

## 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

Wednesday, October 7

Market Day Pick-up 3:30-5:00 PM at  
Edgebrook School

Friday, October 9

Parent-Teacher Conference information  
sent home

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day---NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 13

Board of Education meeting---7:30 PM at  
Edgebrook School. Janessa Kruse,  
a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Duker, will be  
recognized as one of the top pledge-  
getters for the 5K Run/Walk-a-Thon

Thursday, October 15

Fall Fundraiser pick-up in the cafeteria  
3:15-6:00 PM  
NO Full Band

Friday, October 16

End of First Quarter

Monday, October 19

Red Ribbon Week begins

Tuesday, October 20

PTO meeting, 6:30 PM in Learning Center

Thursday, October 22

Picture Re-Take day  
Mega Event, 3:15-4:45 for any student who  
sold 10 fundraiser items  
NO Full Band

Friday, October 23

Report Cards go home  
Duker Dragon Day-wear spiritwear or  
school colors; bring food donation

**SOAR PROGRAM**---Our SOAR program is off to such a good start this year. Last Friday, we had an assembly to reinforce proper bus conduct. This week, we received a COMPLIMENT REPORT from one of our bus drivers. The report said, "I would like to compliment all the riders on Friday. They all said hello and bye, have a nice weekend. They all obeyed all the bus rules. I am proud of them. Thank you all. You made my day." That is such a great testament that demonstrates the effectiveness of our efforts.

Students now know the school song and the SOAR store is doing a thriving business. Students receive SOAR cards for exemplary behavior. They can save them and turn them in for purchases at the SOAR store. So far, over 2,000 cards have been used and over 5,000 cards are out in the building for distribution.

The September Students' of the Month have been selected. They are: **Luis Sandoval, Madison Amrine, Caroline Wilm, Emily Garcia, Breanna Callahan, Tiffany Kirk, Brisa Carreon, Mandie Daniels, Luke Kaspar, Adrian Soriano, Manny Villasenor, Jessica Taylor, Eric Rocco, Denise Beyer, Nicco Lorenzo, Kiara Johnston, Tyler Olson, Lizeth Luqueno, Megan Mathews, Hannah Peters and Jacob Pearson.**

**Luis Sandoval's** name was drawn as the overall school winner. Congratulations to all!

**Gary Hallaert Jr.'s** name was omitted from the August Student of the Month list printed in a previous newsletter. Congratulations to him too. Sorry, Gary!

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**THANK YOU**---Many thanks to all who use our recycling containers on the east side of the school. We received a check for \$23.40 this month for your efforts.

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**PTO NEWS**---Many thanks to all who helped with the Fall Fundraiser. The pick-up date for orders is Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15-6:00 PM. The MegaEvent for students who sold 10 items or more will be on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:15-4:45 PM. **THERE WILL BE NO BUS TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE MEGAEVENT. ALL PARENTS MUST PICK UP THEIR CHILD AND SIGN THEM OUT IN THE MAIN FOYER THAT DAY.** Volunteers are needed to help with both the pick-up date and with the MegaEvent. Both events require very little volunteer time. Please consider helping us with one or both of these events. There is a "Detach and Return" form at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help.

The winners of the Agenda Drawings for September were: **Nicole Barchman, Will Harness, Ellie Gioia, Leo Machado, Daniel Mondragon, A.J. Moreno, Jenna Munson, Alexa Compton, Chase Grasso, Nathan Smith, George Troncoso, Ryan Zasada and Gia Gabbani.** Each student has an agenda (assignment notebook) with a number assigned to it. We call 4 numbers each week. If the student's number is called and the student has kept up with the consistent use of it, the student wins a gift card to Border's.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Vallianatos'** class. Her class was selected as the first Duker Spirit Day winner.

The next Market Day pick-up will be on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15-4:45 PM at Edgebrook School.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Learning Center. Please join us!

## **RUN YOUR LIFE EVENTS---**

- Fall Running Club for 6-8 grade runners meets October 20, 27, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, Edgebrook School, 4:30-5:30 PM. Cost: Free! T-shirts, \$15.
- Running Club for Adults: Saturday, 7-8 AM, Chauncey H. Duker School, start date is October 24<sup>th</sup>, Cost: Free. T-shirts, \$15.
- Kids Clubs: Fun activities each gathering! Clubs meet: September 26, October 10, 24, November 14, December 12, January 9, 23, February 13, 27 and March 6.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 9-10:30 AM, Edgebrook School
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9-10:30 AM, Edgebrook School, McHenry
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30-8 PM, Duker School

Our group is very social and group oriented. Come hang with us!

To register: e-mail participant name, age, grade, contact info, and whether or not you are purchasing a t-shirt to: [runyourlife@sbcglobal.net](mailto:runyourlife@sbcglobal.net) or call (815) 861-5074. Thank you!

Run Your Life Bingo Fundraiser for parents only: October 12, 6:30 PM, McHenry Moose Lodge.

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## **McHENRY INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL (2009 GIRLS' BASKETBALL)---**

On behalf on the McHenry Instructional Basketball organization, we would like to welcome you to this year's Girls' Instructional Basketball League, grades 3-8. Each participant will have practice for 1 ½ hours, one night per week, and have eight games with referees, one game per week starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>, ending November 21<sup>st</sup>. Games are on Saturday afternoons from 12:00-6:00 PM. Coaches will provide equal playing time for each player. Please contact Scott Morris (McHenry Girls' Basketball Coach---West Campus High School) at (815) 236-6308, if you are interested in joining or you can register at McHenry Favorite Sports Center. We look forward to you being part of the team!

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**THE DENTIST IS COMING---**The Mobile Dentist is coming to Duker on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in having your child see the dentist, please return your form no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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(Detach and Return)

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with Fundraiser pick-up on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up time is 3:15-6:00 PM. The truck arrives at approximately 1:30, in the cafeteria at the school. Please indicate the time you can be here to help. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with the MegaEvent on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:00-4:45 PM in the gym. You might be serving popcorn or drinks or supervising a game. We need many helpers for this event.

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

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

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

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