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**Cossitt Avenue School**

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# Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Cossitt Families,

It was hard to pass up the opportunity to share the article linked below as an antidote to the post-holiday blahs and blues. By now, the stockings are no longer hanging by the chimney with care and those overly cute holiday cards from friends and family have somewhat guiltily “slipped” into the garbage can . . . drowning in a sea of leftover wrapping paper and stale cookies

The question inevitably becomes . . . now what?

The mid January through February sunless snowflakes and icy walkways are hardly appropriate replacements for the holiday carols and chimes.

The title of this article truly speaks volumes about how we can truly navigate through these darker days on the horizon. In many ways, the pitfalls of any holiday season have to do with the allure of specialness and novelty. The pitfall being that for such seasons, just as there is a beginning, there is inevitably an end.

The quiet profundity of everyday awe is less the light at the end of the tunnel and more the light within. The article is excerpted from a book that was recently published titled, *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life*.

Hmmm . . . not a bad way of spending our breathing and waking hours in lieu of gasping and crawling our way to the end of March finish line confirming that Spring has sprung.

As the great John Lennon reminded us, “Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans”.

While not being quite as symbolically monumental as watching the ball drop and popping champagne, we can surely find and embrace the everyday miracles within the commonplace that surrounds us. As the article points out,

*We need that everyday awe, even when it’s discovered in the humblest places. A survey of relevant studies [suggests](#) that a brief dose of awe can reduce stress, decrease inflammation, and benefit the cardiovascular system. Luckily, we don’t need to wait until we stumble upon it; we can seek it out. Awe is all around us. We just need to know where to look for it.*

Welcome back Cossitt. The next chapter in our searching and seeking out the everyday awe begins bright and early Monday morning . . .

[The Quiet Profundity of Everyday Awe - The Atlantic](#)

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

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## Important Dates:

- **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.

# 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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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### 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](mailto: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.

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## 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](#)

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## 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

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## 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.

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### [Arrival Line-Up](#)

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#### ***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

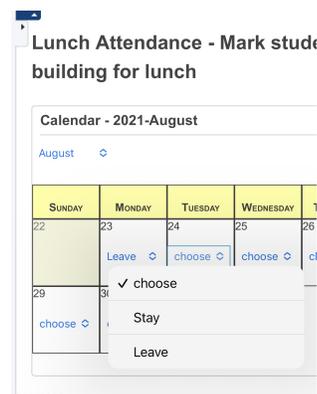
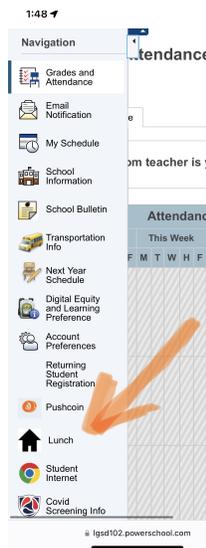
11:50 p.m. - Classes Begin

2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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  
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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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