

## 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 FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1	Time changes---move clocks back 1 hour
Monday, November 2	Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-9:00 PM NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-8:00 PM NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 4	Market Day pick-up at Edgebrook School 3:15-5:00 PM
Thursday, November 5	<u>Early Release Day</u> ---Dismissal at 1:23 PM
Tuesday, November 10	Board of Education meeting 7:30 PM at Hilltop School
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day---Classroom activities
Monday, November 16-Friday, November 20	American Education Week
Tuesday, November 17	PTO meeting 6:30 PM---Learning Center
Thursday, November 19	Vision/Hearing screening
Friday, November 20	Midquarter Reports go home Dragon Day---wear sports' themed clothes Bring food donations for local food pantry
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Vacation---NO SCHOOL until Monday, November 30

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**---Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please remember that there is no school for students on either day. You should have received information from the classroom teacher about specific times for your conference. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a perfect time to touch base with your child's teacher. Our teachers are ready to share expectations about how your child is doing in comparison to his/her talents. Parents always know their children best and can provide our teachers with valuable insight about the education of their child too. Both parents and teachers want the same thing---for children to succeed. We realize that home-school connection is often a challenge with work schedules and home activities, but it is crucial we keep the lines of communication open between us for the success of the students. If you now find that the time assigned to you is not possible, please be sure to call the teacher to reschedule a better time. If something comes up on the day of the conference, the office has the teacher's schedules and can usually work you in at another time.

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**MANY THANKS**---We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who helped with the MegaEvent on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Adam Garcia, Sue Hansen, Beverly McGee, Ray and Kathy Wollschlaeger, John and Jack Miller, Lu and Miranda Carstens, Sue Kaspar, Ingrid Freund, Barb Sharp, Andrea Callahan and Marci Starrett.** Your help was so appreciated!

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**CONGRATULATIONS**---**AGENDA WINNERS: Lindsay Grannemann, Alex Voska, Abby Diedrich, Anna Bidlack, Damaris Enriquez, Caroline Wilm and Adrian Soriano.**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Ellie Gioia, Kaleigh O'Brien, Cheyenne Hoffman, Madisyn Kaempf, Nikki Talkowski, Kelsey Mattoon, Jenna Munson, Rico Martinez, Tara Jacobson, Kayla Krock, Jhoana Ruiz de la Rosa, Jennifer Rodriguez, Rebecca Harder, DeeAnne Sander, Gia Gabbani, Shane Firnbach, Casey Curry, Devin Riley, Derrick Nguyen, Antonia Hoadley, Marlee Doherty, Adriana Sanchez, Angelo Smith, Jacob Harwell and Makayla Wiseman.** Congratulations to all!

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**EMERGENCY FORMS**---Please advise the school office of any changes that are made to parent and emergency contact information as soon as possible throughout the school year. It is very important that we always have the most up-to-date information for the school office and the health office. If you change jobs, move, get a new cell phone number, change babysitters, or change authorized relatives/friends who may pick up your child, we need that information. Please remember that only the people you listed on the emergency form should pick up your child. With the flu season coming on, we need to be able to reach you!

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**SUBSTITUTE NURSES NEEDED**---Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to be on the same work schedule as your child's school days? Are you a Registered Nurse or an LPN? If so, we need you! We are interested in hiring available LPN's or RN's as substitute nurses for our schools. On occasion, we have a need to place a substitute nurse in a building while a nurse is at a seminar, training, etc. If you are interested, please drop off a resume or application at our Central Administrative Office at 1011 North Green Street. Applications are available at the Central Office or in each school building.

**BLOOD DRIVE**---Heartland Blood Drive, sponsored by MCTA (McHenry Classroom Teachers Association), will be sponsoring their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Blood Drive for Heartland Blood Centers on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at Riverwood School in the cafeteria from 3:30-7:30 PM. This drive is open to the public. Appointments can be scheduled online at: <http://iwebb.heartlandbc.org/pls/iwebb/adrv?pdz=75038&pdr=DRV2007207>. Walk-ins are also welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact Betsey Chase at 815-344-7130 ext. 5450.

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**MOTHER/DAUGHTER CONFERENCE**---Get real! A Mother/Daughter Conference...Removing the Mask-Revealing the Truth. You're invited! Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-3:30. Expect to be inspired, encouraged and challenged to face today's issues with honesty and truth. Be encouraged to embrace the teen years together in faith instead of fear. To register: go to [www.girlsempoweringtruth.org](http://www.girlsempoweringtruth.org). Held at: Evangelical Free Church, 575 E. Crystal Lake Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois, 60014.

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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.