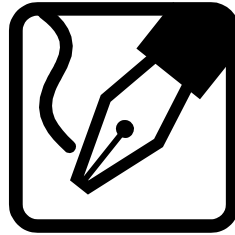


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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, January 16
Thurs., Jan. 19 & Fri., Jan. 20
Friday, January 20
Sunday, January 22
Mon., Jan. 23 & Tues., Jan. 24
Tuesday, January 24
Wednesday, January 25
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Thursday, January 26
Thursday, January 26
Friday, January 27
Friday, January 27

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL**
Vision & Hearing Screenings with McHenry County Department of Health (K–3rd Grades)
Fifth Grade Mesick Merit Awards Breakfast for Second Quarter
McHenry Elementary Education Foundation’s Family Bowling at Raymond’s Bowl
PTO Author Visit
PTO McDonald’s Night on Route 120
Penn & Sanchez Classes to Challenger Center in Woodstock 9:15 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.
Market Day Pick-Up in Cafeteria 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.
Fifth Grade Band Concert at Parkland Middle School 7:00 P.M.
Chapman & Sterbenz Classes to Challenger Center in Woodstock 9:15 – 2:15
PTO Bingo Night 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Carbine, Bashonski & Dwyer Classes to Challenger Center 9:15 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.
Backhaus & Berger Classes to Prairieview Ed Center in Crystal Lake 9:30 – 1:00

CONGRATULATIONS... Congratulations to Andrew Johnson, a fourth grade student, who was one of five winners in the nation for the Scholastic Book Clubs *Read Every Day, Lead a Better Life* poster contest. He was recognized at the last Board of Education meeting and given a framed picture of his artwork. Andrew was also awarded a deluxe set of signed posters created by twelve award-winning children’s book authors and illustrators.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE... The McHenry County Department of Health will be here on Thursday, January 19th and Friday, January 20th for a mandated vision and hearing test on K – 3rd Grades. This is a state law; therefore, permission slips are not required. It is the season for Chap Stick. Your student may bring Chap Stick to school to leave in their desk. Weather will be changing, please keep an extra set of clothes in your student’s locker (including socks) in case of a mud puddle run in. Riverwood had a fabulous return on the Howl for Health fitness program! If your student turned in an activity log, watch for their ticket certificate to arrive.

RIVERWOOD CAFETERIA... McHenry School District 15 announces a new food service program! District 15 is excited to announce that starting February 1, 2012 a NEW Food Service program will be utilized district wide. This new system will offer online flexibility to parents and students. Benefits include easy online payment options for school lunches as well as parental tracking in Skyward Family Access of the payment history and balance of your student’s account. The food service department is extremely excited and looking forward to working with the community to create and utilize this new well balanced approach for the everyday business and functionality of our school cafeterias. More information and details will be forth coming during the upcoming month.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS KICK OFF...On January 6, 2012, Riverwood kicked-off PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) with its first Rascal Rally! PBIS is based on principles of applied behavior analysis and the prevention approach and values of positive behavior support. PBIS is an evidence-based practice that supports the academic and social behavioral outcomes for all students. At Riverwood, we created four school-wide expectations across the school. The acronym to help us remember our expectations is PAWS. This stands for Positive Attitude, Act Respectfully, Work Responsibly and Stay Safe. To learn and practice these expectations, posters were placed around the school stating the Rascal Rules. On January 6th, the students rotated through each setting learning and discussing the expectations. An important aspect of teaching and re-teaching is reinforcement. To reinforce the students for following the rules in school, they have the opportunity to earn a PAW. This is a raccoon paw print that enters them into a drawing for prizes. Another exciting moment at the Rascal Rally was the announcement of our school's new mascot. The PTO graciously helped to purchase Rocky Raccoon.



MCHENRY ELEMENTARY EDUCATON FOUNDATION...The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation invites all District 15 families and friends to a Family Cosmic Bowling Day at Raymond's Bowl in Johnsborg on Sunday, January 22, 2012. There will be two bowling slots beginning at 12:30-1:30 and again from 2:30-3:30. The cost is \$8.00 a person, per hour. A free soft drink ticket and pretzels are included, as well as shoe rental.

MCHENRY WARRIOR BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER...The McHenry Warrior Booster Club presents their 2nd Annual Trivia/Game Night Fundraiser on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at 31 North Banquets, 217 N. Front Street, McHenry. Doors open at 5:45 P.M. The cost is \$25 per person/\$200 per table or \$300 for corporate tables. Help support McHenry High School athletics by attending the Booster Club's trivia game night! The \$25 per person (\$200 for a table of 8) includes food, games, and prizes. Invite your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers over the age of 21—anyone who wants to have a great time and raise money for the athletes of McHenry! In addition to the fun trivia games, there will be raffles, silent auctions, 50/50 raffles and other events throughout the evening. You provide the players, and the Boosters will provide the fun!