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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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

February 22-26

Penny War continues---4<sup>th</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Charity is Doctors without Borders

Monday, February 22

Fifth Grade musical-RED TEAM 7:00 PM  
(Harmening, Raube, Rohlwing, Schilf,  
Sullivan-Petty, Vallianatos)

Thursday, February 25

PTO meeting 6:30 PM in Learning Center

Friday, February 26

Last day for Penny War  
Last day for Yearbook orders  
Duker Dragon Day (School Spirit Day)-wear  
camouflage or school colors

Monday, March 1

Casimir Pulaski Day---NO SCHOOL

Character Counts word for March is Trustworthiness!

March 2-12

State Testing

Thursday, March 4

Celebration of the Arts 4:00-7:00 PM  
First Midwest Bank (Main Facility)

Wednesday, March 10

**COMING UP**

5<sup>th</sup> grade district parent meeting 7:00 PM  
(Topic---Puberty instruction)

Friday, March 12

Market Day pick-up at Edgebrook 3:15-5:00  
End of Third Quarter  
Spring Picture Day!

Sunday, March 14

Time changes-move clocks up 1 hour

**STATE TESTING**---All students at Duker School will be tested the weeks of March 1-12. The fourth graders will be tested in Reading, Math and Science and the fifth graders will be tested in Reading, Math and Writing. Since tests are given only in the mornings, please try to schedule all appointments for the afternoons. It is very important that your child is present and on time those weeks. Getting enough sleep and a good breakfast each morning is important too. These tests are a snapshot of your child's academic progress so far. If your child is not present, make-up tests have to be given.

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**PENNY WARS FOR DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**---From February 17<sup>th</sup>-February 26<sup>th</sup>, Duker School will be participating in a penny war to aid the humanitarian efforts of Doctors without Borders. This organization allows volunteer doctors/nurses to provide urgent medical care to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophes (like Haiti). Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be competing against students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please encourage your child to send in their extra pennies to promote a good cause.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**---Many thanks to all students who participated in the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. Joseph Khan was the top pledge leader (\$200), followed by Sahara Witte (\$190) and Cole Diaz (\$155). 94 students participated and 41 students returned pledge money. The total collected and donated from our Duker students was \$2406.70. Special mention---Sahara Witte donated her prize back to the children at the St. Jude Hospital. Way to go, Duker students!

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**YEARBOOKS FOR SALE**---Next week is the last week the Duker School yearbook will be for sale. Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day. All orders are pre-orders, with delivery expected in May. The cost is \$14, payable in cash or a check made out to INTER-STATE STUDIO, INC (not Duker School). Please submit the official order form and the exact amount. Extra forms are available in the office.

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**CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**---The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation and the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce will be co-hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of the Arts Program, Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at the First Midwest Bank in McHenry, from 4:00-7:00 PM. This event showcases District 15's student artwork. Choral and band students from McHenry Middle School and Parkland School will also be performing throughout the evening. The Foundation will be raffling off many wonderful prizes. The Foundation will also host a "Taste of McHenry" during the program featuring many local restaurants. All proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will benefit District 15 fine arts programs and the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation. For further information, please contact Cindee Nootbaar at 815-385-7210.

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**AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE**---Greater Elgin Family Care Center, the areas only Joint Commission Accredited Federally Qualified Health Center, will provide primary healthcare services on the second Tuesday of each month from 3:00-7:00 PM at Family Service. The organization's mission is to provide quality, affordable healthcare for all, including those without the ability to pay. Medicare, Medicaid, All Kids, KidCare and Uninsured are accepted. A sliding fee scale will be use with uninsured patients. Services include adult and pediatric medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, acute sick care, well child visits, chronic care, oral health and school, sports and work physicals.

Call Greater Elgin Family Care Center at 847-608-1344 for information and appointments. Walk-ins will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.