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Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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Good afternoon,

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As we approach the joyful transition from February to March (sorry February, but you really are the shortest longest month), I just wanted to check in with some updates on ongoing and upcoming points of interest.

- As we have now shared in both bulletin and text, we are continuing to beat the drum for additional parent survey feedback for the 5Essentials Survey. The necessary threshold for there to be a formal report shared with schools is **20%**. As of this writing, we are at **15%**. I am encouraging our Cossitt community to help us out and set aside a few minutes this weekend to help us get over the 20% barrier. <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>
- Regarding our ongoing carline revamping, we are in the process of finalizing the use of traffic cones all the way down the center of Madison each morning. Once they are available and ready to be utilized, a formal communication will be forthcoming. For those of you who have shared your concerns (as I myself have witnessed as well), the reality is that school based emails stressing the importance of slowing down and following the carline have very limited value. The traffic cones will help us eliminate the dangerous practice of U-turns on Madison during carline drop offs as well as the perceived need to come all the way up the center of Madison to then swerve into the front of the carline. An additional concern that is still ongoing is that of those who park across the street and then walk their children directly across Madison rather than use the Harris/Madison crosswalk, While there is no question that these practices reflect the morning hurrray up rushrushrush, like many of you, I am anxious to avoid any potential accidents that might take place in the future, but could have been long ago predicted.
- Even though we will revisit this in next week's Bulletin, just a reminder that we are coming up on the 22-23 IAR State Tests for **grades 3 through 6** here at Cossitt. Our first day of testing will be on **Tuesday, March 7th**. These tests are administered each year in the Spring. They

assess Math and English Language Arts (5th grade is additionally assessed in Science). You should expect to get more detailed information from your grade level teachers ahead of the actual testing week.

- One more small point of interest regarding students going home for lunch. In the past, the expectation had been that students who go home for lunch should plan on returning to school shortly before the bell would ring for the afternoon session to begin. Over the last couple of years, we are finding more and more students returning to the area closer to the noon hour. While we have made a point of allowing them to join the second half of recess when this occurs, my own concern ends up being that that is a block of time when they are not officially accounted for. Some students come straight to the office, others come straight to the recess gates and look for someone to let them in, and others will come towards the recess gate and stay on the sidewalk side and chat with friends. None of these by themselves are overly concerning. Just because of the looseness of this process, I am asking that whenever possible, to please encourage your home lunch students to return closer to the time when the lunch block is officially over (the bell rings at 12:12).

Ahead of what looks to be Monsoon Monday, very much hoping that everyone enjoys their sunny springlike Sunday!

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

Important Dates:

- **Friday, Mar 3rd** - No School, Teacher Institute Day
- **Saturday, Mar 4th** - Science Center STEM Expo
- **Saturday, Mar 11th** - Clothing Sale
- **Thursday, Mar 16th** - Cossitt Art Show
- **Week of Mar 27 - Mar 31** - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- **Thursday, Apr 6th** - 4th - 6th Spring Concert at Park Jr. High

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



The
COSSITT SCHOOL CLOTHING

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LA GRANGE

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SATURDAY • MARCH 11 2023

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

115 W COSSITT AVE • LA GRANGE

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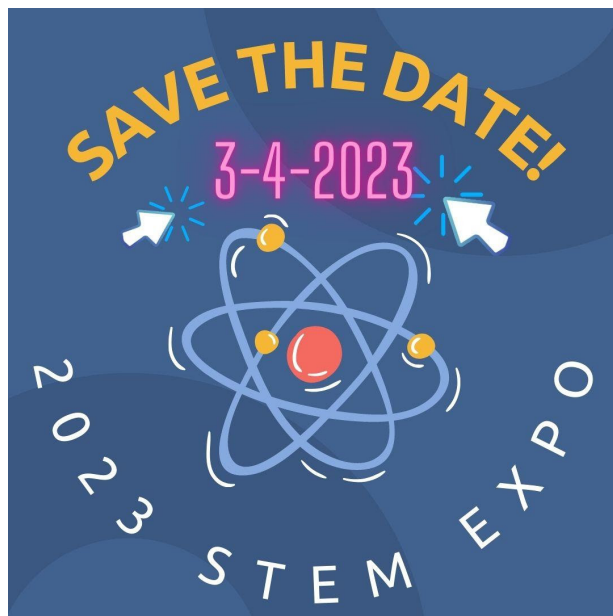
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Registration is now open

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.

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

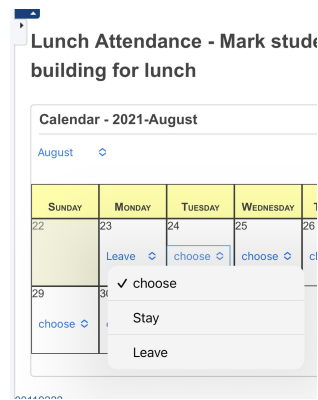
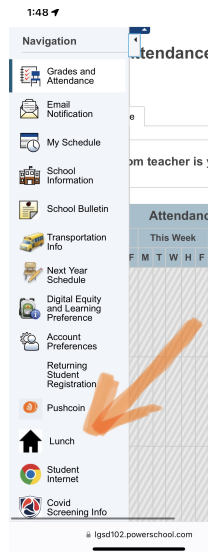
10:55 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

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

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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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