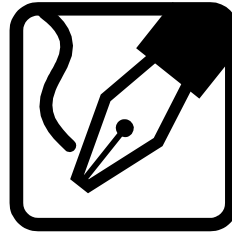


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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...

Sat., Oct. 17 - Sun., Oct. 25
Sun., Oct. 18 – Sat., Oct. 24
Wednesday, October 21
Thursday, October 22
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Friday, October 23
Friday, October 23
Friday, October 23
Thursday, October 29
Friday, October 30

National Red Ribbon Week
Character Counts Week
B-PAC (Bilingual Parent Advisory Council) Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
PTO Assembly, “Friends,” at 9:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
5th Grade Musical in the Gym at 7:00 P.M.
Board of Education Meeting at Central at 7:30 P.M.
Report Cards go home.
Picture Retake Day
4th Grade Field Trip to Raue Center 11:30 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.
Kindergarten Halloween Parties
Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.
No School for Kindergarten
Grades 1st-5th Halloween Parties
No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 30
Mon., Nov. 2 & Tues., Nov. 3

RED RIBBON WEEK...The Red Ribbon campaign is a nationwide drug prevention awareness effort marked as an opportunity to celebrate living healthy and drug-free lives. It began in 1985 as a way to tell the story of Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, who was killed because of his work to stop illegal drugs. He had told his mother that he did this work because he “wanted to make a difference.” The red ribbon has become a symbol and a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. Our aim at Riverwood School is to encourage our students to make positive choices that will impact their future as drug-free individuals. The McHenry Area Youth Commission will be providing red ribbons for students and staff this year.

RED RIBBON WEEK THEME 2009...“Make Footprints Worth Following!”

RED RIBBON WEEK THEME DAYS: October 19-23, 2009

Monday “Too Bright to do Drugs Day” Wear bright colored clothes.
Tuesday “Hugs Not Drugs Day” Bring in your favorite stuffed animal.
Wednesday “I’m a JEAN-ius. I’m Drug-Free!” Wear blue jeans.
Thursday “Drugs Turn You Inside Out” Wear clothes inside out.
Friday “Wear Red Day” Wear red clothes.

PTO ASSEMBLY...On Thursday, October 22nd, the PTO is funding an assembly titled “Friends.” It highlights Red Ribbon Week and Character Counts Week. The assembly is about friendship and how important relationships are in your life. It focuses on how you can BE a friend, how you CHOOSE your friends, and how you can LOSE your friends.

HALLOWEEN...With Halloween around the corner and the excitement of the costumes and classroom parties, please keep in mind what is appropriate for school. Students may bring their costumes to school and be able to change before the party begins. **Any kind of aerosol sprays, hair gels, or make-up are not allowed in school. Also, no costume should include any kind of toy weapon or portray any bloody or violent themes.** If possible, the costume should be able to be slipped on over the top of the school clothes. A reminder to parents to please be sure to sign in with the office and obtain a visitor’s pass before joining your child’s classroom for Halloween festivities. Those of you who choose to wear a costume to school are asked to please be sure that your costume does not conceal your face so that we have no questions of identity. **If you are sending in food for the classroom parties, it must be commercially prepared.** Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES...Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 30th (Kindergarten only 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.), Monday, November 2nd from 1:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., and Tuesday, November 3rd from 12:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

HEARTLAND BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY MCTA...The McHenry Classroom Teachers Association will be sponsoring their 2nd annual blood drive for Heartland Blood Centers on Thursday, November 5th, at Riverwood School in the cafeteria from 4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. 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 Betsy Chase at (815)344-7130 ext. 5450.

GET READY, GET SET, RUN! CLINIC...Please join us for an intro to running meeting lead by two experts in the field, Brenda Napholz and Jerry Sullivan. They will share all you need to know to get you prepared to run. It's highly recommended for our Running Club Members. The meeting is scheduled on October 20th at 7:30 P.M. at MMS. Free!

☺ The Character Counts theme for October is Respect ☺

