

## Chauncey H. Duker School

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**District 15 Mission Statement:** McHenry Elementary School District 15 is a child-centered community that values connections between people and learning in an environment fostered by mutual respect.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, December 12

Assembly, MMS Madrigal Choir, 9:00AM

Tuesday, December 13

Holiday Shop, Grade 4 (school hours)  
Board of Education meeting, 7:30PM,  
McHenry Middle School

Wednesday, December 14

Holiday Shop, Grade 5 (school hours)  
B-Pac (Bilingual Parents), 5:30-7:00PM,  
Parkland School, Topic: Technology

Thursday, December 15

Jack Franks' Awards, 9:45AM, gym

Tuesday, December 20

Holiday parties in the classrooms, PM

Wednesday, December 21-Tuesday, January 3---Winter Break, NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 4

Classes resume  
Character Counts theme for January--Caring  
PTO meeting in the Learning Center, 6:30PM

Friday, January 6

End of the Second Quarter (Report Cards, 1/13)

Saturday, January 7

Chili Cook-off (11:30AM judging), in  
conjunction with a 3 on 3 Basketball  
Tournament, Parkland School

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Please remember to save Campbell's Soup labels, BoxTops for Education labels, empty Inkjet cartridges and old cell phones. There is a recycling bin between Duker and Edgebrook Schools too for recycling paper.

**NEWS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM**---Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Leadership Team has been very busy with service projects. They have collected items for baskets for the victims of the Joplin, Missouri, tornado. They have made blankets for Project Linus (this is a group that makes and gives blankets to kids with any illness or surgery in the hospital around the area). They are selling candy grams for 50 cents each to buy gift cards for the holidays for needy families. The candy grams will be sold every Tuesday and Thursday through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Students may buy the candy grams for moms, dads, brothers, sister, other relatives...or even classmates. The students can write a nice message on the candy gram and the leadership team will even deliver the candy grams to those who purchased for their classmates.

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**HOLIDAY SHOP**---The PTO will be bringing the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop to Duker School on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for fourth graders and Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for fifth graders, during school hours. This will give the students the opportunity to do all of their holiday shopping for mom, dad, grandparents, sisters and brothers. 60% of the items for sale are \$3.00 or less.

**CASH ONLY!** Additional information came home with your child this week. We will need some parents to help with this sale. If you are able to help between the hours of 8:45AM and 2:00PM on either day (or even part of the day), please e-mail [dukerpto@gmail.com](mailto:dukerpto@gmail.com). **ANY DUKER PARENTS CAN HELP---YOU DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND PTO MEETINGS TO HELP WITH THIS!**

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**CHILI COOK-OFF AND 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT**---On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation is having a chili cook-off in conjunction with a 3 on 3 basketball tournament being held at Parkland School. Each school and Central Office has a team competing in the chili cook-off. Judging will be based on the taste of the chili and school spirit. Judging begins about 11:30AM and lasts until the chili samples are gone (usually about 1 hour). Students who attend will receive a SOAR card that they can turn in for extra credit and then for a raffle. Other details will be sent home before winter break! General information about the 3 on 3 Tournament is attached and other information is available on the district website.

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**FAMILY READING NIGHT**---Many thanks to all of the families who turned off the TV and video games and read together as a family for the statewide Family Reading Night. The following students participated with their families: **Cody Neihengen, Alexis Helbig, Zachary Martel, Ashley Clark, Mack Zerkel, Josh Tilling, Tyler Willemarck, Katelin Considine, Kylie Dick, Andrew Schwartz, Delia Irwin, Gwen True, Michael Bulanda, Gavin Naskrent, Dylan Jensen, Brayden Singer, Arturo Guerrero, Natallia Orton, and Chloe Cuzman.** These students all received a free book for participating!

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**CONGRATULATIONS**---Congratulations to **Ellie Stolzman**. Ellie won the November Boxtops for Education lunch. She and a friend were treated to lunch with the principals. Parents, please continue to save the BoxTops for Education labels from food products and have your child bring them in to the office bin for their chance to win. This is an easy fundraiser for us! We just mail them in and they send us a check!

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**SCHOOL CLOSINGS**---Winter is here. An easy way to get information about school closings is to sign up for nixle, which can provide both an e-mail and text message. Go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to sign up for this free service. Our district website, as well as local TV/radio stations also carry the school closing information. Do NOT call the district Transportation Office.

**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE---**The cold weather brings with it cold & flu season. Please remember that if your child has had a fever, diarrhea or has vomited, your child cannot return to school until symptom-free for 24 hours (without the use of medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Motrin or Pepto Bismol). Continue to encourage hand washing and respiratory etiquette, which includes covering your cough with a tissue, coughing into your elbow (if no tissue is available), along with proper disposal of tissues. Thank you for your cooperation and helping to keep our school healthy!

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**CULVER'S FOOD NIGHT FOR DUKER---**Culver's will be offering Duker 10% of sales on December 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00PM-closing. All you have to do is mention Duker when you order!

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**RUN YOUR LIFE NEWS---**It's our favorite time of the year: Run Your Life Kids clubs are here! We are even more excited because this winter, we have THREE clubs! Area kids are welcome to join the fun of our highly acclaimed and celebrated Run Your Life Kids Clubs and become a part of all that has to offer: fitness, fun, adventure, club time, community time, journal time, embracing our environment and each other, cardio, light running, and a healthy snack together. This is where our differences are embraced even more so than our similarities and we learn to appreciate ourselves, our talents, and, in turn, appreciate each other in this world community. We blame no one and we celebrate being in charge of our health and well being! There's never a better time to join the Run Your Life Revolution! Registration is limited to 25 per club.

Club Duker, Grades 4 & 5, Club Edgebrook Grades K-3, Club Valley View Grades 3-5: Clubs Duker & Edgebrook both meet after school at Duker until 4:30PM, Registration fee: \$25. Club Valley View meets after school until 5:00PM, Registration fee: \$25.

January 18<sup>th</sup> Kick off! Club dates: Jan. 18, 23, 25, 30, Feb. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22.

On-line Registration for Run Your Life Kids Clubs:

Club Edgebrook, led by Carrie Sabatka: [www.signmeup.com/79850](http://www.signmeup.com/79850)

Club Duker, led by Tammy Krofel: [www.signmeup.com/79836](http://www.signmeup.com/79836)

Club Valley View, led by Jen Finch: [www.signmeup.com/79816](http://www.signmeup.com/79816)

Questions? Please contact our Executive Director at [runyourlife.director@gmail.com](mailto:runyourlife.director@gmail.com)

Visit our websites for photos and more information on Run Your Life [www.teamrunyourlife.info](http://www.teamrunyourlife.info) or [www.runyourlife.org](http://www.runyourlife.org). Run Your Life is a trademarked 501(c)(3) nonprofit health and wellness organization educating and inspiring our communities to be in charge of their fitness, health and overall well-being. Club Run-Walk is going on now! Adults, you too, can get in on the fun at [www.signmeup.com/79252](http://www.signmeup.com/79252).

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