

## 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.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, February 5

Math-A-Thon money due  
Midquarter Reports go home  
Family Game Night 7:00-9:00PM-cafeteria  
Fourth grade brings snacks to share  
Fifth grade brings drinks to share  
Recycling Lessons in the classrooms

Monday, February 8

Dental Assembly---4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Recycling Lessons in the classrooms

Tuesday, February 9

Recycling Lessons in the classrooms

Wednesday, February 10

Building Expansion Meeting 7:00PM-cafeteria  
Recycling Lessons in the classrooms  
Market Day pick-up 3:15-5:00 at Edgebrook  
School cafeteria

Thursday, February 11

Early Release Day---beginning at 1:23PM

Friday, February 12

Valentine's Day parties in the classrooms-PM

Monday, February 15

President's Day---NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-8:00PM  
NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 18

Fifth Grade Concert-GOLD TEAM (Christl, Eberhard, Krofel, Nellessen, Radivoy and Ulrich) 7:00PM

Monday, February 22

Fifth Grade Concert-RED TEAM (Harmening, Raube, Rohlwing, Schilf, Sullivan-Petty and Vallianatos) 7:00PM

**ST. JUDE'S MATH-A-THON**---Money was due for the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon today (Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>). If your child did not return the pledges, please make sure the office gets them by Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who participated in this benefit!

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**YEARBOOK**---Don't forget that yearbook orders are due on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The students already have the order forms. Return the official order form envelope with cash or a check, made payable to Inter-State Studio, Inc. (NOT DUKER SCHOOL) for \$14 each. Please include the exact amount. The yearbooks usually do not arrive until May. We order very few extras.

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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT---TONIGHT!!!**---Tonight, February 5<sup>th</sup>, will be Family Game Night at Duker School. Please join us for a night of family fun playing Bingo for prizes. All of Duker students and their families are invited to a free night of fun from 7:00-9:00PM in our cafeteria. We ask that the Fourth Grade families bring snacks and the Fifth Grade families bring drinks to share. There will also be a 50/50 drawing that night! We still need a few parent helpers for the evening too. If you are able to set up, distribute Bingo cards, manage the snack tables or clean up, please offer to help when you arrive!

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**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**---Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30-8:00PM. Information about the conferences was sent home last week. It is not too late to schedule a conference. Please call or send a note to the classroom teacher if you would like to meet with your child's teacher. All teachers in the building are available to meet with you that day, even the specialists. There will be NO SCHOOL that day.

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**CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**---The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation and the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce will be co-hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of the Arts Program, Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at the First Midwest Bank in McHenry, from 4:00-7:00PM. This event showcases District 15's student artwork. Choral and band students from McHenry Middle School and Parkland School will also be performing throughout the evening. The Foundation will be raffling off many wonderful prizes. The Foundation will also host a "Taste of McHenry" during the program, featuring many local restaurants. All proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will benefit District 15 fine arts programs and the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation. For further information, please contact Cindee Nootbaar at 815-385-7210.

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**CHAUNCEY H. DUKER BUILDING EXPANSION PLANNING MEETING**---The Board of Education is planning to expand facilities at all of the district's schools in the near future **without the need of going for a referendum**. You are invited to attend a brief presentation at which the superintendent will share what the district has preliminarily planned for Chauncey H. Duker School. Please attend to share your ideas and offer input. The meeting is on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM, in the Duker School cafeteria.

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**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY**---Mary Musser, Tyler Clendening, Leigh Carstens, Abby Diedrich, Rachel Schneider, Ruby Wence, Elaina Verdung, Christian Montain, Amy Sharp, Elizabeth Becerril, Jordan Simo, Joe Diedrich, Jared Wojcik, Sarah Elitzer, Ricky Smith, Jorge Troncoso, Alexis Hurless, Jack Hennelly, Cailee Wallace, Haley Hendricks, Josearmando Berumen and Amber Zegers. The basket winner was Jorge Troncoso.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO---Allyson Kamrat, Bobby Miller, Allegra Cheung, Brandon Butler, and Kelsey Mattoon**, our recent Agenda Drawing winners. Congratulations to all!

Congratulations to **Mary Musser**, or BoxTops for Education winner for January. Mary and a friend will be treated to lunch with the principals, compliments of the PTO. Please continue to save the BoxTops for Education labels from food/grocery products. Have your child print his/her name on the back of each one and put in the box in the office. We draw one name each month for a free lunch.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sullivan-Petty's fifth grade class---Spirit Day winners for January. Way to Go!

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**NEW CELL PHONE LAW**---Did you know that a new law went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> that it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone? Please keep this in mind when you are near our schools.

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**CUB SCOUT 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**---On Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the cub scouts will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We ask that all scouts wear their scout uniforms next Monday.

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**PENNY WAR FOR DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**---From February 17<sup>th</sup>-February 26<sup>th</sup>, Duker School will be participating in a penny war to aid the humanitarian efforts of Doctors without Borders. This organization allows volunteer doctors/nurses to provide urgent medical care to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophes (like the one recently experienced in Haiti). Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be competing against students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In order to manage the number of coins we anticipate collecting, we need to have some **clean, empty, gallon milk jugs**. Please send them in with your child before that date. The teachers will be explaining the details of the penny war to the students.

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**RUN YOUR LIFE CURRENT EVENTS**---[www.runyourlife.org](http://www.runyourlife.org) "It's your Life...Run it!"

RYL is a 501c3 not-for-profit community group providing healthy opportunities of growth to the adults, children and families in our community.

**\*\*Adult Running Club**: Whether you run all the time or have never run before, this club is for you! We are a non-competitive, socially active group adding running to our lives as a healthy dynamic to being connected to our community. Join now and have the opportunity to begin training for your first 5K or Half Marathon! Free! Saturdays at Duker, 7:00AM; Tuesdays at Edgebrook, 6:30PM; and Fridays at Green Street Café, 1:00PM.

**\*\*Run Your Life Yoga**: Certified Yoga Instructor, Karen Buenzli, makes yoga fun! Join us for Session 2---10:30-11:30AM, Hilltop Gym, February 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, and 27. Free!

**\*\*Running Club for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades**: Our kids' club is really a fun time! We condition, play, share and learn the Run Your Life principles of being in charge of our lives! Outside running will begin when weather permits! Hilltop Gym, Saturdays, February 6-March 27, 9:00-10:00AM. Free!

**\*\*Running Club for 6-8 Grades**: Free! If experience and fun is what you are looking for in a coach, then look no further! Charlene Myers-Sponholtz' coaching style and enthusiasm is perfect for your teen? She has off-seasoned trained over 20 middle school-aged athletes to State Meet Competitions, including two of her own! Duker School, February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 6:30-7:30PM.

**To register for an event, please e-mail your name, contact info, and session enrolling to: [runyourlife@sbcglobal.net](mailto:runyourlife@sbcglobal.net). You will receive an e-mail confirming your enrollment.**

