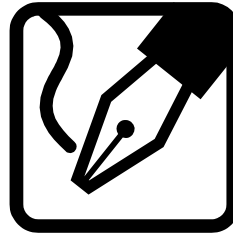


# RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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...

Sun., Nov. 15 – Sat., Nov. 21  
Tuesday, November 17  
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Thursday, November 19  
Friday, November 20  
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Tuesday, November 24  
Wed., Nov. 25 – Fri., Nov. 27  
Wednesday, December 2  
Thursday, December 3  
Friday, December 4

American Education Week  
Mrs. Aalto's Class Field Trip to McHenry Police Department 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
McHenry Elementary Education Foundation Meeting at Central at 6:30 P.M.  
Second Grade Musical in the Gym at 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal at 2:40 P.M.  
Mid Quarter Reports go home.  
Spirit Day & Food Drive – "Pajama Day"  
Kindergarten Feast in the Cafeteria - 10:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.  
**No School** – Happy Thanksgiving!  
Market Day Pick Up in the Cafeteria 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.  
Third Grade Musical in the Gym at 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal at 11:45 A.M.  
Red & Blue Day – Wear our school colors to show school spirit.

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**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES...** Thank you to all who attended this year's Parent-Teacher Conferences. We hope that your questions were answered and that you found the conference with your child's teacher valuable. As the year progresses and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office at any time to ask questions or get more information. Conferences will be held again in February.

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**AUTHOR VISIT...** Award-winning children's author, Jennifer Ward, presented to kindergarten through fifth grade on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. She shared her enthusiasm for writing and the process of writing children's books. Thank you to the PTO for funding the visitation and purchasing books for our building. Below Jennifer Ward is pictured with some of her books:



**VOICEMAIL...**Our voicemail system has been down for several days. The staff at Riverwood School works hard to reply to all voicemails in a timely manner. If you left a voicemail and have not received a response, please give us a call so that we can follow up. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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**MID-QUARTER REPORTS...**We have a new report card and mid-quarter report system. We are doing them electronically. Your child will still bring home a hard copy. These reports are sent home to notify you of your child's progress in school.

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**HANDICAP PARKING...**When picking up or dropping off your child at school, please don't park in the handicap parking spots unless you have a handicap sticker.

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**NO SCHOOL...**There will be no school Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Thanksgiving. We would like to wish all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving.

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**PUBLIC FORUM...**The McHenry Elementary School District 15 Board of Education will be holding a public forum, prior to the regularly scheduled Instructional School Board Meeting, on December 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Landmark School located at 3614 Waukegan Road, McHenry, Illinois.

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**McHENRY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION...**The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation is sponsoring their annual Dinner and a Movie Event. The cost for a ticket is \$20. This includes a \$10 dinner certificate at one of the following restaurants: Plum Garden, Green Pea Pod, Fox Hole Pizza, or Main Street Station, a \$5 movie ticket at the Downtown McHenry Theater and a \$5 raffle ticket for a chance to win a McHenry Chamber of Commerce gift certificate. You may purchase your ticket in the office at Riverwood, from any Foundation board member, or at Central Office.

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**Run Your Life Current Events...**

**Running Clubs for Adults and Kids 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 9-10:30 AM, Edgebrook Elementary School, McHenry**  
**\*3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9-10:30 AM, Edgebrook Elementary School, McHenry**  
**\*6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> to participate! Register with our team "Run Your Life" at [www.ChicagoJBR.org](http://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](mailto:runyourlife@sbcglobal.net)  
**You will receive a confirmation email regarding your enrollment.** If you should have any questions, please call (815) 861.5074.