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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

Friday, September 2	Teacher's Institute---NO SCHOOL
Monday, September 5	Labor Day---NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 6	End of Fall Fundraiser---all orders and money are due PTO meeting, 6:30PM in the Learning Center (ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED!)
Sunday, September 11	Walk-A-Thon for Literacy, Riverwood School, Registration-7:00AM; Walk-8:00AM
Tuesday, September 13	Board of Education meeting at Edgebrook School, 7:30PM
Wednesday, September 14	Picture Day---all students will be photographed for the yearbook and parent purchase Midquarter Reports go home
Friday, September 16	High School Homecoming Parade---2:00PM
Tuesday, September 20	Field Trip (Rockers & Justen), 9:00AM-1:45PM Bring a sack lunch
Wednesday, September 21	Field Trip (Kittl & Schwall), 9:00AM-1:45PM Bring a sack lunch
Monday, September 26	Field Trip (Shrum, Prater, Jozwiak, Harmening), 9:15AM-12:40PM, Bring a sack lunch
Tuesday, September 27	Field Trip (Cerney, Calhoun, Willemarck, De La Mora), 9:15AM-12:40PM Bring a sack lunch

5K RUN/WALK-A-THON FOR LITERACY---In honor of the Foundation's 10th Annual 5K Run/Walk, we also walk to remember the anniversary of the tragedy of September 11th. The Walk-A-Thon is sponsored by the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation. It is scheduled for:

Sunday, September 11th
Riverwood School, 300 Driftwood Trail, McHenry
7:00-7:30AM---Sign in
8:00AM---5K Run/Walk-A-Thon begins

After completing the 5K Run/Walk, there will be an awards ceremony in the gym at Riverwood School. Medals will be given for various age divisions. Money raised supports the work of the Foundation, which includes awarding grants to teachers for classroom projects and donating literacy funds to our schools. It is a fun run/walk for a great cause---EDUCATION!

DUKER PTO---We are launching our "Helping Hands" volunteer program this year with a theme of "If everybody does a little, a few don't have to do a lot." If you are able to volunteer for just ONE HOUR this year for a PTO event, your child will be entered into a drawing to win a pizza party for their entire classroom. Drawings will be held in December and May.

**PTO MEETING DATES---(6:30PM in the Learning Center)
ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

Tuesday, September 6th
Tuesday, October 4th
Tuesday, November 1st
Tuesday, December 6th
Wednesday, January 4th
Tuesday, February 7th
Thursday, March 8th
Tuesday, April 3rd
Tuesday, May 1st

Many thanks to all who attended the Book Fair on Open House night. We will be able to provide birthday books for our students and help to fund PTO efforts, thanks to all of you! Our **Fall Fundraiser** is underway now. All orders and money are due on Tuesday, September 6th. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 13th, from 3:00-5:30PM for **Fall Fundraiser pick-up** in the cafeteria. If you can help on that date, we will need help beginning at 1:30PM to unload the truck and then help with distribution after school. The **MegaEvent** (for all students who sell 10 items) will be on Thursday, October 20th, from 3:15-4:45PM in our gym. We will need many parent helpers for that event. If you are able to run a game or serve pop/popcorn, we need your help. Please contact Mrs. Holliday in the school office.

STATE TEST RESULTS---The ISAT State Test results will be sent home on Wednesday, September 7th. These are the results from the test your child took in March. If your child was a student in District #15 last year, the results should come home that day. If your child was in another Illinois school district, we will send home the results as soon as the previous school forwards them to us. If your child was at Montini or an out-of-state school, your child did not take ISAT and therefore no reports will come home. State tests are taken in March. The next testing dates are between March 5th and March 16th.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE---In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment for your children, it is necessary at times to document specific illnesses or symptoms among our student population. A McHenry County Department of Health regulation requires us to report symptoms and/or illnesses to assist in their efforts to track symptomology. Also, there are specific steps that we, as a school district, can begin in an attempt to contain contagious symptoms; i.e., environmental cleaning, etc.

Therefore, when phoning in your child's absence, it is helpful to us to be aware of actual symptoms that your child may be experiencing. We report symptoms and numbers; we do NOT report student's names. Please do not be offended in any way if we seek additional information about your child's illness. It is strictly in the best interest of your child.

Please remember that, if your child is ill, 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.

In addition, proper hand washing is the best defense against disease and germs. Please remind your child to practice good hygiene, including proper handwashing and covering the mouth when sneezing and/or coughing.

HELP WANTED---Are you a registered nurse? Would you like to work a schedule similar to your child's school day? If so, please call us! District #15 is looking for *substitute nurses* to fill in in our health offices if our school nurse is out or to attend field trips or special events with our medically-challenged students. If interested, please call our Director of Health Services, Mrs. Bonnie McCormack at 815-759-8502.

FALL SPIRITWEAR---Fall Spiritwear will go on sale on Tuesday, September 6th. Order forms will be sent home on that day as well. Order forms will be due no later than Friday, September 16th.

SOAR PROGRAM---We are beginning year four of our SOAR Program at Duker School. SOAR stands for Safety, Ownership, Achievement and Respect. SOAR is a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative designed to enhance student learning through the teaching, modeling, and reinforcement of positive behavior. Research shows that PBIS initiatives, when implemented properly, leads to an increase in instructional time for students. We continue to see this positive result at Duker.

One way in which we validate positive behavior at Duker is through the use of SOAR cards. So far this year over 1,000 SOAR cards have been handed out to students. That's a lot of validation for positive behavior! Please take some time to talk to your child about the SOAR program. Please feel free to contact Mr. Vannoy, our Assistant Principal, if you have questions or feedback about SOAR.

PIANO NEEDED---Do you have a piano in good working order that needs a new home? Duker School's piano needs to be replaced. If you have one and would like to donate it to the school, we would love to hear from you! Please call Mrs. Mick, our music teacher, at 815-344-7125 for more information.