

## 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

Tuesday, December 8

Public Forum and Board of Education meeting at Landmark School, beginning at 7:00 PM  
Field trip---Miss Tenhoopen's class to Hawthorne Shopping Center 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

Thursday, December 10

Fourth Grade Music Concert for parents RED Team (Mrs. Calhoun, Mr. Cerney Mrs. Jozwiak, Miss Prater and Mrs. Willemarck's classes) 7:00 PM

Monday, December 14

Fourth Grade Music Concert for parents GOLD Team (Mrs. Justen, Mrs. Kittl, Mrs. Rockers and Miss Schwall's classes) 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 15

PTO meeting in Learning Center 6:30 PM

Friday, December 18

Duker Dragon Day-Wear red/green today  
Bring food items for a local food pantry  
Jack Franks' Awards 8:45 AM

Tuesday, December 22

End of the Second Quarter  
Holiday parties in the classroom

Wednesday, December 23 through Sunday, January 3---WINTER BREAK

Monday, January 4---Classes Resume

Friday, January 8---Report Cards go home

Saturday, January 9---Chili Cook-off at Parkland School

## **CONGRATULATIONS---**

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month: **Patrick Herman, Charlie Mendez, Alex Simo, Zack Dzierlinga, Marc Szamlewski, Ashley Moore, Jack Hephner, Becky Grieve, Ryan Hicks, Madison Lewis, Carlos Santiago, Joe Mihevc, Evan Sahm, Alex Lopez, Brendon Kaunas, Alex Skrobish, Lindsey Huff, Weronika Rusin, Robin Henry, Travis Greene, Brooke Clements, Madison Brophy, Naida Corona, Tori Bender and Paola Garcia.** The Student of the Month Basket winner was **Travis Greene.**

Congratulations to the following students whose families participated in Family Reading Night: **Emily Litowchak, Juliana Carlson, Nate Whitmore, Ian Grubich, Adriana Sanchez, Rafael Baglio, Mrs. Sullivan-Petty's family, Miss Prater's family, Elizabeth Becerril, Matthew Wolkober, Loretta Petrov, Keeley Hayes, Michael Kerkering, Amy Sharp, Christian Montain, Jarret Rzeszutko, Alex Simo, Mikayla and T.J. Russell, Jose Orduna, Leland Zalinger, Kayla Lange, Haley Hendricks, Trysta Grassel, Madison Brophy, Kailey Lindholm, Coral Palmer, Brendon Kaunas, Bradley Garcia, Jose Ruiz, Jhoana Ruiz, Alyssa Michmershuizen, Joe Mihevc, DeeAnne Sander, Caitlin Swanson, Vicky Garcia, Jared Prien, Alexa Compton, Abbey Sandoz, Joe Diedrich, Zach Hoffstetter, Brisa Carreon and Moises Vasquez-Kamedula.** All students received a hard cover book! Thanks to all families who participated. Almost all of the comments said that the best part of the evening was reading together as a family!

Congratulations to our recent Agenda Drawing winners: **Marlee Doherty, Keegan Humes-Kroll, Kyle Lim, Trey Herman and Robby Brown.** All received a gift card to Border's, compliments of our PTO.

Congratulations to our Basket Raffle winners: **Alyssa Varkalis, Joe Mihevc, Crystal Castilla, Matt Cantwell, Dylan Richartz and Devin Edwards.** Many thanks to all of the parents who donated items for the baskets. We raised over \$900 for our SOAR program!

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**RECEIVE SCHOOL CLOSING ALERTS DIRECTLY TO YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE!---**McHenry School District 15 is excited to announce that we are using Nixle.com to send you trusted alerts and notifications. Nixle is a community information service designed to deliver you trustworthy community alerts and event notifications (such as school closings) instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email and web. There is NO spam or advertising. Nixle is available at no cost (standard text message rates apply for the cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers). To enroll, simply visit our website at [www.d15.org](http://www.d15.org), then click on School Closings and follow the directions.

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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, located at 3614 Waukegan Road, McHenry.

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**REMINDER---**Please make sure that you remember to call the school office if your child will not be at school because of sickness, vacation or appointments. We need the call to be made everyday your child will not be in attendance. (815) 344-7125.

## **VISION-HEARING SCREENINGS WILL BE COMPLETED ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**---There is an Annual Christmas Bazaar at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3506 E. Wonder Lake Road, Wonder Lake (1 mile north of Route 120), Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please come to the wonderful annual community event. Enjoy the crafts, raffles, cookie walk, silent auction and much more. There will be a special raffle for a resort in the Wisconsin Dells. We will also have a kid's craft corner. For a small fee, your kids can keep busy doing crafts while you shop. Food and beverages are available. Mrs. Claus will be there also handing out candy canes. Any questions, please call the church at (815) 653-3832.

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**CITY REVENUES TO DEPEND ON ACCURATE CENSUS IN APRIL 2010**---In April, 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct its survey to find out just how many of us Americans there really are. The census count is extremely important to us as a city. We receive state and federal funds based on our population. A short count means we won't get our fair share of those funds. In addition, population determines state and federal legislative boundaries. After the census is concluded, our Congressional, State Senate and State House districts will be redrawn. So, a lot of things depend on us getting a proper count of our residents. For this census, the form is going to be much shorter and much less intrusive than in 2000. There will only be 10 questions on the form that you'll be asked to fill out. The information is absolutely confidential. We, at the city level, never see the information. We only get a broad analysis of the data. The census will also offer an opportunity for employment. We'll be posting information about where and how to apply for jobs working with the census---or you can go to the census website at [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov). This is an extremely important survey and I hope you'll all be counted.