

## News From District 102

### District News:

- Congratulations to Park Junior High for receiving the Academic Excellence Award from the state, one of only 438 schools to earn this honor.
- Congratulations to the Special Olympics team at Park who is winding down their second season with only one loss!
- The district is well into its first year of a blended preschool program serving tuition, special education, and at-risk children. The at-risk openings are funded by the state's Preschool for All (PFA) grant. Applications for tuition and PFA openings for next year will be available in the spring. Children must be three prior to the start of the school year. Five-year-olds eligible for kindergarten in the fall are not eligible. Watch for news in your school newsletters.
- The district is looking for input on the school meal service currently offered to students at lunchtime. A survey for parent input will be available between February 1st and February 10th 2012 on the district website homepage at: <http://www.dist102.k12.il.us/>

Students will be asked to participate in a similar survey at school. The survey results will be used to make recommendations for improvements to the program. We realize that parents may not have personally experienced the meal service at lunchtime in your school, however, we welcome input based on what your child has shared with you about the program. We appreciate your participation!

- District 102 will host Summer Adventures and Jumpstart programs this year for students who are currently participating in our intervention programs. This program is designed to accelerate summer learning and has been successful in reducing summer learning loss for those students who have participated during the last two years. The Summer Adventures program will be held at Congress Park School beginning June 11 through July 19 and Jumpstart will run July 30 through August 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Information will be sent home the week of February 10 for those students who will be invited to participate in this year's program. Registration forms should be completed and returned to the District Administration Office by March 23, 2012.

District 102 will also continue to provide our SOAR (Summer of Achievement Rising) enrichment program. The program is scheduled to run four separate weeks, which include the weeks of June 11th and 18th and July 30th and August 6th. Additional information and details regarding the SOAR program will be sent home during the month of February.

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