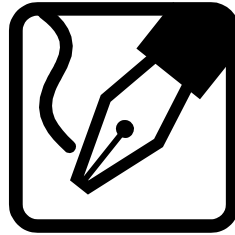


# RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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, November 7  
Tuesday, November 8  
Thursday, November 10  
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November 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, November 16  
Thursday, November 17  
Friday, November 18  
Friday, November 18  
Tuesday, November 22  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

PTO Meeting in Learning Center at 7:00 P.M. (child care available)  
Board of Education Meeting at Landmark School at 7:30 P.M.  
Lockdown Drill at 3:00 P.M.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical in Gym at 7:00 P.M. (Doors open at 6:15 P.M.)  
American Education Week  
Market Day pick-up in Cafeteria from 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.  
Eli’s Cheesecake & Cookie Dough Pick Up in Gym 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.  
Spirit Day and Food Drive – The theme is “Pajama Day.”  
Mid-Quarter Reports home.  
PTO McDonald’s Night from 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. on Rte. 120 in McHenry  
NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving

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**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK...**American Education Week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. During the week, Riverwood will be spotlighting different aspects of school life.

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**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...**The McHenry County Health Department has identified an increase in cases of Bordetella Pertussis (whooping cough). Pertussis is an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria. The first symptoms are like those of a common cold--a runny nose, sneezing, low grade fever, and a mild cough. After a week or two, the cough progresses to a “whoop” like cough. Pertussis is spread when an individual coughs or sneezes into the air, and someone else breathes it into their lungs. Pertussis can only be diagnosed by a physician performing a nasal swab of the back of the nose. Results usually take about 5 days. Students **MUST** stay home during those 5 days while treated with antibiotics. If your student is showing any signs of Pertussis, please keep them home and call your physician. With the start of the 2012-13 school year, the State of Illinois will require this vaccine for entrance into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Encourage hand washing and respiratory etiquette, which includes covering your cough with a tissue, coughing into your elbow if no tissue is available, along with proper disposal of tissues.

With weather changes, please make sure your students are dressed properly. Chapstick is allowed to be brought to school with your student.

If your student participated in Step Up and Stay Active, please have them bring their activity log on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, to either the PE teacher or the Health Office. Look for a new and exciting way to participate in the Activity program come November.

A reminder, if sending cough drops to school with your student, a note from you needs to accompany the cough drops and are kept in the Health Office.

If your student has extra clothes in their locker, it is time to switch summer clothes for warmer clothes. If your student does not have extra clothes, please send an extra set to keep in their locker for those days they end up in a puddle or mud.

**ALL SCHOOL READING STRATEGY OF THE MONTH...CONNECTING!**

*While* students read, they should be making connections. Think about connections to other stories (text to text connection), to the world around you (text to world connection), or to yourself and something you have done or know (text to self connection).

- What does this remind me of?
- What do I know about the topic? Have I read other books like this or by the same author?
- If so, how does it help me with this reading?
- This reminds me of ...
- Remembering this helps me
- with the reading because...

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**Michelle Hedge Giving Back 5K**

November 12, 2011 9:00 A.M.

McHenry Township

Online registration: [www.signmeup.com/78940](http://www.signmeup.com/78940)

“Honoring the life and legacy of a beautiful woman taken from us too soon. “

Please join us and Michelle’s family, as we celebrate the life of  
1989 McHenry graduate, Michelle Hedge!

For more information on this event, please visit our team Updates & Events at:  
[www.teamrunyourlife.info](http://www.teamrunyourlife.info)

**Proceeds from the event donated to:**

**Run Your Life Pro-active Kids Clubs**

**McHenry County Turning Point**

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**Run Your Life Run-Walk Club starts Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 A.M. at Duke School.**

**Fridays beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 P.M. meet at Firefly Café in Algonquin.**

**Runners, Walkers and In-betweeners all meeting together!**

Online registration: [www.signmeup.com/79252](http://www.signmeup.com/79252)

Questions: [runyourlife.director@gmail.com](mailto:runyourlife.director@gmail.com) or (815) 861-5074.

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