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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**

**Monday, November 16-Friday, November 20---American Education Week**

**Tuesday, November 17**                      **PTO meeting 6:30 PM---Learning Center**

**Thursday, November 19**                      **Vision/Hearing Screening  
Family Reading Night**

**Friday, November 20**                      **Midquarter Reports go home  
Dragon Day---wear sport's themed clothes  
Bring food donations for local food pantry**

**Wednesday, November 25**                      **Thanksgiving Vacation---NO SCHOOL until  
Monday, November 30**

**Wednesday, December 2**                      **Market Day Pick-up  
3:15-5:00 at Edgebrook School**

**Thursday, December 3**                      **Vision/Hearing Re-Screening**

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**Many thanks to all who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences.**

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**PUBLIC FORUM---**The McHenry Elementary School District 15 Board of Education will be hosting a Public Forum, prior to the regularly scheduled Instructional School Board Meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Landmark School, 3614 Waukegan Road.

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**---Help bring hope and joy to less fortunate children this year by collecting new and unwrapped toys for children ages 0-14 this holiday season. Toys for Tots will have a box in our lobby for toys to be dropped off until December 4<sup>th</sup>. The toys will then be distributed as gifts for the holidays to children in our community. Additional information on events and other official Toys for Tots drop off locations can be found on the Toys for Tots website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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**IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**---It is that time of year when we begin to think about what to get our children for the holidays. If you are in need of assistance this year, please call the school Social Worker, Val Svihlik, before November 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to the large increase in families who need help this year, several changes have been made to the Christmas Assistance Program, in order to ensure that all children in need receive a gift. Details of these changes will be given when calling (815-344-7125) the school Social Worker to get on the list. Thank you.

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**GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING WINTER COATS, HATS AND GLOVES**---The Girl Scouts are collecting gently used or new coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc. for Snug Hug's Coat Drive. There is a donation box located in Duker's foyer.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**---Congratulations to the following students:

**Jenna Munson** is the winner of the Box Tops for Education drawing for October. She and a friend had lunch with the principals this week. Her name was drawn from all of the Box Tops for Education labels submitted in October. Please continue to save the labels from food products throughout the year---an easy way for us to get money for education.

**Mrs. Calhoun's class** won the Duker Dragon Day award for school spirit in October. Congratulations to her class.

**Amanda Cole, Alyssa Michmershuizen and Colin Bionda**---all were Agenda Drawing winners.

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**FAMILY READING NIGHT**---Family Reading Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian, Family Reading Night is celebrated annually in Illinois on the third Thursday in November. It is a statewide event when families are encouraged to turn off the TV and spend quality time reading together. The purpose is for parents to provide an example for the children and actively encourage lifelong reading. A "Detach and Return" slip is included at the end of this newsletter. If your family participates in Family Reading Night, please return the slip for your child to be eligible to win books. Since many families have commitments at night and may not be able to participate on November 19<sup>th</sup>, we will accept entry slips until Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will take place that day.

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(DETACH AND RETURN by November 24<sup>th</sup>)

**FAMILY READING NIGHT (NOVEMBER 19, 2009)**

Our family participated in Family Reading Night. The best part of the evening was:

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

