

## 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.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, October 27

Parent-Teacher Conferences---NO SCHOOL  
1:30-9:00PM

Friday, October 28

Parent-Teacher Conferences---NO SCHOOL  
8:30AM-3:30PM

Monday, October 31

Halloween parties in the afternoon

### CHARACTER COUNTS THEME FOR NOVEMBER IS RESPECT!

Tuesday, November 1

Picture Re-Take Day---Smile ☺  
PTO meeting, 6:30PM in the Learning Center

Thursday, November 3

Limo Ride/Pizza Party---11:00AM-1:00PM  
(for those who sold 35 or more items for  
the Fall Fundraiser)  
Early Release Day---dismissal begins at  
1:23PM

Friday, November 4

Market Day pick-up at Edgebrook School,  
3:15-5:00PM

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Savings' Time ends---move your  
clocks back one hour)

Tuesday, November 8

Vision/Hearing Screening (whole school)  
Board of Education meeting, 7:30PM, at  
Landmark School

Friday, November 11

Breakfast with your child, 7:45-8:30AM,  
Duker Cafeteria, \$1.50 each  
Veteran's Day

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES---**Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for this 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 your specific conference time. 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 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 student. If something comes up on the day of your scheduled conference, the office has the teachers' schedules and can usually work you in at a better time. It is very important that we meet with you at this time of the year.

**LOST AND FOUND---**Please check the Lost and Found table while you are here for Parent-Teacher Conferences. We have many unclaimed items!

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**HALLOWEEN---**Please look for information about the specific classroom activities from your child's teacher. Remember to keep your child's costume appropriate for school. No costume should include any type of toy weapon or have a violent/bloody theme. Aerosol sprays are not allowed at school. If possible, keep the costume simple so your child can put it on over school clothes. If you are sending in food for the classroom party, keep in mind that all food brought into the school must be commercially-prepared.

**HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY BACK---**Conlon & Thompson Orthodontics, LTD will again be sponsoring the Halloween Buy Back Program. Bring your unwanted wrapped Halloween candy to school and drop in the marked containers between November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>. The candy will be picked up on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Conlon & Thompson Orthodontics will donate \$1 for every pound of candy collected to the Duker PTO (up to \$200). Candy will be donated to the troops abroad.

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**PICTURE RE-TAKE 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 and school files, even if no pictures are purchased. If you were 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 are in the office. Please have your child stop by to pick one up.

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**FAMILY BREAKFAST---**The PTO will be sponsoring a family breakfast on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45-8:30AM in our school 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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**NEWS FROM THE NURSE---**Please remember that, if your child is ill (including fever, diarrhea and vomiting), please do not send him/her to school. Furthermore, a child must be fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, prior to his/her return to school.

**WIN PRIORITY PARKING OR PRIORITY SEATING AT YOUR CHILD'S MUSICAL---**Would you like to have front row parking or front row seating at your child's next musical? We will be selling chances to win just that! The tickets will be on sale for 50 cents each at Parent-Teacher Conferences and the drawing will be on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The musicals are scheduled for the following dates:

4<sup>th</sup> **RED TEAM---March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
4<sup>th</sup> **GOLD TEAM---March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup> **RED TEAM---November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup> **GOLD TEAM---November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Proceeds will benefit our school's SOAR program!

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**PTO NEWS---**The next PTO meeting is on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30PM, in the Learning Center. All parents are invited to attend.

Many thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to help with the MegaEvent. With the parent volunteers and the high school Key Club volunteers, we were able to have all of the activities up and running throughout the event. Again, thanks to all of the families who helped to make the fundraiser a success. The limo ride and pizza party (for all who sold 35 or more items) will be on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, during the lunch hours. Have your children bring their cameras!

Don't forget Market Day! Please designate Duker School as the recipient of the profits. If you have children at Edgebrook too, consider alternating who gets the profits each time you order!

Our next event is Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a family breakfast, from 7:45-8:30AM, in the cafeteria. The cost is \$1.50 per person. This is not a fundraiser!

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**RUN YOUR LIFE EVENT---**Please join us and Michelle Hedge's family for a 5K on November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00AM at McHenry Township. We will be honoring the life and legacy of a beautiful woman taken from us too soon---Michelle Hedge, a 1989 McHenry graduate. For more information, please go to [www.teamrunyourlife.info](http://www.teamrunyourlife.info). Proceeds will be donated to Run Your Life Pro-Active Kids Clubs and McHenry County Turning Point.

Run Your Life Run-Walk Club starts on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM, Duker School. Fridays, beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:30PM, meet at Firefly Café in Algonquin. Runners, walkers and in-between-ers, all meeting together. Online registration: [www.signmeup.com/79252](http://www.signmeup.com/79252). For any questions, please e-mail [runyourlife.director@gmail.com](mailto:runyourlife.director@gmail.com) or (815) 861-5074.

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