

## 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

#### RED RIBBON WEEK (anti-drug)---SEE DAILY ACTIVITIES!

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| Monday, October 17                  | Red Ribbon Week Theme---“Turn Your Back on Drugs”---wear clothes backwards<br>Parent Information Night, 7:00PM, cafeteria<br><u>Topic: How to Help Your Child be Successful with Homework</u>      |
| Tuesday, October 18                 | Red Ribbon Week Theme---“Stomp out Drugs”<br>wear boots to school!   |
| Wednesday, October 19               | Red Ribbon Week Theme---“Too Cool to do Drugs”---wear sunglasses to school!  |
| Thursday, October 20                | Red Ribbon Week Theme---“Don’t Let Drugs Turn You”---wear clothes inside out!<br>MegaEvent (for all who sold at least 10 Fall Fundraiser), 3:15-4:45PM<br>Parents must provide transportation home |
| Friday, October 21                  | Red Ribbon Week Theme---“Reach Out and Wear Red”---wear red to school and<br>“Brush out Drugs”---donate new hairbrushes, nail brushes or toothbrushes to charity<br>Report Cards go home           |
| Saturday, October 22                | 5K Walk for Alivia, Charge Syndrome, 12:00-4:00PM,<br>Emricson Park, Woodstock   |
| Tuesday, October 25                 | Board of Education Meeting, Central Office, 7:30PM   |
| Thursday, Friday<br>October 27 & 28 | Parent-Teacher Conferences---NO SCHOOL<br>10/27---1:30-9:00PM, 10/28---8:30AM-3:30PM   |

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**---Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that there is no school for students on either day. You should have received information from the classroom teacher about conferences. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a perfect time to touch base with your child's teacher. Our teachers are ready to share expectations about how your child is doing in comparison to his/her talents. Parents always know their children best and can provide our teachers with valuable insights about the education of their child too. Both parents and teachers want the same thing---for children to succeed. We realize that the home-school connection is often a challenge with work schedules and home activities, but it is crucial we keep the lines of communication open between us for the success of the students. If you find that your time assigned to you is not possible, please be sure to call the teachers to reschedule a better time. If something comes up on the day of the conference, the office has the teachers' schedules and can usually work you in at a better time.

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**THANK-YOU'S**---Many thanks to all of the parents who came to help with the fundraiser pick-up this week and those who have offered to help with MegaEvent next week. All of you are SO APPRECIATED! (We could use some more parent help with the MegaEvent---Call the office if you can help). Many thanks also to families who purchased items from the Fall Fundraiser or Market Day. Your generosity in helping the PTO has enabled the school to have the Challenger Field Trip for the fifth grade and to schedule assemblies for the school year. The PTO has other activities planned for this year too. Many thanks to all who have been using the recycling bins between Edgebrook and Duker Schools.

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**PICTURE RETAKE DAY**---Inter-state Studios will return on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to complete fall pictures. Students who were absent on September 14<sup>th</sup>, who are new to Duker School since then, or who would like their pictures retaken should be photographed on that day. All students need to be photographed for the yearbook, even if no pictures are purchased. If you are not pleased with your child's pictures, you must return the entire packet on November 1<sup>st</sup> for your child to be photographed. For all other students, order forms will be in the office soon. Please have your child stop by to get one.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**---The PTO will be sponsoring a family breakfast on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45-8:30AM, in our cafeteria. All Duker families are invited. Coffeecakes, cinnamon rolls, fruit, hot chocolate, milk and coffee will be served. Breakfast will cost \$1.50 per person. Please join us!

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**TAKE CHARGE FOR ALIVIA, 5K WALK**---Alivia was born on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called CHARGE Syndrome. This syndrome affects the heart, vision, hearing, breathing and kidneys. She has undergone many surgeries and faces more in the future as well as many doctor visits and numerous therapy sessions. Alivia is a sweet girl who continues to amaze everyone with her love and enduring strength. There will be a 5K walk on Saturday, October 22, at Emricson Park in Woodstock, from 12:00-4:00PM. Proceeds from the event also benefit the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation. There will be auctions, food, raffles and fun for the entire family. You can register on-line at [www.aliviawalkathon.weebly.com](http://www.aliviawalkathon.weebly.com). For more information, call 815-814-7722 or e-mail [corkih1208@comcast.net](mailto:corkih1208@comcast.net).

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