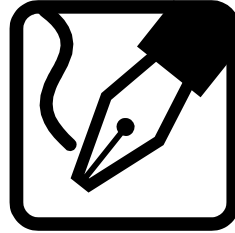


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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...

Fri., Jan. 8 & Sat., Jan. 9
Saturday, January 9
Monday, January 11
Mon., Jan. 11 & Tues., Jan. 12
Tuesday, January 12
Wednesday, January 13
Wednesday, January 13
Friday, January 15
Friday, January 15
Friday, January 15
Monday, January 18
Tuesday, January 19
Thursday, January 21

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Parkland School
Chili Cook-Off at Parkland School 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
PTO Meeting in the Learning Center at 7:00 P.M.
Vision and Hearing Screening for K-3rd graders
Board of Education Meeting at MMS at 7:30 P.M.
3rd Grade Field Trip to AllState Arena 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Market Day pickup 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.
Spirit Day and Food Drive – Football Day
Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:05 for walkers, 2:10 for bus riders
Community Blood Drive at Duker School 1:45 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.
No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
McHenry Elementary Education Foundation Meeting at Central at 6:30 P.M.
PTO Bingo Night 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

RIVERWOOD SPELLING BEE...Riverwood hosted its annual spelling bee on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Marjie Cone placed first and Dylan Bourque was the runner up. Both received certificates and gift cards to Borders. Marjie will advance to the Region I Sectional Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Marjie and Dylan and all the students who participated in this year's spelling bee.



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...The McHenry County Department of Health will be at Riverwood School on January 11th and 12th to administer vision and hearing screening. Re-screening will take place January 22. This screening is state mandated for all Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students. Please call Kathy Carlson with any questions or concerns. Recent Dental Exams must be on file in the Health Office by May 15, 2010, for all 2nd grade students.

CLOTHING DRIVE...Riverwood School will have its 8th annual clothing drive on Monday, January 25th, from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the cafeteria. Beginning Monday, January 11th, we will be accepting donations. We are looking for volunteers to help before, during or after the drive. Please contact Carmen Anderson at Riverwood School, if you are interested.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING PROGRAM...Behind Riverwood School by the loading dock is our Paper Retriever bin. Paper Retriever is an easy, free, community-based program that wraps recycling and fund raising into one neat package. As a bin host, we provide a convenient recycling drop-off location for our community. We will then receive payments every month for the volume of paper collected. You can put newspapers, catalogs, magazines, mail, office paper, notebooks, soft cover books and hard cover books (with cover removed) in the Paper Retriever bin. The paper is then sent to Abitibi Bowater and re-manufactured into newsprint. It is a simple, free service that allows communities to recycle paper and organizations to earn money.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP...One of our school rules is safety. During these cold months and rainy days, we have more traffic to and from school. We ask that you be cautious of any children or adults at the crossings.

RECEIVE SCHOOL CLOSING ALERTS DIRECTLY TO YOUR EMAIL OR PHONE...McHenry School District 15 is excited to announce that we are using Nixle.com to send you trusted alerts and notifications. Nixle is a community information service designed to deliver you trustworthy community alerts and event notifications (such as school closings) instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email, and web. There is NO spam or advertising. Nixle is available at no cost (standard text message rates apply for the cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers). To enroll simply visit our website at www.d15.org then click on School Closings and follow the directions.

BLOOD DRIVE...January is National Blood Donor Month. In order to recognize the importance of donating blood, McHenry Elementary School District 15 is sponsoring our Annual Community Blood Drive! It will be held on Friday, January 15, at Duker School from 1:45 P.M. - 5:45 P.M. This is an Early Release Day, so schedule your appointments early! Appointments can be made by calling Bonnie McCormack at 815-759-8502 or by e-mail at bmccormack@d15.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. Everyone who donates will receive a t-shirt, \$5 Arch Card from McDonalds and a raffle ticket for prizes donated by our community. Our local hospitals rely on volunteer donors. Please consider this generous donation. We are also having this drive in honor one of our Parkland School students, Shannon Sauer who received a heart transplant this fall. With this in mind, we will have literature about organ donation and if you are not an organ donor, you may sign up to become one at the drive.



The Character Counts theme for January is Caring

