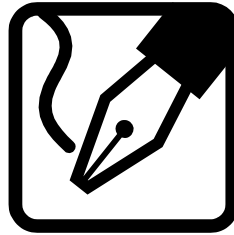


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



The mission of Riverwood Elementary School is to accomplish the following:

- “To nurture the development of the total child;
- To foster a love of learning;
- To provide instruction in the basic skills required for active, involved, and responsible citizenship in our school, community, and country;
- And to maintain an environment that promotes the safety, well-being, intellectual stimulation, mutual respect, and enthusiasm of all students, staff, and families, alike.”

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“TOGETHER we make our school a SUCCESS!”

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

Monday, September 7
Tuesday, September 8
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Wednesday, September 9
Sunday, September 13
Monday, September 14
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, September 17
Friday, September 18

No School - Labor Day
Board of Education Public Forum 7:00-7:30 P.M. at Parkland School
Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 P.M. at Parkland School
Market Day Pickup in the Cafeteria from 4:15--5:15 P.M.
McHenry Elementary Education Foundation Walking for Words 5K Walk-A-Thon
PTO meeting in Learning Center at 7:00 P.M.
Mid Quarter Reports go home.
Fall Fundraiser Packets due.
No School - Teacher Institute Day

MARKET DAY PICKUP...Market Day pickup is from 4:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. in Riverwood’s cafeteria. Please **do not** enter the back parking lot until all the busses have been dismissed.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL...Please remember to call the school office at 815-344-7130 to report your child’s absence. We are required by law to call you to verify the whereabouts of your child. This procedure is for the safety of your child. If you wish to call prior to 8:35 A.M., you may leave a message on the voice mail stating your child’s name, teacher’s name, and reason for absence. If the absence is due to illness, please include any symptoms your child is experiencing. If your child has been diagnosed with an illness by his/her physician, please report that also. If your child has a fever of over 100°, please inform the school nurse. The McHenry County Department of Health is requesting a weekly report of symptoms and illnesses that are in our school. We do not report any names on this report, only symptoms and illnesses.

A NOTE ON EMAILS...The staff at Riverwood School works hard to reply to all e-mails in a timely manner. If you have sent an e-mail to one of our staff and have not received a response, please give us a call so that we can follow up. Occasionally, our district e-mail filter will take a legitimate e-mail and block the message as SPAM or junk e-mail. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 current information on file for your child. Please remember that only people listed on the emergency form should pick up your child.

FIELD TRIPS...Our first field trip for the school year are being scheduled. Students need to ride the school bus to and from the school when attending field trips. Please sign your child out in the office after the field trip if you wish to take your child home early.

NO SCHOOL...There will be no school on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day.

PICTURE RETAKES...If you missed Fall Picture Day on September 1st, picture retakes are scheduled for October 23rd.

PUBLIC FORUM... On September 8th from 7:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. 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.

McHENRY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES...Walking for Words—Annual Walk-A-Thon...The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation will be sponsoring the annual "Walking for Words" Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, September 13th, 2009, at Riverwood School. One half of the proceeds will go to purchase reading materials for our eight McHenry District 15 schools and one half will go to the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation.

Detailed information and pledge forms have been distributed to students. Please come out and join us for a great time. If you need additional pledge forms or information, contact your school office or call John Lehnen or Cindee Nootbaar at District 15 Central Office, (815)-385-7210.

When: Sunday, September 13th, 2009
Where: Riverwood School
Sign-in: 7:00 A.M. – 7:30 A.M.
Program: 8:00 A.M.

After completing the 5K Run/walk, there will be an awards ceremony in the gym.

MUSICAL SCHEDULE...Below is a list of the musical dates for the 2009-2010 school year. Please mark your calendars.

Thursday, October 22 – 5th grade; rehearsing 9:15-10:15 M/T/W that week

Thursday, November 19 – 2nd grade; rehearsing 2:40-3:40 M/T/W/Th that week

Thursday, December 3 – 3rd grade; rehearsing 11:25-12:25 M/T/W that week

Thursday, February 25 – 1st grade; rehearsing 1:40-2:40 M/T/W/Th that week

Thursday, March 18 – 4th grade; rehearsing 10:15-11:15 M/T/W/Th that week
