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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

Monday, September 7	Labor Day---NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 8	Fall Fundraiser ends Public Forum (7:00 PM) and Board of Education (7:30 PM) meetings at Parkland School
Wednesday, September 9	Market Day pick-up at Edgebrook School 3:30-5:00 PM
Sunday, September 13	Walk-A-Thon for Literacy 7:00 AM-sign in, 8:00 AM Walk-A-Thon/5K Run at Riverwood School
Tuesday, September 15	PTO meeting in the Learning Center 6:30 PM (All parents are invited and encouraged to attend)
Wednesday, September 16	Duker Dragon Day (School Spirit Day) Say good-bye to summer---wear sunglasses, flipflops, baseball caps, Hawaiian shirts
Thursday, September 17	Picture Day---please note the new date! Midquarter Reports go home
Friday, September 18	Teacher's Institute---NO SCHOOL

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE----BoxTops for Education, Campbell Soup labels, empty InkJet cartridges, old cell phones, pop tops, Kemp's milk lids, Nestle's Pure Life bottled water labels.

SOAR PROGRAM---Our SOAR program is off to a great start! Students almost know the school song and most students have received SOAR cards. The SOAR store has a thriving business with students cashing in their cards. The August Student of the Month winners were: **Leah Curfman, Brad Beyer, Kristine Tenhagen, Jullian True, Nicole Barchman, Jeff Beggs, Jessica Gonzalez, Brennen Bemont, Nicholas Thielsen, Reagen Russell, Ian Grubich, Vicky Garcia, Kaehler Russell, Matthew Cantwell, Derek Hogel, Autumn Holmstrom, Jessica Flores, Nate Fuller, Tori Bender and Beverly Cooper.** **Beverly Cooper's** name was drawn as the overall school winner. Congratulations to all!

The classrooms who have exemplified the best lunchroom behavior and cooperation were: **Mrs. Kittl's class, Mrs. Nellessen's class, Mrs. Sullivan-Petty's class and Mrs. Calhoun's class.**

PTO NEWS---The first PTO meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:30 PM, in the Duker Learning Center. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend to help with planning events and allocating funds.

Market Day pick-up is Wednesday, September 9th, from 3:30-5:00. Please consider choosing Duker School as the recipient of the profits from your purchase.

FALL FUNDRAISER ORDERS AND MONEY ARE DUE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.

The pick-up date for orders is Thursday, October 15th, from 3:15-6:00 PM. The MegaEvent for students who sell 10 items or more is Thursday, October 22nd, from 3:15-4:45 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with both the pick-up date and with the MegaEvent. Both events require very little volunteer time. Please contact the school office if you can help.

The winners of our first Agenda Drawing were **Amy Ducy, Ian Gutierrez and Tara Jacobson.** Each student has an agenda (assignment book). In the front of each book is a number. Four numbers are called each Friday. If the student has the book here and consistently has kept track of assignments and has parent signatures each day, the student wins a Border's Gift card.

Many thanks to all of the families who purchased books from the Book Fair at Open House. We are very appreciative of the volunteers who helped with the sale: **Jennifer Keyes, Corrin Bird, Barb Sharp, Tiffani Carlson, Ingrid Freund, Brooke Jensen, Cindy Thielsen, Sue Kaspar and Denise Murvine.**

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY---On Thursday, September 17th, school pictures will be taken. Ordering information was sent home this week. Every student will be photographed for the yearbook, whether or not a purchase is made. Return your order form with your child that day. Smile! (The original date was changed from the first newsletter).

PUBLIC FORUM---On September 8th, from 7:00-7:30 PM at Parkland School, the McHenry Elementary School District 15 Board of Education will be holding a public forum to solicit community input. The Board of Education is in the process of updating the district's strategic plan and would like to hear any ideas citizens may have to improve the education for all of our students. The current strategic plan is detailed on the district's website at www.d15.org. Please attend and offer your opinions. In addition, a survey will be available on the district's website by which you may offer your input.

