

## 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

Monday-Friday  
October 19-23

**Red Ribbon Week** (see attached schedule of daily activities)

Tuesday, October 20

**Field Trip to Royal Oaks Farm**  
Mrs. Eberhard's class 9:15AM-2:15PM  
PTO meeting 6:30PM in Learning Center  
All parents are invited and encouraged to attend

Thursday, October 22

**Picture Re-take Day**  
**MegaEvent—3:15-4:45PM** for all students who sold 10 fundraiser items  
**Board of Education meeting at Central Office 7:30PM**

Friday, October 23

**Report Cards go home**  
**Duker Dragon Day---**wear school spiritwear or school colors (red/yellow)  
**Bring food items for a local food pantry**

Monday, October 26

**Mobile Dentists here—for those who have signed up to receive these services**

Tuesday, October 27

**Mobile Dentists here---**for those who have Signed up to receive these services

Wednesday, October 28

**Field trip to Woodstock Theatre**  
Mrs. Tenhoopen's class  
11:30AM-2:05PM

Friday, October 30

**Halloween parties in the classrooms**

**DON'T FORGET**---Time changes on November 1---move clocks back one hour!

Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-NO SCHOOL!

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**NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**---As we near the cold and flu season, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of hand washing. Please remind your children to wash their hands for **at least 15 seconds with warm soap and water** before eating, after using the toilet, after blowing or wiping their noses, after coughing or sneezing and after petting animals. It is also important to remember to cough and sneeze into the crook of your elbow and not your hands, so germs don't float into the air or your hands. Above all, please remind your children **NOT** to put their fingers in their eyes, nose or mouth.

The Mobile Dentist is coming on October 26<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> for those students who have returned the forms.

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**AND THE WINNERS ARE**---The following students have won the Agenda Drawings in the past couple of weeks: **Colt Rogers, Andrew Dodd, Zack Dzierlinga, Victor Safin and Kristina McKeehan.**

**Catherine Goetsch** won Lunch with the Principals for September. Her name was drawn from all of the BoxTops for Education labels we have received so far. We will draw another name on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the next lunch. Continue to save the BoxTops for Education labels and have your child print his/her name on the back. Each month, we empty the labels and start over.

**Mrs. Eberhard's** class was the last Duker Dragon Day winner. Each month, we have a school spirit day with a theme. The class with the most participation wins \$25 for their classroom, compliments of the PTO. The next Duker Dragon Day will be on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We ask that each student either wear school spiritwear or school colors (red/yellow). We also ask that each student bring a food item donation for a local food pantry.

**Janessa Kruse** was recognized at this week's Board of Education meeting for being one of the top pledge-getters for the 5K/Walk-a-Thon in September. Way to go, Janessa!

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**PTO NEWS**---Please join us at our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, in the Learning Center. We should be able to make some decisions about how to spend money received from the Fall Fundraiser.

The MegaEvent for all students who sold 10 items from the Fall Fundraiser will be held after school until 4:45 on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the school gym. Volunteers are needed to help run games and serve popcorn and pop. Please let us know if you can help. **ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP AND SIGNED OUT. THERE WILL BE NO BUS TRANSPORTATION.** If your child will be carpooling with someone else, please send a note to school with your child so we have that information.

The next Market Day pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15-5:00 PM.

**HALLOWEEN IS COMING UP FAST---**Please look for information about the specific classroom activities from your child's teacher. Remember to keep your child's costume appropriate for school. No costume should include any type of toy weapon or have a violent/bloody theme. Aerosol sprays are not allowed at school. If possible, keep the costume simple so your child can put it on over regular school clothes. If you are sending in food for the classroom party, keep in mind that all food brought into the school must be commercially prepared.

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**PICTURE RETAKE DAY---**Interstate Studios will return on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, to complete fall pictures. Students who were absent on September 17<sup>th</sup>, who are new to Duker School since then, or who would like their pictures retaken should be photographed on that day. All students need to be photographed for the yearbook, even if no pictures are purchased. If you are not pleased with your child's pictures, you must return the entire packet on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for your child to be photographed. For all other students, order forms are in the office. Please have your child stop by to get one.

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**NEWS FROM THE RIVER EAST LIBRARY---**East Tennessee native and former Chicagoan Jim Pfitzer will be returning to the area this October to share Appalachian ghost stories at several libraries. Pfitzer says he is excited to be back in northern Illinois saying, "I lived in the area for almost 10 years--longer than I've lived in Tennessee as an adult, so, in a way, coming here is like home." Known for his nature-based tales and distinctly southern delivery, Pfitzer plans on sharing stories ranging from just-for-fun ghost stories to some pretty scary stuff, but he assures parents that all ages are welcome and he will warn parents before the scarier stories so they can have their children sitting with them for those parts of the shows. Pfitzer will be at River East Public Library on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM and at the McHenry Public Library on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00PM. For more information, you can call the libraries at the following numbers: River East at 815-385-6303, and McHenry at 815-344-5878. Registration is required for this program.

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

- Get Ready, Get Set, Run! Clinic. Please join us for an intro to running meeting led by two experts in the field, Brenda Napholz and Jerry Sullivan, will share all you need to know to get you prepared to run! Highly recommended for our running club members, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM at McHenry Middle School.
- Fall Running Club for 6th-8th grade runners meets October 20, 27; November 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, Edgebrook School, 4:30-5:30PM. Cost: Free! T-shirts-\$15.
- Running Club for Adults: Saturday, 7-8AM, Chauncey H. Duker School, start date is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Cost: Free. Tshirts-\$15.
- Kids' Clubs: Fun activities each gathering! Clubs meet: October 24; November 14; December 12; January 9, 23; February 13, 27 and March 6.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 9-10:30AM, Edgebrook School
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6:30-8PM, 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!