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Cossitt Avenue School

Every Student, Every Day; No Exceptions, No Excuses



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Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

2.5.2023



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Dear Cossitt Families,

As many of you may be aware, the scheduling stars were aligned and I was able to be the morning carline presence during most of last week. Above and beyond what I have anecdotally been aware of or periodically seen for myself, it was extremely helpful for me to be a witness to what might currently be our winter driving norms.

I single out winter based on the fact that these seasonal conditions drive up our carline traffic to levels that we don't typically see during bike riding/walking weather.

What would typically happen in the aftermath of concern (my own or those shared via parent emails to me) would be an annual email to the community reminding everyone to slow down, take your time, etc. While this continues to have value as a partial reminder of the obvious, it infrequently has any great lasting value.

The reality is that we are simply going to have to move forward with a different carline design that eliminates u-turns in the middle of Madison as well as the equally alarming practice of racing up the middle of Madison in order to jump to the front of the carline. I refer to this particular practice based on my being present for these cars rushing to get ahead of the line as those in line are preparing to merge back towards the middle after they drop off. For those of you who experience this practice, it is easy to see what is likely to happen sooner rather than later.

There are going to be two cars that end up hitting each other. This will take place with either children in the cars or children being present in the area.

The most compelling need to move forward with these additional supports and structures is simply this: As the newly self-appointed door opener for the carline, this is what I get to hear in the cars as a way of starting my mornings:

Bye mommy . . . bye daddy . . . love you honey . . . have a great day.

This is why we need to shift our approach.

Once we are able to share the start date for the newer carline design, we will communicate the changes so that there are no great surprises.

In the meantime, in the enduring words of a truly wise man, "Few are guilty, but all are responsible". I am hopeful that we feel the urgency in the mornings to drive less urgently ahead of these changes.

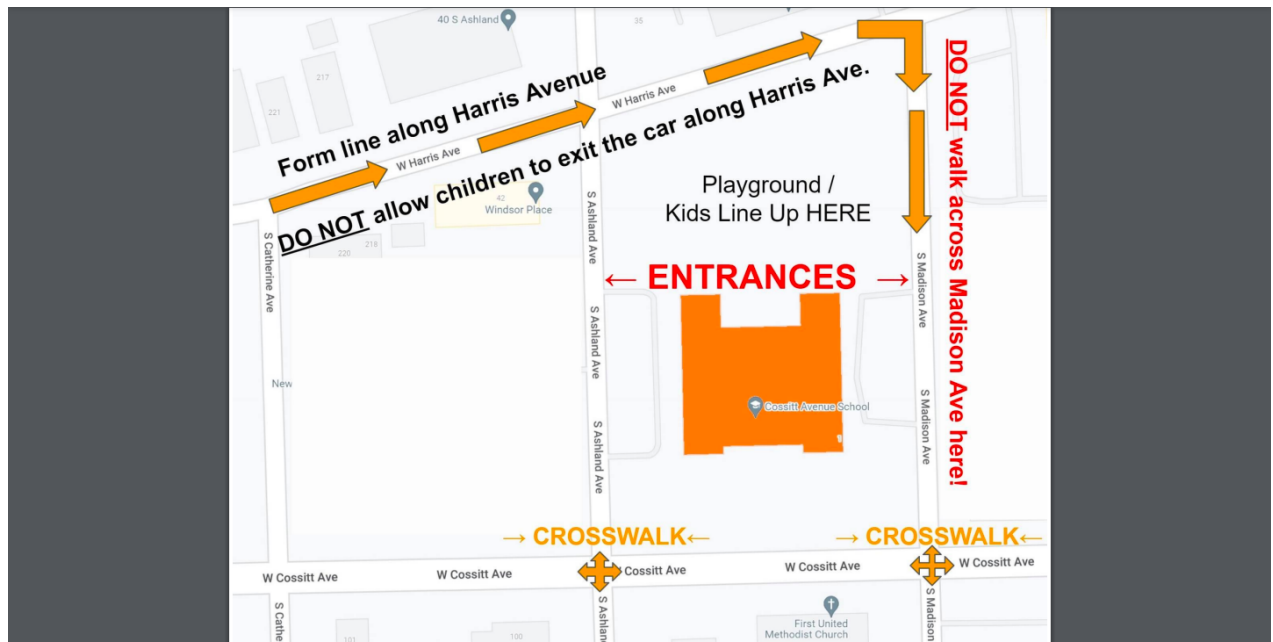
Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

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



Important Dates:

- 2/6/22 - 2/10/22 SSC 6th Grade Food Drive [FLYER](#)

- **Monday, Feb 20th** - Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, Feb 21st** - Kindergarten Info Night BARNSDALE (FULL DAY PROGRAM)
- **Wednesday, Feb 22nd** - Kindergarten Info Night COSSITT (1/2 DAY PROGRAM)
- **Friday, Mar 3rd** - No School, Teacher Institute Day
- **Saturday, Mar 4th** - Science Center STEM Expo
- **Saturday, Mar 11th** - Clothing Sale
- **Thursday, Mar 23rd** - 4th - 6th Spring Concert at Park Jr. High
- **Week of Mar 27 - Mar 31** - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT




KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

School year 2023-2024



- Students living in the Forest Road, Cossitt, and Ogden Ave boundaries attend Full-Day Kindergarten at Barnsdale
- Students in Congress Park boundary attend Full-Day at CP
- Families interested in Dual Language attend Congress Park

We encourage all families who are new to the Kindergarten process to attend an informational meeting. Registration will open in early March

BARNSDALE ROAD

- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023
- 7:00 p.m.

CONGRESS PARK

- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Dual Language
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023
- 6:00 p.m.


*If you are in the Forest Road attendance area and interested in the half-day program, you may attend the meeting at Cossitt School.

COSSITT

- Half-Day Kindergarten
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023
- 6:00 p.m.


OGDEN AVE

- Half-Day Kindergarten
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023
- 6:00 p.m.




NOCHES DE INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES DE KÍNDER

Año escolar 2023-2024



- Los estudiantes que viven en los límites de Forest Road, Cossitt y Ogden Ave asisten al jardín de infantes de día completo en Barnsdale
- Los estudiantes en el límite de Congress Park asisten a CP de día completo
- Familias interesadas en lenguaje dual asisten a Congress Park

Alientamos a todas las familias que son nuevas en el Proceso de kindergarten para asistir a una reunión informativa. Las inscripciones se abrirán a principios de marzo

BARNSDALE ROAD

- Día Completo de Kinder
- Martes, Feb. 21, 2023
- 7:00 p.m.

CONGRESS PARK

- Día Completo de Kinder
- Lenguaje Dual
- Martes, Feb. 21, 2023
- 6:00 p.m.

*Si se encuentra en el área de asistencia de Forest Road y está interesado en el programa de medio día, puede asistir a la reunión en la Escuela Cossitt.

COSSITT

- Medio Día de Kinder
- Miércoles, Feb. 22, 2023
- 6:00 p.m.

OGDEN AVE

- Medio Día de Kinder
- Miércoles, Feb. 22, 2023
- 6:00 p.m.

FASTBRIDGE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

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.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

STUDENT SERVICE COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE



Sixth Grade Student Service Council is running a Food Drive!

When: Monday, 2/6 - Friday, 2/10

Where: Bring donation items to school and drop them off in the bins during morning entrance inside the doors.

Why: Donations will help the homeless and hungry in our community through the Saint Francis Xavier Food Pantry.

Goal: One item per family...all donations are appreciated!

What: Breakfast items including-

- *cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup
- *tea is a specialty item
- *other nonperishable items such as
canned/boxed/jarred foods



The
COSSITT SCHOOL CLOTHING

SALE

LA GRANGE

EST. 1977

SATURDAY • MARCH 11 2023

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

115 W COSSITT AVE • LA GRANGE

**SHOP!
SELL!
VOLUNTEER!
DONATE!**

*Información en español está
disponible en sitio de web.*



SCAN ME

cossittptc.org/clothingsale

SHOP TOP-QUALITY CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, SHOES & BOOKS!

Sponsored by the Cossitt School PTC

Proceeds benefit enrichment programs



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](#)

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

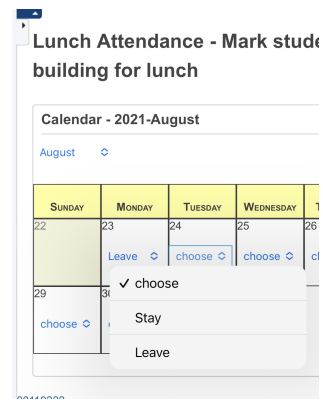
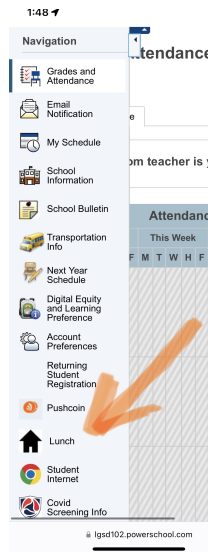
10:55 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

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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