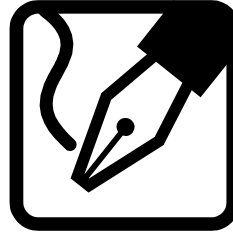


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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, February 23	Jump Rope for Heart in the Gymnasium 3:50 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Board of Education Meeting at Central at 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 24	Riverwood Expansion Planning Meeting in Cafeteria 7:00-8:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 25	Second Grade Field Trip to CLC 10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. First Grade Musical in the Gym at 7:00 P.M.
Friday, February 26	PTO Assembly - "Yes, You Can" 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 1:30 P.M.
Monday, March 1	No School – Casimir Pulaski Day
Tues., Mar. 2 – Fri., Mar. 12	ISAT Testing for Grades 3 rd – 5 th
Thursday, March 4	"Celebration of the Arts" at First Midwest Bank 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday, March 5	Red & Blue Day - Wear our school colors to show your school spirit. First Grade Field Trip to the Raue Center 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS...Marjie Cone represented our school at the Regional Spelling Bee at Parkland School on February 11th. She was the second runner-up and will advance to the McHenry County Bee at the McHenry College Conference Center on Wednesday, March 10th. Congratulations to her and best wishes at the next round of competition.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART... February is Heart and Fitness Month. The 10th Annual Riverwood Jump Rope for Heart event will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd in the Riverwood Gym from 3:50 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Students in grades 1st – 5th may participate. Students have the opportunity to have fun while learning about the benefits of physical fitness. Money raised will be used to fund research and educational programs for the American Heart Association. Permission slips to participate were due February 18th. Students who did not turn in a permission slip by that date will not be allowed to participate. If you have any questions, please call Joy Hafer at Riverwood at (815) 344-7130.

RIVERWOOD SCHOOL EXPANSION PLANNING MEETING...A Riverwood School Expansion Planning Meeting will take place February 24, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the Riverwood School Cafeteria. The Board of Education is planning to expand facilities at all of the district's schools in the near future **without the need of going for a referendum**. You are invited to attend a brief presentation at which the Superintendent will share what the district has preliminarily planned for Riverwood School. Please attend to share your ideas and offer input.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE... Dental Exams must be on file in the Health Office by May 15th for all second grade students. Please call Kathy Carlson, our Health Office nurse, with any questions.

ISAT TESTING...ISAT testing is scheduled for March 2nd-12th for grades third through fifth. Please make sure your child (unless due to illness) attends school during that period of time. Also, tardiness is very critical during the testing week. Testing will be done first thing in the morning. Students who are tardy will be asked to stay in the office so they do not interrupt the testing environment for the other students. Thank you for your cooperation.

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KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND REGISTRATION...District 15 will hold kindergarten screening and registration March 22nd - March 25th at Landmark School. Please call Michele Karmel at District 15 Central Office, at (815) 385-7210 to schedule an appointment. Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible to attend kindergarten next year.

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LOST AND FOUND... Our lost and found bins are overflowing once again. If your child is missing items, please have him or her check the lost and found bins, which are located in the first grade wing. Any items not claimed by Spring Break will be donated to charity or used by the Health Office. To prevent your children's belongings from ending up in the lost and found, it is recommended that items be labeled with your child's first and last name. Thank you.

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CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS PROGRAM...The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation and the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce will be co-hosting the 8th annual Celebration of the Arts Program, Thursday, March 4th, 2010, at the First Midwest Bank in McHenry from 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. This event showcases District 15's student artwork. Choral and band students from McHenry Middle School and Parkland School will also be performing throughout the evening. The Foundation will be raffling off many wonderful prizes. The Foundation will also host a "Taste of McHenry" during the program featuring local restaurants. All proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will benefit District 15 fine arts programs and the McHenry Elementary Education Foundation. For further information, please contact Cindee Nootbaar at 815-385-7210.

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RUN YOUR LIFE CURRENT EVENTS...

"It's Your Life...Run it!" RYL is a 501c3 not-for-profit Community Group providing healthy opportunities of growth to the adults, children, and families in our community. www.runyourlife.org

****Adult Running Club:** Whether you run all the time, or have never run before, **this club is for you!** We are a non-competitive, socially active group adding running to our lives as a healthy dynamic to being connected to our community. Join now and have the opportunity to begin training for your first 5K or Half Marathon! **FREE!**
Saturday, Duker, 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, Edgebrook, 6:30 P.M., Friday, Green Street Café, 1:00 P.M.

****Run Your Life Yoga:** Certified Yoga Instructor, Karen Buenzli, **makes Yoga Fun!** Join us for Session 2: **10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M., Hilltop Gym, February 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27th. Free!**

****Running Club for K-5th Grades:** Our kids club is really a fun time! We condition, play, share and learn the Run Your Life principles of being in charge of our lives! Outside running will begin when weather permits!
Hilltop Gym, Saturday, February 6 - March 27th, 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. FREE!

****Running Club for 6-8th Grades, FREE:** If experience and fun is what you are looking for in a coach, then look no further! Charlene Myers-Sponholtz's coaching style and enthusiasm is perfect for your teen! She has off-seasoned trained over 20 middle school-aged athletes to State Meet Competitions, including two of her own!
Duker, February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

To register for an event, please email your name(s), contact info, and session enrolling to: runyourlife@sbcglobal.net. You will receive an email confirming your enrollment.

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McHENRY TOWNSHIP JUNIOR WARRIORS FOOTBALL...Registration for the McHenry Township Junior Warriors will be held on Saturday, February 27th and Saturday, March 20th from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. at the McHenry Township Senior Center, 3519 North Richmond Road. The registration fee is \$250, which includes \$75 in raffle tickets. All children, ages 7-14 and still in 8th grade, are eligible to register. For more information, contact Mike Sikula, President, at (815) 385-1043 or (815) 341-6027, or visit the Website at www.MTJW.org.