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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

Tuesday, September 20

Field Trip (Mrs. Mesnard)---Gigi's Playhouse
9:20-10:55AM

Field Trip (Mrs. Rockers & Mrs. Justen)---
Geology on the Ridge-Conservation
9:30AM-1:45PM; Bring a sack lunch

Wednesday, September 21

Field Trip (Mrs. Kittl & Miss Schwall)---
Geology on the Ridge-Conservation
9:30AM-1:45PM; Bring a sack lunch

Monday, September 26

Field Trip (Mrs. Shrum, Miss Prater,
Mrs. Jozwiak, Mrs. Harmening &
Mrs. Mesnard)---Nature Center
9:15AM-12:30PM; Bring a sack lunch

Tuesday, September 27

Field Trip (Mr. Cerney, Mrs. Willemarck,
Mrs. Calhoun & Mr. De La Mora)---
Nature Center; 9:15AM-12:30PM
Bring a sack lunch

Board of Education meeting at Central Office
7:30PM

Wednesday, September 28

Bus Evacuation drills
Fall Parent Meeting for Title 1 Reading, 6:30PM,
Parkland School

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOLS---McHenry West Campus High School is offering free after-school tutoring in Reading and Math to high school students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact Brent Raby at 815-385-7900 or rabybrent@dist156.org.

PTO NEWS---A huge thank you to all parents who volunteered their time at the Fall Book Fair. With your help, we were able to earn over \$2,000 to support the Birthday Book Program at Duker School and supply reading materials to our students. Many thanks to **Tracy Tobin, Sue Connor, Carie Tilling, Carrie Willemarck, Alisa Stolzman, Katie Diakow, Dionne Meccia, Stephanie McCulloch and Gina Schillaci.**

The next Market Day pick-up is on October 7th at Edgebrook School.
The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 4th, at 6:30PM, in the Learning Center.

Many thanks to all who placed orders for our Fall Fundraiser. Pick-up date is Thursday, October 13th, from 3:00-5:30PM in the cafeteria. The MegaEvent for all students who sold at least 10 items is Thursday, October 20th, from 3:15-4:45PM. We will need many parent volunteers for this. Please let the school know if you can help run a game or serve pop/popcorn during that time.

Wendy's War---The fourth grade will be competing against the fifth grade in a Wendy's War. 15% of all Wendy's sales (no coupon needed) between 5:00 and 8:00PM will be donated to Duker School. The fourth grade date is Wednesday, October 12th and the fifth grade date is Thursday, October 13th. Our own Duker mascot and Wendy may be making an appearance there too!

Congratulations to **Mark Bender**, our first BoxTops for Education winner. Mark and his friend were treated to lunch with the principals from their favorite restaurant. Don't forget to save the BoxTop labels and put your child's name on the back of each. We draw a new winner at the end of every month!

SAVE THE DATE---On Monday, October 17th, our staff will be presenting information on how you can help your child be successful completing homework. The meeting will start at 7:00PM in our cafeteria and last about 45 minutes. Your child is welcome to join you for the presentation.

BAND NEWS---Just a couple of reminders for our fifth grade band students/parents:

- Please remember that band is over at 4:15PM and parents need to be there to pick up their child **on time!**
- Students need to attend band **every** day they are scheduled---even if they forget to bring their instrument. It is important that they be there to hear the instruction and not get behind in their progress.

THANK YOU---Many thanks to all parents who designated Duker School as the recipient of 1% of their Target Store purchases. We just received a check for \$124.52 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program.

SPIRITWEAR---Duker Dragon Spiritwear is coming soon. (This is clothing you can purchase with the Duker Dragon logo and school name). We experienced a delay with our vendor, but hope to have the order forms out soon. Please keep your eyes open for an order form soon.

REMINDERS---Keep saving Campbell's Soup labels, old cell phones, empty InkJet cartridges and BoxTops for Education labels. We also have paper recycling containers between Duker and Edgebrook Schools.