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Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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Good evening Cossitt Families,

With our quickly approaching Final Four days before the holiday break, I thought I would share a not holiday poem with all of you. It is however a poem that says much of what it wants to whisper in our ears in the title (Gratitude by Mary Oliver).

I am sharing this with you as an early gift (you can absolutely open it now!) to join me in remembering to avoid the holiday stressors and strains, to bypass the hand to hand combat of last minute shopping and most of all, to not miss your precious and quiet moments that sometimes get buried and trampled in the haste and hurry of the week before Christmas.

As we all tend to experience . . .twas the week before Christmas and all through the house, all the creatures were stirring, every last one of them, in the hopes that there might still be room on the Amazon gift list for just one more thing.

During a time when we are scurrying around in a mad dash for presents, we are almost completely missing out on the lasting and forever need for presence.

Enjoy your holiday break with your loving and precious families. If we are truly fortunate and blessed, we will seek out and find those moments that avoid the commercials and the cards, but live dearly and purposefully in between. I hope this poem helps to serve as a map to assist you in getting there.

<https://www.findingsolace.org/gratitude-by-mary-oliver/>

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

Important Dates:

- **SPIRIT WEEK!!!!**
 - Mon 12/19 - Candy Cane Day
 - Tues 12/20 - Holiday Headwear Day
 - Wed 12/21 - Santa's Workshop Day - Dress like Elves!! Teachers will dress as reindeer!!
 - Thurs 12/22 - Pajama Day
 - **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
 - **Monday, Jan 16th** - MLK day - NO SCHOOL
 - **Thursday, Jan 26th** - K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Concert at Park Jr. High
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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.

WINTER LEGACY SPORTS PROGRAMING

COSSITT AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS
WINTER 2023 PROGRAMS



GRADES 1-3
 Thursdays, 3:15-4:30PM
 January 12 - March 23 (off 3/16)

GRADES 4-6
 Wednesdays, 2:30-3:45PM
 January 11 - March 15

Multi-Sport Madness features variations of traditional gym games like relay races, tag, capture the flag, dodgeball, soccer as well as our popular Legacy games like Hand Hockey, Medic, and Battleship. This co-ed program is limited to 18 students.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

LEGACYSPORTSCAMP.COM/COSSITT

Questions: info@legacysportscamp.com
 or call/text (312) 969-0215
 View More Programs at legacysportscamp.com



Join the thousands of kids that have made Multi-Sport Madness our most popular program! MSM features variations of traditional gym games like relay races, tag, capture the flag, dodgeball, soccer as well as our popular Legacy games like Hand Hockey, Illinois Jones and Battleship. Space is limited, enroll today!

Students should wear gym shoes this program.

At the end of the school day, students should walk to the gym to check-in with Legacy staff. Parents will be called for absences unless that student was absent from school.

We will dismiss from entrance #1 on Madison Ave. (School office door)

Capacity is 18 students. Registration is first come, first serve.

For our cancellation/refund policy, please [click here](#).

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

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

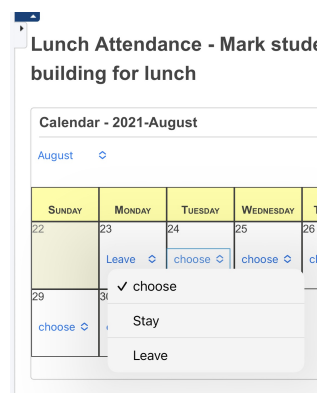
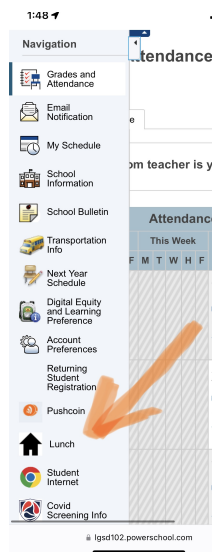
10:55 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

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
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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

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

Stay Connected



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

Hours

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