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Cossitt Avenue School

Every Student, Every Day; No Exceptions, No Excuses



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4.2.2023



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Good afternoon Cossitt,

On the heels of the more historically prominent Months of Black History (February) and Women's History (March), comes the younger (only 27 years old) National Poetry Month (April).

Over the years in writing these, I have periodically found opportunities to share and highlight the actual value of poetry as both a tool and a lighthouse. Almost more than anything, it may serve its greatest purpose as an emergency brake in our lives.

Speaking of another type of break (Spring), as many of you find your way homeward through the thorns and thickets of airports and expressways, the real world around us has continued to experience ongoing stresses within our schools and in the culture at large.

Where in the world is there room for poetry amidst all the chaos and turmoil?

I recently ran across the following quote from the late poet, Stanley Kunitz, who wrote:

Poetry is the most difficult, most solitary, and most life-enhancing thing that one can do. It's a struggle because words get tired. We use them. We abuse them. A word is a utilitarian tool to begin with, and we have to recreate it, to make it magical. You have to kill off all the top of one's head, remove it, and try to plunge deep into self, deep into memories, deep into the unconscious life. And then, begin again.

We can all affirm that at times, words truly do become tired.

As just a possible small but mighty start, we would be wise to find ways of digging deeper into our own words and asking more of them. It ends up being the one place and space we have the most ownership of . . . OUR WORDS.

So much that continues to generate so much isolation and loneliness comes from a disconnect between our words and our unwords.

Many years ago, the almost poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson warned us that, "When a man does not write his poetry, it escapes by other vents through

him”

Happy National Poetry Month!

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

Important Dates:

- **Monday, Apr 3rd** - CLASSES RESUME
 - **Wednesday, Apr 5th** - Registration closes
 - **Thursday, Apr 6th** - 4th - 6th Spring Concert at Park Jr. High
 - **Friday, Apr 7th** - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
 - **Monday, Apr 10th** - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day
 - **Friday, Apr 14th** - 4th Grade CCC
 - **Friday, Apr 21st** - Tiger Fun Run
 - **Sunday, Apr 30th** - D102 Race to the Finish
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23-24 Online Registration

ONLINE ENROLLMENT WILL BE OPEN FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

You will need to complete a New Student registration if:

- Your family is new/recently moved to District 102
- Your family has established a residence within District 102 boundaries, and this is your first child enrolling in the district
- Your child has never received services (Speech, Pre-K) or been enrolled in D102
- Your child previously attended a D102 school but has not attended during the 2022-2023 school year.

Registering Incoming Kindergarten Students

- Visit the [district website](#) for additional registration information
- If this is your first child to the district, click on the link for “New Student Registration”
- If you have a preschooler or older student currently enrolled in the district, you will need to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal and click Returning Student Registration on the left side of the page. You will need to complete returning student registration before registering your new student.
- The Kindergarten Information Sheet is now included in the online registration process
- Once you have submitted your registration application, you cannot edit it. If you need to make a change, please contact the school where you’re registering your child(ren).

Registration is incomplete, and your student(s) is not registered until ALL paperwork is submitted.

If you have any questions, please email your home school or the District Registration Team.

[Barnsdale School](#)

[Congress Park School](#)

[Cossitt Avenue School](#)
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Returning Student Registration Email

Dear Parent/Guardian of D102 Student:

Online registration opens **Monday, March 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** for the 2023-2024 School Year. The registration window will remain open until **Friday, April 14, 2023, at 3:00 pm.**

****Please note you can not complete online registration on a cell phone.****

To register returning student(s), please log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). You need to register each returning student(s) by selecting "Returning Student Registration" on the page's left side.

You will need to complete the registration form for each one of your students. If you have multiple students to register, return to your PowerSchool Parent Portal, switch students, and follow the same steps. If a new D102 student is entering the district, you must complete the returning students' registration FIRST before starting a New Student Registration.

New for the 23-24 school year, if you lease a property or reside with someone within D102 boundaries, we request that you submit an updated lease or the [Residency Affidavits](#) each year.

If your address has changed from what we have on file, you must provide new residency documents. You can upload new residency documentation as a part of this online registration or drop off those documents at your child's school of attendance.

Residency information may be requested from returning families after the online registration has been submitted. ***Please note - registration is not complete until all requested paperwork is submitted.***

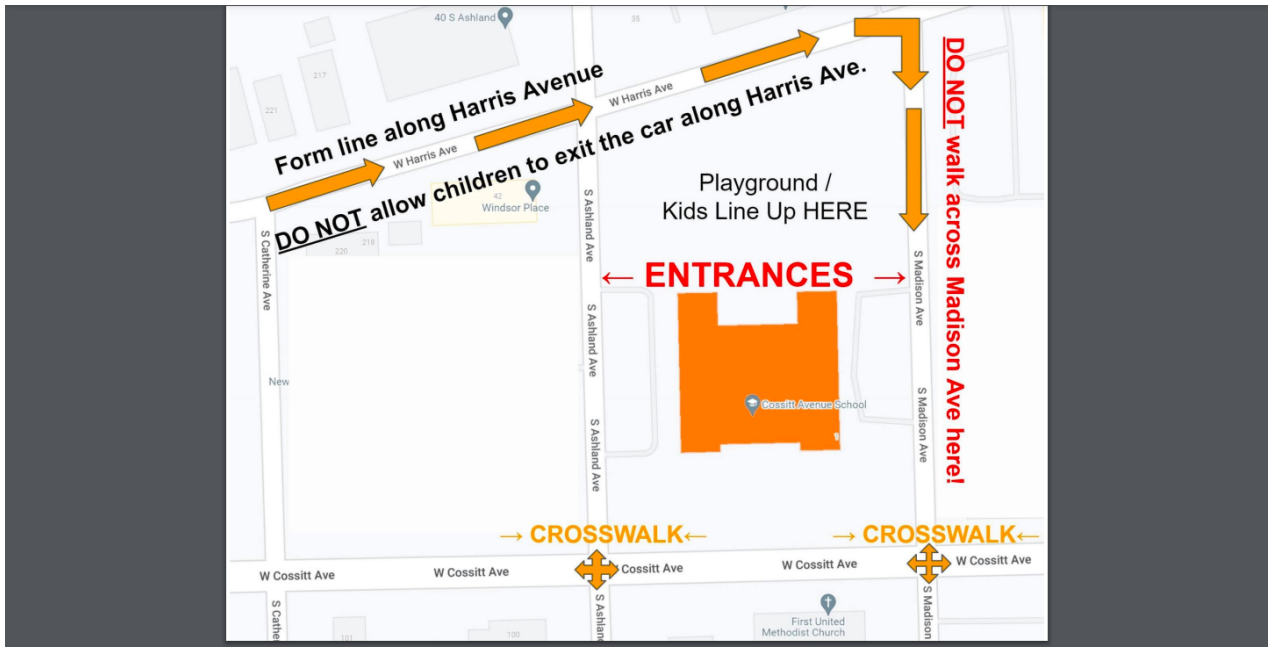
Once you have submitted your form, your submission cannot be changed or modified. Please contact your school's main office if changes need to be made after submitting your form.

If you have additional questions, [click HERE to visit the Registration](#) page on the District website or email registration@dist102.k12.il.us.

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



COSSITT PTC PRESENTS:

MARLA'S LUNCH

On Wednesdays you are now able to order from these
great restaurants for your kid!
Lunches will be delivered to our School.

- MARCH 22ND - CULVERS
- APRIL 5TH - BILLY BRICKS PASTA
- APRIL 12TH - POTBELLY
- APRIL 19TH - SARPINO'S
- APRIL 26TH - BUONA BEEF
- MAY 3RD - CORNER BAKERY
- MAY 10TH - CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN
- MAY 17TH - BILLY BRICKS GRILL
- MAY 24TH - PANDA EXPRESS
- MAY 31ST - PANERA BREAD
- JUNE 7TH - CULVER'S

ALL ORDERS WILL BE LOCKED IN THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO DELIVERY
USE THIS [LINK](#) TO ORDER

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
cossittptcmarlaslunch@gmail.com

ORDER BY WEDNESDAY the 5th

for delivery on April 12th from Potbelly's!!!

**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP @ PJHS
4 - 8TH GRADES**

Park Junior High Summer Basketball Camp

Compete, work on your skills, HAVE FUN!

Camp Features:

- Instruction from Park Junior High Coaches
- Individual skills and drills (shooting, passing, dribbling)
- Team drills
- Contests
- Gameplay



Location: Park Junior High - 325 N. Park, La Grange Park

Dates: June 12 - June 29 (No Camp on Fridays or June 19th)

Who: Boys and Girls entering Grades 4-8. Please note each session is limited to 60 students.

Times: Boys entering Grade 8: 8-9AM
Boys/Girls entering Grade 4,5,6: 10-11AM
Girls entering Grades 7,8: 11AM-Noon
Boys entering Grade 7: 11AM-Noon



Cost: \$70 - INCLUDES T-SHIRT

Registration: Online through [PushCoin](#)

Direct Questions to Ryan Malloy - malloyry@dist102.k12.il.us

*****Sessions will no longer be available on PushCoin when max enrollment is reached*****

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR SPRING

Stage Stars: Tuesday's April 11 - May 23rd 3:15 - 4:15

STEAM: Wednesday's April 12 - May 24th 2:30 - 3:30

Chess Scholars: Thursday's March 23rd - May 25th
3:15 - 4:15

Stage Stars
Spring 2023
Cossitt Avenue School



Grades 3-6

Take a Bow- Does your child have a "dramatic side"? You might have a budding Stage Star in your family! Our drama class introduces students to the craft of stage acting with a skilled theater instructor. During this exciting class, students will learn theatrical skills, improve basics, and participate in interactive drama games. This class provides opportunities for students to have fun, express themselves, gain confidence, and interact with others, all within the context of theater arts.

Schedule: 9 Tuesdays, March 21st - May 23rd, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
No class: 3/28

To sign up for Stage Stars, please visit <https://www.afterschoolenrichmentfun.com/signup>. You will need to enter the course code **CAS3.21.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/23 for the early bird price of \$171.00. If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9899 or registration@afterschoolenrichmentfun.com. All participants must understand themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impacting their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is a significant enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parent's responsibility to attend the children about the classes.

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made. Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.

CODE: CAS3.21.23

Chess Scholars
Spring 2023
Cossitt Avenue School

No Experience Needed



Grades K-6

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Schedule: 9 Thursdays, March 23rd - May 25th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
No class: 3/30


To sign up, please visit <https://www.afterschoolenrichmentfun.com/signup>. You will need to enter the course code **CAS3.23.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/23 for the early bird price of \$171.00. If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9899 or registration@afterschoolenrichmentfun.com. All participants must understand themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impacting their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is a significant enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parent's responsibility to attend the children about the classes.

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CODE: CAS3.23.23

S.T.E.A.M.
Spring 2023
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Grades 1-5



Interactive!

This exciting program from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions brings together elements of science, art and math in a hands-on, action-packed environment! Students will conduct experiments, play educational games, and unlock their creativity through building challenges and projects. No experience necessary!

Schedule: 9 Wednesdays, March 22nd - May 24th, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
No class: 3/29

To sign up, please visit <https://www.afterschoolenrichmentfun.com/signup>. You will need to enter the course code **CAS3.22.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/24 for the early bird price of \$275.50. If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9899 or registration@afterschoolenrichmentfun.com. All participants must understand themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impacting their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is a significant enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parent's responsibility to attend the children about the classes.

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CODE: CAS3.22.23

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)

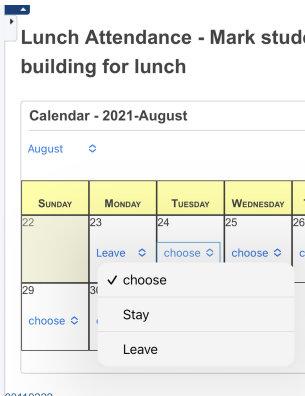
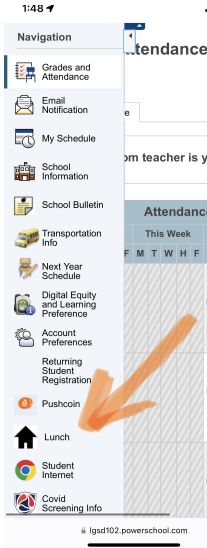
- 8:15 a.m. Enter Bell
- 8:20 a.m - Classes Begin
- 11:20 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal
- 12:15 p.m. - Classes Begin
- 3:15 p.m. - Dismissal

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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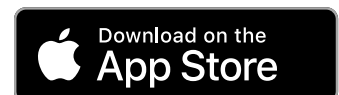
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Ogden Avenue School

Stay Connected



Phone: (708) 215-6200

Fax. (708) 579-5485

Park Junior High School

Science Center

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