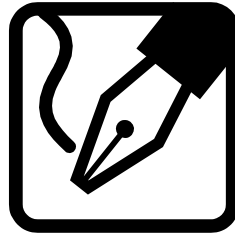


RIVERWOOD REPORTER



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...

Friday, September 2
Monday, September 5
Friday, September 9
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Sunday, September 11
Monday, September 12
Tuesday, September 13
Wednesday, September 14
Thursday, September 15

No School – Teacher Institute Day
No School – Labor Day
Fall Picture Day
Red & Blue Day – Wear our school colors to show your school spirit.
McHenry Elementary Education Foundation 5K Run/Walk-a-Thon at Riverwood
PTO Meeting in the Learning Center at 7:00 P.M.
Board of Education Meeting at Edgebrook School at 7:30 P.M.
Mid-Quarter Reports go home.
Bus Evacuation Drills

NO SCHOOL...There will be no school on Friday, September 2nd, and on Monday, September 5th. September 2nd is a Teacher Institute Day, and September 6th is Labor Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC...A big thank you to our PTO chairpersons and parent volunteers who made this year’s Back to School Picnic a success. A good time was had by all!

FIFTH GRADE BAND...Fifth grade band began the week of August 29th. A band shuttle takes the students to Parkland; however, parents are responsible for picking up students at Parkland after band rehearsal at 4:50 P.M. Percussion players attend on Monday, brass players attend on Tuesday, and woodwinds attend on Wednesday. All band members attend on Thursday for a full band rehearsal.

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.

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.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...If your student did not have a white emergency health card on file in the Health Office, a new white card was sent home last week. Please complete and return it as soon as possible. If your child becomes ill at school, the card helps us with who to contact or someone designated by you.

Help Wanted: Are you a registered nurse? Would you like to work a schedule similar to your student's school day? If so, please call us! District 15 is looking for *substitute nurses* to fill in in our health offices for when our school nurse is out or attending field trips or special events with our medically-challenged students. If interested, please call our Director of Health Services, Mrs. Bonnie McCormack, at (815) 759-8502.

In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment for your children, it is necessary at times to document specific illnesses or symptoms among our student population. A McHenry County Department of Health regulation requires us to report symptoms and/or illnesses to assist in their efforts to track symptomology. Also, there are specific steps that we, as a school district, can begin in an attempt to contain contagious symptoms; i.e., environmental cleaning, etc.

Therefore, when phoning in your student's absence, it is helpful to us to be aware of actual symptoms that your child may be experiencing. We report symptoms and numbers; we do NOT report student's names. Please do not be offended in any way if we seek additional information about your student's illness; it is strictly in the best interest of your student. Please remember, that if your child is ill do not send him/her to school. Furthermore, a child must be fever-free for 24 hours *without the aid of fever-reducing* medication prior to his/her return to school.

In addition, proper hand washing is the best defense against disease and germs; please remind your students to practice good hygiene, including proper hand washing and covering their mouth when sneezing and/or coughing.

MCHENRY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S "WALKING FOR WORDS"...The McHenry Elementary Education Foundation will be sponsoring their annual "Walking for Words" 5K Run/Walk-a-Thon for literacy on Sunday, September 11th, at Riverwood School. Proceeds from this event will help to purchase reading materials for District 15 schools.

Detailed information and pledge forms have been distributed to students. Please come out and join us for a great time. If you need more information or additional pledge forms, you can contact John Lehen or Cindee Nootbaar at (815) 385-7210.

"Walking for Words" - A 5K/Walk-a-Thon for Literacy

When:	Sunday, September 11 th , 2011
Where:	Riverwood Elementary School
Sign in:	7:00 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.
5K Run/Walk-a-thon and Program:	8:00 A.M.

After completing the 5K Run/Walk, there will be an awards ceremony in the gym at Riverwood School. Medals will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the following age divisions: 7 and under, 8-10, 11-13, 14-16, 17-20, 21-25, 26-30, 31-35, 36-40, 41-45, and 46-50. Join the fun today. Register as an individual or as a team.
