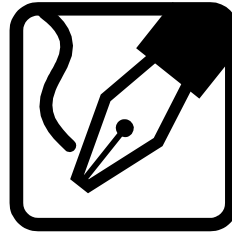


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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...

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| Friday, October 30 | Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. |
| Friday, October 30 | No school for kindergarten students. |
| Friday, October 30 | Halloween Parties for Grades First through Fifth |
| Sunday, November 1 | Daylight Saving Time ends. |
| Monday, November 2 | No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. |
| Tuesday, November 3 | No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday, November 4 | 3 rd Grade Field Trip to Center for Performing Arts 10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday, November 4 | Market Day Pickup in the Cafeteria 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. |
| Thursday, November 5 | Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:05 for walkers, 2:10 for bus riders |
| Thursday, November 5 | MTCA Blood Drive in the Cafeteria 4:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. |
| Friday, November 6 | Red & Blue Day – Show your spirit by wearing our school colors. |
| Mon., Nov. 9 & Tues., Nov. 10 | PTO Author Visit in the Learning Center |
| Monday, November 9 | PTO Meeting in the Learning Center at 7:00 P.M. |
| Tuesday, November 10 | PTO Fall Fundraiser Pickup from 4:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. |

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.

AUTHOR VISIT...Award-winning children's author Jennifer Ward is scheduled to visit our school on Nov. 9th and 10th. What a great way to celebrate literacy in our school! The PTO has Jennifer Ward's book, Over the Garden, in paperback for sale. All of Jennifer Ward's books will be autographed while she is here in November.

TIPS ON STAYING HEALTHY DURING FLU SEASON...We have been seeing a rise in influenza-like illnesses and will continue to see these numbers go up throughout the flu season. Prevention is still the key in reducing the risk of acquiring influenza. Washing your hands frequently with soap and water, coughing into your elbow, avoiding close contact with people who are sick, and staying home and getting plenty of rest when you are sick are all ways to control the spread of influenza. Please make sure that the office has current information on phone numbers to reach you if your child was to become ill during the day. If your child is sent home ill, please remember that they must be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

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/advr?pdz=75038&pdr=DRV2007207>
Walk-ins are also welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Chase at (815)344-7130 ext. 5450.

DISTRICT 15 IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE NURSES...Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to be on the same work schedule as your student's school days? Are you a Registered Nurse or 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.

LIL' WARRIOR FUN FAIR...On November 7th many organizations including the McHenry High School Key Clubs, McHenry High School Student Councils, and McHenry Area Character Counts! Coalition are hosting the Lil' Warrior Fun Fair. This Fun Fair is meant to bring the community together and provide a fun and safe activity for elementary students. At the Lil' Warrior Fun Fair there will be games, prizes, face painting, police vehicles, McHenry High School mascot Leonidis, and Chicago Bears mascot Staley (10:30-11:30). The Fun Fair is from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. in the McHenry West Main Gym. All proceeds go to UNICEF.

CENSUS IN APRIL 2010...Just about a year from now, a very important event will take place. 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. Those at the City level never see the information. They only get a broad analysis of the data. The census will also offer an opportunity for employment. For information about where and how to apply for jobs working with the census, you can go to the census website at www.2010.census.gov. This is an extremely important survey and I hope you'll all be counted.

Run Your Life Current Events...

Running Clubs for Adults and Kids 6-8th Grades!

Come on out and join the fun! Be sure to dress for the weather, wear a good pair of running shoes, and bring a water bottle. This program is for runners of all abilities, including those who have never run before! It's a great way to begin and maintain an active and healthy lifestyle!

Adult Running Club: Meets Saturdays 7-8 AM, Duker School, McHenry

Kids 6-8th Grades: Meets Tuesdays 4:30-5:30, Edgebrook School

Cost: Free

Safety green Run Your Life T-shirts are available in adult sizes for \$15.

Fun Times Kids' Clubs:

Our Fun Times Kids' Clubs are a great place for kids to hang out, play, and have a snack with friends on a Saturday morning! Join in any time! We meet the following dates and times:

Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 13 & 27, and Mar. 6, **Join in Anytime!**

***K-2nd Grade: 9-10:30 AM, Edgebrook Elementary School, McHenry**

***3rd-5th Grade: 9-10:30 AM, Edgebrook Elementary School, McHenry**

***6th-8th Grade: 6:30-8 PM, Duker School, McHenry**

Our group is **very social** and **"group oriented."** Come **"hang"** with us!

Family Time Sundays: Created for the community from Parent input!

FREE Family Open Gym, Game Time and/or Crafts

Duker School: Sunday afternoons, 12:30-2 PM during the Winter:

Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20. Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 21, and 28.

All children under 12 must be accompanied by their parent/custodian.

This is a great opportunity to get out of the house during the cold weather and play with your family. Come shoot some hoops in the Gym or play a board game or make a craft in the Café...feel free to bring a favorite game from home.

Free "Here's to Your Health!" Discussion and Learning Clinic

Nov. 11, 7 PM, Chauncey H. Duker School.

Come learn about ways to maintain or improve your health in the most natural ways possible including organic eating and nutritional supplementation. More information on our website www.runyourlife.org We will be collecting non-perishable organic products for donation to the local food pantry.

Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk: Come out and support the CL local food pantry **Nov. 26, 8 AM: Entry fee is voluntary non-perishable food items or cash donations.** Break out the safety green RYL tees if you have them!

Jingle Bell 5K: Yes, we are headed to Chi-town to run/walk one of our favorite 5Ks!

Join us on a train ride downtown December 5th to participate! Register with our team "Run Your Life" at www.ChicagoJBR.org Let us know who to expect! See you there!

****To Register for any of our opportunities: Please Email** your name, contact info and activities enrolling, to: runyourlife@sbcglobal.net **You will receive a confirmation email regarding your enrollment.** If you should have any questions, please call (815) 861.5074.

☺ **The Character Counts theme for October is Respect** ☺

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