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Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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Dear Cossitt Families,

Knowing just how welcoming a three day weekend can be, the actual rationale for such a weekend can very easily fade deeply into the background of sleeping in and hanging out. Every year I tend to feel like this becomes the fate of Martin Luther King Jr. 's birthday (his actual birthday was yesterday).

The great irony behind all of this has to do with the many enduring stories of great heroism and sacrifice that encompassed so much of his short life upon this earth. His story and the story of the Civil Rights movement should be available and shared in ways big and small, always and always.

I have linked below the story of how it was that he actually ended up in Memphis in April of 1968. While we should never minimize the power and message behind the I Have A Dream speech five years earlier, there was so much more behind the goals and aspirations of Dr. King and the movement that he led.

He was in Memphis in April of 1968 to help lend his support to a sanitation workers strike that was taking place. As is often the case with history, the easy, the simple and the visual becomes the default setting. His presence and his approach towards this strike is much harder to capture in a short story in comparison to the much more theatrical availability of the March on Washington.

In many ways however, I tend to feel like we miss much of what really ends up being responsible for great and lasting change to ultimately take place.

The rebuilding and reconstruction of the new and the better . . . one small brick at a time.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/mlk-last-march/555953/>

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

Important Dates:

- **Monday, Jan 16th** - MLK day - NO SCHOOL
 - **Sunday, Jan 22nd** - PTC Family Fun Night at La Grange Park District
 - **Thursday, Jan 26th** - K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Concert at Park Jr. High
 - **Monday, Feb 20th** - Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
 - **Saturday, Mar 4th** - Science Center STEM Expo
 - **Thursday, Mar 23rd** - 4th - 6th Spring Concert at Park Jr. High
 - **Week of Mar 27 - Mar 31** - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
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PUSHCOIN UPDATE

Pushcoin has updated their system to allow users to make payments of any value amount. In the past there has been a minimum of \$35 payment; users can now enter any amount to make payments through Pushcoin.

From the payment screen, manually enter any dollar amount, do not use the drop-down option. The drop-down will show various pre-set amounts like \$35, but can be overridden to any amount desired.

FASTBRIDGE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

It is that time of year when we conduct another round of FastBridge, our universal reading and math screener, with our kindergarten students. FastBridge will give us an updated snapshot of your child's early literacy and math skills compared to their peers across the nation. Information gathered this round will include skills such as word segmenting and decoding words, as well as number sequencing and decomposing (breaking apart numbers into smaller parts), among other skills. This screener continues to be only one piece of your child's assessment portfolio. You will receive scores in February and be contacted if your child's comprehensive profile indicates the need for any additional support.

Calling 5th Graders MAGAZINE CLUB!

Do you love to write? Do you have an eye for editing your paper? Interested in people and events happening around Cossitt? Then join us at the Magazine Club!

This year we will be starting the first ever Cossitt Magazine Club. This club will be writing about events and people here at Cossitt.

How often does it meet?

- All members will bring their lunch and meet **January, 26th** from 11:20-12:10
- Depending on the group size, you will be assigned to work on a particular issue(s). You will then meet each Thursday in the month(s) that you are assigned. (A schedule will be provided in January once we pick groups)

What will we work on?

- Interviewing Cossitt people to know and for events around school
- Researching topics and writing articles
- Voicing over articles for younger Cossitt Students to read along with
- Putting together visuals to make articles
- Editing and distributing editions

When do we start?

Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 26th from 11:20-12:10. Please bring your lunch and your computer.

How much does it cost?

There is a \$25 club fee payable on [Pushcoin](#) when signing up

How can I sign up?

Please complete the signup on Pushcoin by **Friday, January 20th**. If you have any questions, please contact Candace Daly at dalyca@dist102.k12.il.us



A NOTE FROM THE COSSITT MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We are so happy to announce that live performances are happening this year again! More detailed information will be sent out to grade level families as we get closer to show time!

Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third grade - January 26, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. in Park Junior High School Auditorium

Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade - March 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. in Park Junior High School Auditorium

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Join us for our annual Family Fun Night on **Sunday January 22 from 5-6:30 pm at the LaGrange Park District Recreation Building.**

This is a free event with games, music and more! This PTC event is open to all Cossitt families and includes activities for all ages!

No sign up is necessary to attend, but kids don't forget to bring a parent or guardian as **this is not a drop off event!**

If your child is planning on attending,

a parent or guardian will need to be present.

So, why not make that time go faster by volunteering with a friend or meeting a new one?

We need volunteers to make this fun night happen!

Older siblings who may need school volunteer hours are also welcome to volunteer!

Click [here](#) to help out!



Registration is now open

On March 4th, **STEM EXPO** will showcase the talents of District 102 students in the areas of **Science, Technology, Engineering** and creative **Making**. We know that our students are creative and inventive, so use those skills to do a project at home and share it with us. This event is designed to show off those talents in the scientific areas.

Who: All students grades K-6

When: SET-UP: is Friday, March 3 4:00 - 5:30 pm

EXPO: Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:00 am - Noon

Where: Forest Road School Gym

901 N Forest Road, LaGrange Park

For more information, link to our [STEM EXPO website](#)
Do you have your project planned? [Go ahead and Register here](#)

All exhibitors will receive a participation certificate and a STEM EXPO t-shirt. Register on or before Feb 17th to be guaranteed your t-shirt size. Exhibits will not be judged; exhibitors will be assigned a 1/2 hour time period when they will be required to be at their table to answer questions and explain their project to an EXPO Official.

Do you have questions? Call the Science Center 708-215-6405 or email Mrs. Hohl, hohlvi@dist102.k12.il.us or Mrs. V, vaiciuliske@dist102.k12.il.us

We are happy to help!

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

Wacky Wed school day (Wed)

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8:20 a.m - Classes Begin

8:20 a.m - Classes Begin

10:55 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

11:20 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

11:50 p.m. - Classes Begin

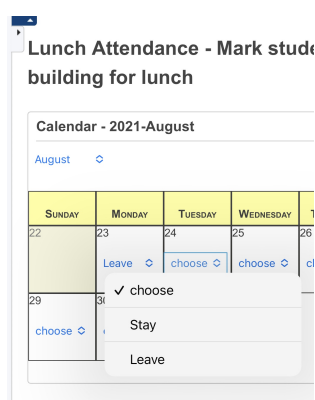
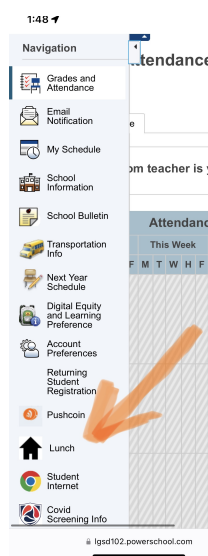
12:15 p.m. - Classes Begin

2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

3:15 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
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La Grange, Illinois 60525
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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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