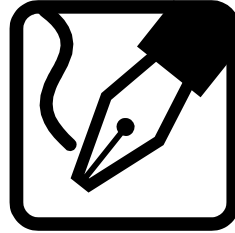


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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 9	Regional I Spelling Bee at Parkland 7:00 P.M. Board of Education Meeting at Valley View at 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 10	Market Day Pick-Up in the Cafeteria 4:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.
Thursday, February 11	Early Release Day – Dismissal: 2:05 for walkers & 2:10 for bus riders
Friday, February 12	Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
Monday, February 15	No School – Presidents' Day
Tuesday, February 16	No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 17	No School for Kindergarten Only Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.
Friday, February 19	Jump Rope for Heart Permission Slips Due
Tuesday, February 23	Spirit Day & Food Drive – "Crazy Sock Day" Jump Rope for Heart in the Gymnasium 3:50 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS...Alexandra Butler has been selected as the McHenry County 5th Grade winner of the annual American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Kishwaukee Trail Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She will be awarded a certificate, bronze pin and monetary prize at a Student Award Program and Reception this Sunday, February 7th. Alexandra will also be recognized and presented with a participation certificate at Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting. Way to go, Alexandra!

MID-QUARTER REPORTS HOME...Mid-quarter reports go home today with your children. Please sign and return as indicated on the progress reports.

PARENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER...There is no supervision available for children before school until 8:45 A.M. Please do not drop your children off unsupervised before this time.

NEW LAW IN EFFECT REGARDING USE OF CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES...A new law pertaining to cell phone use while driving in school zones took effect January 1st, and applies to all school and construction zones throughout Illinois. The new law states that one may not talk on or compose a text message on their cellular phone while their vehicle is in motion in a school zone or posted construction zone. The new offense is not a moving violation, and there is no exemption for after school hours, therefore the law can be enforced at any time within a School Speed Zone.

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 15, 2010, for all second grade students. Please call Kathy Carlson, our Health Office nurse, with any questions.

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 4, 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.

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.

The Character Counts theme for February is Citizenship!