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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**

**CHARACTER COUNTS WORD FOR OCTOBER IS RESPECT!**

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| <b>Monday, October 3</b>     | <b>Field Trip, Conservation Dep't, 9:30AM-1:30PM<br/>Miss Schwall's class, bring a sack lunch</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, October 4</b>    | <b>Field Trip, Conservation Dep't, 9:30AM-1:30PM<br/>Mrs. Rockers' class, bring a sack lunch<br/>PTO meeting, 6:30PM in the Learning Center<br/>All parents are invited to attend!</b>                                               |
| <b>Wednesday, October 5</b>  | <b>Field Trip, Conservation Dep't, 9:30AM-1:30PM<br/>Mrs. Kittl's class, bring a sack lunch</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Friday, October 7</b>     | <b>Field Trip, Conservation Dep't, 9:30AM-1:30PM<br/>Mrs. Justen's class, bring a sack lunch<br/>Parent-Teacher Conference information will be<br/>coming home today<br/>Market Day Pick-up at Edgebrook School,<br/>3:15-5:00PM</b> |
| <b>Monday, October 10</b>    | <b>Columbus Day---NO SCHOOL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday, October 11</b>   | <b>Board of Education meeting, Hilltop School<br/>7:30PM</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday, October 12</b> | <b>Wendy's War, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 15% of all sales at<br/>Wendy's between 5:00-8:00PM are<br/>donated back to Duker, no coupon<br/>required</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday, October 13</b>  | <b>Fundraiser Pick-up, 3:00-5:30PM (need help)<br/>Wendy's War, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 5:00-8:00PM</b>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Friday, October 14</b>    | <b>End of First Quarter, Report Cards on 10/21<br/>Red Ribbon Week Field Trip, 10:00AM-1:15PM<br/>Next newsletter goes home</b>                                                                                                      |

**SAVE THE DATE, PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**---On Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:00PM, our staff will be presenting information on **How to Help Your Child be Successful with Homework**. Come learn some ways you can make homework time more productive and less stressful.

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**PTO INFORMATION**---The next **PTO meeting** is on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM. All parents are a part of the PTO and all parents are invited to attend every meeting. We will be making decisions on how to allocate our funds for this year, now that the fundraiser is over. Please come to help with these decisions. Meetings are usually over in less than one hour.

The next **Market Day pick-up** is on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at Edgebrook School, from 3:15-5:00PM. Volunteers are always needed to help organize the orders and facilitate the pick-up.

**Fundraiser Pick-up** is on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-5:30PM in the cafeteria. All orders must be picked up on that date. We will need parent volunteers to help unload the truck at 2:00PM and help with the distribution from 3:00-5:30PM. Please consider helping out with this, if you can!

The **MegaEvent** (for all students who sold 10 Fundraiser items) will be held on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15-4:45PM, in the school gym and cafeteria. Parents will be responsible for picking up your children after the MegaEvent (4:45PM). There will be NO bus transportation from the MegaEvent. All parents must come in to the school to sign their child out from the MegaEvent. If your child will be walking home or will be picked up by someone other than the parents on that day, we will need a written note telling us the alternate arrangements. We will need many parent helpers that day to help run games and serve pop/popcorn.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>, the PTO in conjunction with Wendy's Restaurant, will be conducting a **Wendy's War**. The fourth grade date is Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The fifth grade date is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. From 5:00-8:00PM each evening, Wendy's is offering 15% of ALL sales back to Duker School. No coupon or flyer needs to be presented. The fourth grade will be competing against the fifth grade for the greatest amount of sales. The winning grade level will receive Wendy's Frosties. Our own mascot, Duke, will be at Wendy's, as well as Wendy!

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**RUN YOUR LIFE NEWS**---Join the Run Your Life revolution! Volunteer Opportunities Open House on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30PM, 404 N. Green Street, Shepherd of the Hills, Room 5. Become part of something special...taking charge of your health and well-being and sharing these opportunities with children and adults. Join us in supporting a healthy community! "Run Your Life" is a 501(c)(3) non-profit health and wellness organization motivating and offering opportunities for children and adults to be in charge of their health, fitness, and overall well-being.

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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<sup>nd</sup>, 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).

(DETACH AND RETURN)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parents, please check each date you can help (and/or attend) and return this form to school---

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with Duker/Edgebrook School's Market Day Pick-up on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15-5:00PM, at Edgebrook School.  
Please indicate the time you are available to help \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with Fundraiser Pick-up on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-5:30PM, at Duker School in the cafeteria. The truck arrives at 2:00PM and needs to be unloaded then. (We could use some dads at this time, although moms are welcome too!)  
The distribution begins at 3:00. (Any adult can help with this!)  
Please indicate the time you are available to help \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with the MegaEvent on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:45-4:45PM at Duker School in the gym/cafeteria. You would be supervising a game or serving pop/popcorn. We need many volunteers for this event!  
Please indicate the time you are available to help \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the Parent Information Night on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:00PM. The topic is: How to Help Your Child be Successful with Homework. Your child is invited to attend with you.  
To ensure we have enough copies of handouts, please indicate how many adults plan to attend from your family \_\_\_\_\_