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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, January 8

Report Cards go home

Saturday, January 9

Chili Cook-Off at Parkland School

11:00-1:00 PM

Staff members are cooking. Please come and vote for Duker's chili!

Wednesday, January 13

Market Day pick-up 3:15-5:00 PM at Edgebrook School cafeteria

Thursday, January 14

Fifth Grade Band Concert 7:00 PM

Friday, January 15

Early Release Day-Dismissal begins at 1:23

Blood Drive in Duker School Cafeteria

1:45-5:45

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday-NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 19

PTO Meeting 6:30 PM in the Learning Center

Wednesday/Thursday
January 20-21

State ACCESS testing for our bilingual/ESL students

Friday, January 22

Wellness Fair Assembly 1:45

Monday, January 25

St. Jude Math-A-Thon begins

Friday, February 5

Family Game Night---Save the Date!

7:00-9:00 PM Bingo

Midquarter Reports go home

NOTES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE (Melissa Horton)---Please remember that ALL medications need to be brought in by a parent/guardian and MUST have a medication order form signed by a physician. This includes cough drops, over the counter medications, throat sprays, Neosporin and prescription medications. We will not be able to give them to your child and your child will not be able to bring them back home.

Also, if you received a note home stating that your child failed the vision screening, please remember to make an appointment with an eye doctor for an examination.

MANY THANKS---We received a check from BoxTops for Education for \$336.50 and a check from recycling for \$16.78. Thank you so much for sending in the BoxTops and for using the recycling bins, located between Duker and Edgebrook Schools. Please continue to save the BoxTops. We will be submitting our second group in March for payment. Please have your child write his/her name on the back of each BoxTop for a chance to win one of the monthly lunches with the principals.

CONGRATULATIONS TO---Our December Students of the Month were: **Crystal Castilla, Sabrina Krepel, Jeniffer Garwood, Ryan Zasada, Cody Wourms, Brendan Kromer, Julia Craddock, Jose Ruiz de la Rosa, Owen Patzin, Adam Potter, Tiffany Herman, Kennedy Kosmalski, Mikayla Russell, Will Murphy, David Roush, Andrew Pilat, Taelor Schmitz, John Anderlik, Brandon Khan-Fagg, Justin Bird, Jason Nelson and Elias DeLeon.** Our basket winner for the month was **Julia Craddock.**

Congratulations to our recent Agenda Drawing Winners: **Sarah Otterson, Rebecca Harder, Kelsey Houlihan, Ryan Jacobsen, Robin Henry, Chloe Hallin, Ramsey Trost, Abby Freund, Nick Lazzara and Jennifer Hernandez.** All received a gift card from Border's, compliments of our PTO.

BLOOD DRIVE---January is National Blood Donor month. In order to recognize the importance of donating blood, McHenry Elementary School District 15 is sponsoring our Annual community Blood Drive! It will be held on Friday, January 15th, at Duker School, from 1:45-5:45 PM. This is an Early Release Day, so schedule your appointments early! Appointments can be made by calling Bonnie McCormack at 815-759-8502 or by e-mail at bmccormack@d15.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. Everyone who donates will receive a t-shirt, a \$5 Arch Card from McDonalds and a raffle ticket for prizes donated by our community. Our local hospitals rely on volunteer donors. Please consider this generous donation.

We are also having this drive in honor of one of our Parkland School students, Shannon Sauer, who received a heart transplant this fall. With this in mind, we will have literature about organ donation, and, if you are not yet an organ donor, you may sign up to become one at the drive.

YEARBOOK ORDERS---It's time to order Duker School yearbooks for 2009-2010! The order forms went home this week. The final date to order is Friday, February 26th. You may order any number of yearbooks. Return the official order form envelope with cash or a check made payable to Inter-State Studio, Inc. **(NOT DUKER SCHOOL)** for \$14.00 each. Please include the exact amount! The yearbooks usually do not come in until May. There are very few extra yearbooks ordered, so it is best to pre-order and reserve a copy now.



BLOOD DRIVE

Give the Gift of Life

McHenry School District #15
is sponsoring a community
blood drive at
DUKER SCHOOL
3711 W. Kane

When: Friday, January 15, 2010
Time: 1:45 pm - 5:45 pm

For an appointment, please contact
Bonnie McCormack
815-759-8502
bmccormack@d15.org

Walk-ins are welcome!

Math-A-Thon begins on January 25, 2010-Please watch for permission slips to come home!

GREAT PRIZES FOR PARTICIPANTS

- ◆ All participating students receive a certificate of achievement.
- ◆ Students raising $\geq \$35$ receive a **MATH-A-THON** T-shirt and a **St. Jude** pass.
- ◆ Students raising $\geq \$75$ receive a **MATH-A-THON** draw string backpack, T-shirt and a **St. Jude** pass.
- ◆ There are also prizes for students to choose from when they raise **\$125-\$249**, **\$250-\$499** and **$\geq \$500$** .

Visit www.mathathon.org for a complete list of student prizes.

GREAT PRIZES FOR COORDINATORS, TOO

Coordinators can earn great prizes for their participation in the program. Visit www.mathathon.org for a complete listing of available prizes.

Prizes and incentive levels subject to change.



St. Jude patient Akilah
9 years old
Astrocytoma

WHO YOU HELP

Akilah was always the picture of perfect health, so when she started having problems with coordination, her parents were concerned. They took her to the local hospital for tests. Scans revealed the cause of Akilah's problems, a type of brain tumor called astrocytoma. She underwent surgery and was referred to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for treatment. At St. Jude, Akilah underwent chemotherapy. A year after her initial surgery, her tumor returned. Akilah's continuing treatment included radiation. She finished treatment in September and returns to St. Jude for regular checkups. Akilah, who is now in third grade, likes to play and make friends.

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