21st** - Class Parties Begin
 - Gr 1 Winter Party - 12:20 pm
 - Gr 2 - 4 Winter Party - 1:30 pm
 - **Thursday, Dec. 22nd**
 - Last day of School before Winter Break
 - Gr 6 Winter Party - 10:20 am
 - **Friday, Dec. 23rd - Jan 8th** - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK
 - **Monday, Jan 9th** - School Resumes
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Erin's Law Presentation

Cossitt Families - On Tuesday, November 29th we will be having our Speak Up and Stay Safe presentations which are part of our SEL curriculum and part of the state school code mandate, Erin's Law. Please read the letter below for further information.

[Erin's Law Parent Letter](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The LaGrange District 102 Board of Education has begun searching for a new superintendent. We have selected **SCHOOL EXEC CONNECT**, an educational search firm, to assist us in this process. You should

have received an email on November 1 providing more in-depth information.

We are interested in receiving your input about the new superintendent. We would appreciate it if you would take about five minutes to fill out an online survey that will be available from November 1 thru November 24. *Please check the District website for the survey link, or access it directly [here](#).*

Findings from the survey, the open forums, and several focus group conversations will be used to develop a *New Superintendent Profile* that will be reported to the Board on November 30.

Sincerely,

Michael Melendez

President, Board of Education

LaGrange School District 102

Are you receiving the Tiger Times?

The Tiger Times is the newsletter of the Cossitt Parent Teacher Council (PTC). It is e-mailed every Friday at 2:30 pm and includes information about parent participation opportunities (i.e. room parent/ holiday party sign up), student or all school activities (i.e the Back to School Party), and grade specific events (i.e. the upcoming 3rd grade Bike Rodeo).

If you opted out of being in the D-102 directory, then your email was not included on the Tiger Times distribution list. To start receiving the Tiger Times emails, contact cossitttigertimes@gmail.com. Please include your preferred email address and the grade level(s) of your child(ren).

****Note:** This will not affect your D-102 Directory preferences.

SHIELD TESTING

District 102 is offering weekly SHIELD testing for students who have parent consent.

You can find the sign-up for this on the front page of the district website or with the below link.

Testing began this past week. If you are still interested please use the link below.

[Dist 102 SHIELDS Testing Sign-Up](#)

School Traffic, Drop-Off, and Pick-Up

In order to create a smooth start and finish to our days, please review the Traffic Map included below. Please note that the parking lot will be closed at 8:00 a.m. to keep all students safe as they walk to their respective line up areas for safety purposes. DO NOT park and leave your vehicle running on these streets. The line must continue to move!! Please feel free to contact the main office (co-office@dist102.k12.il.us) with any questions.

View [Map](#) Here

Morning Arrival Information

Arrival is on the Blacktop on the north side of the building. All students will line up with their classes. Teachers will be outside with signs for easy location. The lines are marked on the blacktop going west to east, Kindergarten - 6th grade. Please see the attached document to make sure that you are familiar with the procedures.

Arrival Line-Up

Regular school day (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m. Enter Bell

8:20 a.m - Classes Begin

11:20 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

12:15 p.m. - Classes Begin

3:15 p.m. - Dismissal

Wacky Wed school day (Wed)

8:15 a.m. Enter Bell

8:20 a.m - Classes Begin

10:55 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

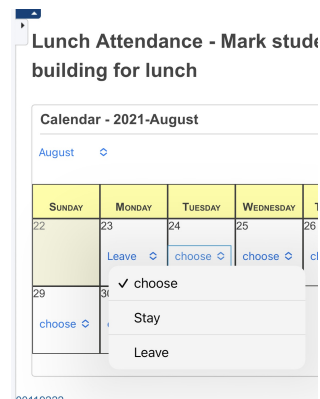
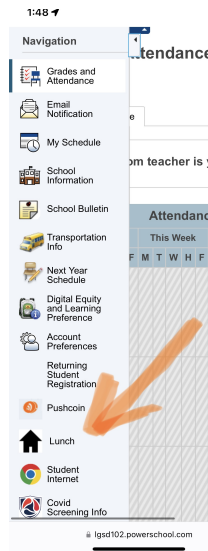
11:50 p.m. - Classes Begin

2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

Going Home for Lunch??

If you want your child to leave campus for lunch. You need to make sure that you check them out in the Parent Portal on PowerSchool as well as remind your child as well, so they can let their teacher know. If your child is not checked out in PowerSchool, we will not let your child leave the building. Lunch pick up

is at 11:20 and line up is at 12:05 on the blacktop. Your child may not enter through the main office, they need to enter from the blacktop.



Other Lunch Reminders:

- If your child needs a brown bag school lunch (\$2.95), you need to email the office (co-office@sd102.net) by 9:00 AM. We have to submit our lunch order to our provider so they can arrive on time.
- We no longer provide eating utensils. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate eating utensils packed in their lunch.

Health Office News:

District 102 Health Services believes in supporting optimal health to enhance learning. Please be sure to communicate with your school's health office regarding school absences, medications, and any health diagnoses so we may assist in supporting your child's success in school. Forms, and additional health services information can be found on the district's website under Parents: Health Services:

<https://www.dist102.k12.il.us/HealthServices>

Medications in School:

When it is deemed necessary by a licensed health care provider and parent to give medication in school, District 102 policy and state guidelines must be adhered to. All medication authorization forms need to be renewed each school year. All prescriptions require a medication authorization form to be filled out by the health care provider. Please note: Inhalers must be sent in the original box along with the parent portions of the authorization form filled out. Please contact the health office for questions.

Reporting absences: 708-215-6241 - Leave a Message

All absences should be reported to the health office prior to 8:20 a.m. Please add your school's health office phone number/email to your contact information (coattendance@dist102.k12.il.us 708-215-6241) for reporting absences or other health communication needs. You will need to leave a message. When reporting absences, please state your child's name, teacher, grade, and reason for absence. A nurse will return your call as needed.



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Find Us

Cossitt Avenue School
115 W Cossitt Ave
La Grange, Illinois 60525
Phone: (708) 215-6200
Fax: (708) 579-5485

School Hours

8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. | Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. | Lunch Hours

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Wednesday

10:55 a.m. - 11:50 p.m. | Wednesday
Lunch Hours

Schools

LaGrange 102 IL
Barnsdale Road School
Congress Park School
Cossitt Avenue School
Forest Road School
Ogden Avenue School
Park Junior High School
Science Center

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