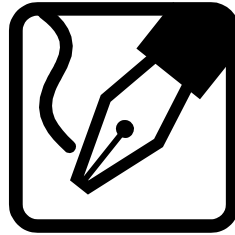


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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

Tuesday, December 13	Breakfast With Santa in the cafeteria 8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Tuesday, December 13	Board of Education Meeting at McHenry Middle School 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, December 14	Market Day pick-up in cafeteria 4:15 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.
Wednesday, December 14	B-PAC Event at Parkland 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 14	PTO Wendy's Night
Friday, December 16	Spirit Day & Food Drive – Theme: Beach Wear Day
Wednesday, Dec. 21 – Jan. 3, 2012	Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 4	Classes Resume
Friday, January 6	Red & Blue Day – Wear our school colors to show school spirit.
Saturday, January 7	McHenry Elementary Education Foundation's "Chili Cook-Off" at Parkland
Monday, January 9	PTO Meeting in Learning Center at 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 10	Board of Education Meeting at Valley View 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 11	PTO Wendy's Night
Thursday, January 12	Second Grade Field Trip to Burpee Museum in Rockford 9:15 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.
Friday, January 13	Riverwood Spelling Bee in gym at 9:30 A.M.
Friday, January 13	Early Release Day – 2:05 Walker Dismissal & 2:10 Bus Rider Dismissal
Friday, January 13	District Blood Drive at Duker School 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

RIVERWOOD READERS...December's Reading Strategy is questioning! Good readers read and think on every page. They are always asking questions. Use this strategy during and after reading to ask questions about important ideas in the story.

Here's how to use the Question Strategy:

1. Ask yourself questions about important ideas in the story.
2. Ask yourself if you can answer these questions.
3. If you can't answer these questions, reread and look for answers in the text. Thinking about what you already know and what you've read in the story may help you.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...There is a correction from the last Riverwood Reporter dated Nov.18th, regarding "Howl for Health." Every student who turns in an activity log with 40 hours for "Howl for Health" will receive a free ticket to a Chicago Wolves game. Let's get moving Riverwood! The State of Illinois requires a dental exam for all Kindergartners and 2nd graders to be on file in the Health Office. These are due by May 15, 2012. Any exam from Nov. 15, 2010 to May 15, 2012 will be accepted. Winter weather is closing in on us. Please see that your student dresses appropriately for outdoor play.

FIFTH GRADE BAND...There will be no fifth grade band after December 8th until we return from Winter Break.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL...Please remember to call the school office at (815) 344-7130, to report your child's absence. We are required by law to call you to verify the whereabouts of your child. This procedure is for the safety of your child. If you wish to call before 8:35 A.M., you may leave a message on voicemail stating your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for absence. If the absence is due to illness, please include any symptoms your child is experiencing. If your child has been diagnosed with an illness by his/her physician, please report that also.

RTI INFORMATION...District 15 and Riverwood School provide assistance to help meet students needs through **Response to Intervention, or Rtl**. The purpose of this insert is to tell you more about Rtl and how it helps all of our Riverwood students

What is Response to Intervention or Rtl? Rtl is a federal and state initiative intended to meet a wide range of individual student needs through general education services. Through Rtl the regular classroom teacher and other personnel (other classroom teachers, assistants and educational specialists) help meet the needs of individual students. The goal of Rtl is to provide students with the help they need to be successful as early as possible in their school career.

How does Rtl work? Through our benchmarking assessments (AIMSweb, and ISEL for first graders and kindergarteners), we are able to access your child's relative strengths and weaknesses in reading and math. Groups are then formed at each grade level to provide re-teaching on a specific skill area or enrichment, depending upon individual needs. These groups will meet 4 times per week during a designated Rtl/Wtl (Walk-to-Intervention) time; some groups will remain in their own class and work with their teacher or an assistant while other students will move into a different classroom to work with that teacher. All students remain with their same-age/grade level peers and teachers. With Rtl, a child's progress is measured over time. If he/she makes sufficient progress, the interventions may be discontinued in that area; a new intervention group may begin for enrichment or to work on a different skill. If the child continues to struggle or hasn't quite mastered the skill, the intervention will be continued with modifications in either frequency or in the materials being used.

What is the role of the parent in Rtl? Parents/guardians have an important role in the Rtl process. As parents, you provide important insight into your child's development and learning needs. Parents/guardians should inform their child's teacher of any concerns regarding academics or behavior. A strong home-to-school partnership allows us to share insights and successful strategies so that each Riverwood student receives what he/she needs to succeed.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFO...An easy way to get information about school closings is to sign up for Nixle, which can provide both email and text message information. Go to www.nixle.com to sign up for this free convenient service. Our district website as well a local TV and radio stations also carry information about school closings.

MARKET DAY PICKUP...Market Day pickup is from 4:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. in the Cafeteria. Please do not enter the back parking lot until all the busses have been dismissed.

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

IT'S OUR FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR: RUN YOUR LIFE KIDS CLUBS ARE HERE!...*We are even more excited* because this winter, we have THREE clubs! Area kids are welcome to join the fun of our highly acclaimed and celebrated Run Your Life Kids Clubs and become a part of all that Run Your Life Kids Clubs has to offer: fitness, fun, adventure, club time, community time, journal time, embracing our environment and each other, cardio, light running, and a healthy snack together. This is where our differences are embraced even more so than our similarities and we learn to appreciate ourselves, our talents, and in turn, appreciate each other in this world community. We blame no one and we celebrate being in charge of our health and well being! There's never been a better time to join the Run Your Life Revolution! Registration limited to 25 per club. Club Duker Grades 4 & 5, Club Edgebrook Grades K-3, Club Valley View Grades 3-5:

Clubs Duker & Edgebrook: Both meet after school at Duker until 4:30 P.M., Registration fee: \$25

Club Valley View: Meets after school until 5:00 P.M., Registration fee: \$25

Jan. 18th Kick-off Club dates: Jan. 18, 23, 25, 30, Feb. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22

On-line Registration for Run Your Life Kids Clubs:
Club Edgebrook, lead by Carrie Sabatka: www.signmeup.com/79850
Club Duker, lead by Tammy Krofel: www.signmeup.com/79836

Club Valley View, lead by Jen Finch: www.signmeup.com/79816. Questions? Please contact our Executive Director at runyourlife.director@gmail.com. Visit our websites for photos and more information on Run Your Life! www.teamrunyourlife.info www.runyourlife.org Run Your Life is a trademarked 501(c)(3) nonprofit health and wellness organization educating and inspiring our communities to be in charge of their fitness, health and overall well-being. Club Run-Walk is going on now! Adults, you, too, can get in on the fun! www.signmeup.com/79252

On behalf of everyone at Riverwood School, we would like to wish all of our students and their families a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy the winter break. We will see you on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. *Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Htibler*

