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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 18

Teacher's Institute---NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 1

Character Counts word for October is
RESPECT

Friday, October 2

**Duker Dragon Day (School Spirit Day)---
wear black/orange for high school
homecoming weekend---Parade in the
afternoon**

MANY THANKS---Many thanks to all of the parents who support Duker School by designating us as the recipient of a Target Take Charge of Education donation. Target donates up to 1% of purchases to schools parents wish to support. Thanks to you, we just received a check for \$76.78. For other parents who would like to participate and help Duker School, please go to Target.com/tcoe.

Please remember to save Campbell's Soup labels, Box Tops for Education labels, empty InkJet cartridges, Kemp's milk lids, pop tops and old cell phones. Meijer's also has a program similar to Target's.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION---Box Tops for Education is giving away 1 million Bonus Box Tops to America's schools. There is a grand prize of 500,000 Box Tops (a \$50,000 value) and two first place prizes of 250,000 Box Tops. Go to www.thebigclip.com to enter a chance for Duker to win. You can enter every day through October 31st. Imagine what Duker could do with that!

NOTES FROM THE NURSE (Mrs. Horton)---

- Any student taking medication at school must have a "Request to Administer Medicine" form completed by both parent/guardian and physician. This includes cough drops, throat sprays, prescription and over-the-counter medications. ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT IN BY AN ADULT.
- The McHenry County Department of Public Health is requesting a daily report of symptoms and illness that are in our schools. When calling in a sick student, you may be asked what symptoms your child has so we can report to the Health Department. We do not report any names, only symptoms! As always, if your child is diagnosed with Respiratory Influenza or Chickenpox, please notify the school so we can notify the Health Department.
- If your child has been ill, please do not send him/her to school until he/she is well. A child must be fever free without fever reducing medications for 24 hours, before returning to school. Your child must also be free of vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours. Lastly, if your child is diagnosed with Strep Throat, he/she must be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours before returning to school. If your child is at school, it is our assumption that he/she is healthy enough to participate in regular school activities, including recess.

Thanks you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Health Office.

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

3rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY WALK FOR BREAST CANCER---Every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed. Every 14 minutes, someone loses their life. On October 3rd, YOU can help make a difference! In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, McHenry parent, Ange Powell, is organizing the 3rd Annual Community Walk for Breast Cancer. This will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. The Walk will begin and end at Fort McHenry Park, located at the corner of Rt. 120 and Front Royal Drive. Registration takes place between 9:00 and 10:00 AM, with the Walk beginning at 10:00. The route is approximately 3 miles. There is no entry fee, but walkers are encouraged to obtain pledges from family and friends. The first 50 walkers with \$50 or more in pledges will receive an event t-shirt. All proceeds will benefit the Avon Crusade for Breast Cancer. Refreshments will be served after the Walk. For more information or to print a pledge sheet, please visit the website at www.communitywalkforbreastcancer.org or call Ange Powell at 815-245-2561.

RUN YOUR LIFE---Run Your Life's Community Clubs for Kids begin September 26th. Grades K-2nd and 3rd-5th meet at Edgebrook School, 9:00-10:30 and grades 6th-8th meet at Duker School, 6:30-8:00 PM. Meeting dates: September 26, October 10 & 24, November 14, December 12, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, and March 6. Registration is open to all children in our communities and is done by submitting your child's name, age, grade in school, school, and the parent/guardian contact info. to runyourlife@sbcglobal.net or by calling 815-861-5074. Each participant is required to have a Release Form on file and that can be found on our website www.runyourlife.org. Our clubs are free of charge!