



October 17, 2016

THIS WEEK ON THE DOUGLAS WEBSITE ... Check out this week's calendar of events, plus information about Dragonfire Pajama Day and the Reflections art contest. Bookmark <http://www.wcpss.net/douglasses> so you don't miss a thing!

Mark Your Calendars

- Oct. 18: TEK Clubs at 4:15
- Oct. 18: D.C. meeting for all 5th grade families at 5:30 in the cafeteria
- Oct. 18: Read to Achieve meeting for 3rd grade parents at 5:30
- Oct. 19: Yoga Club at 8 a.m.
- Oct. 20: Run Club at 3:45 p.m.
- Oct. 21: Mustache Spirit Day!
- Oct. 21: Mathletes Club at 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 21: EARLY RELEASE!
- Oct. 21: Box Top collection day!
- Oct. 24: Harlem Globetrotters Assembly for 3rd-5th grades
- Oct. 25: TEK Clubs at 4:15
- Oct. 26: Yoga Club at 8 a.m.
- Oct. 26: Visit from the National Theatre for Children
- Oct. 27: Halloween Spirit Night at United Skates of America!
- Oct. 28: Dragonfire Pajama Day Celebration!
- Oct. 28: Mathletes Club at 8:30 a.m.

Keep an eye on the [Douglas website calendar](http://www.wcpss.net/douglasses) for future events!

News & Events



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

During this month, as well as throughout the year, we will be talking about what bullying is, how to handle bullying situations as well as how to prevent it. Bullying is any repeated, systematic pattern of behavior that places a student in actual and reasonable fear of harm. There are many different types of bullying, such as physical, emotional, verbal and cyber. At Douglas, we are raising awareness with our students as well as our staff about bullying while building a school culture of acceptance, tolerance and respect. As a parent, if you suspect bullying, please contact your child's teacher, a school administrator or the school counselor, Kelly Williams. We will work together as a team to handle the situation.

Please encourage your child to participate in the following spirit days:

- Monday, Oct. 24: Being a friend is no sweat! (Students wear sweats)
- Tuesday, Oct. 25: Crazy with kindness! (Students wear mismatched and crazy outfits or combinations)
- Wednesday, Oct. 26: Bully-free from our heads to our toes! (Students wear hats and crazy socks)
- Thursday, Oct. 27: Be a good sport! (Students wear sports/team wear)
- Friday, Oct. 28: Dragonfire celebration - Let's also put bullying to bed! (Students wear PJ's)

THE ARTISTS ARE COMING!

The artists are coming! Thanks to funding from our amazing PTA (YOUR donations) and an Artists in Schools grant from United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, **we'll have several visiting teaching artists at Douglas this year for workshops and performances!** More details on the artists coming soon. Contact Karla Heinen, karlaheinen@gmail.com, for more information and additional ways you can support cultural arts programming at Douglas. Cultural arts programming is another great reason to donate to our school fundraisers!

DONATE YOUR RECYCLEABLES TO THE ART ROOM

For art projects, we need small objects that can be glued to paper, such as buttons, bottle caps, ribbon, plastic spoons, barrettes, artificial flowers, old sunglasses, CDs, images, scrapbook paper, wrapping paper, and wallpaper scraps, feathers, felt, etc.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The deadline for turning in BOXTOPS for our school's fall submission is **Friday, October 21!** Please neatly trim your BOXTOPS and place them in a ziplock bag labeled with your child's teacher's name. The main collection bin is outside the media center but cute little green Cookie Monster themed bins can be found throughout the school!

DOUGLAS PARENTS' CONNECTION

Want to connect with other parents? There is a group of parents who connect on Facebook through an unofficial page. Any parents of students at Douglas who feel like they'd benefit from an online community to facilitate friendship and connections outside the school are invited. It is independent and not officially associated with the school or the PTA (the school and PTA also have Facebook pages you should visit!). You can find it at www.facebook.com/groups/DouglasParents/

PTA Update



DRAGONFIRE UPDATE

Dust off your fuzzy bunny slippers, we have some celebrating to do! Dragonfire was a HUGE success! We raised just over \$14,000 for our awesome school in ONE WEEK. WOW! To celebrate, we'll have a pajama party on Friday, Oct. 28. Way to go, Dragons!!

COFFEE FOR THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE

Who doesn't like a warm cup of coffee in the morning to get your creative juices flowing, right?! We would like to treat our teachers to coffee, tea and hot cocoa to keep them warm and feeling loved during this cold season of fall and winter. There will be a box in the front hallway as you walk your child into school in the mornings that is labeled "TEACHER LOUNGE DONATIONS." You can put your donations in that box. THANK YOU as always for your wonderful support of our teachers!!

REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST

Reflections is a National PTA art contest that is underway. The theme this year is: "What Is Your Story" and your child can submit pieces of art in the following categories: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Film/Video Production, Dance, and Visual Arts. All submissions are due to Ms. Bledsoe by **October 26**. Interest

forms went home in last week's folders. Return them to Ms. Bledsoe and receive your student entry form along with contest rules for your entry. Information about the Reflections contest and all division rules also is located in the media center.

SPIRIT NIGHTS WITH THE DRAGONS

Spirit Nights check so many important boxes for our community ... Having fun. Raising money for our school. Supporting local businesses.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spirit Night at b good in September. What a fun night and we raised over \$575 for Douglas! #thatwasalotofkale #smoothiesrule

Our next Spirit Night is a Halloween Skate Party!! Plan to join your fellow Dragon families at United Skates of America on Thursday, Oct. 27, 6-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3, and skate rental is \$3.50, but participants may bring their own skates. Fun required. Halloween costumes optional. See you there!

Looking ahead, the PTA fundraising team has planned several new spirit nights along with some annual favorites. Check out the [school calendar on the Douglas website](#) and plan to join us throughout the year. We'll be skating, going to the movies and even rock climbing! Please contact Spirit Night Chair Tene Williams-Marcus (tashakiw@yahoo.com) for details.

JOIN THE PTA

Being part of the Douglas PTA is a great way to support our school and stay in the loop on activities and events. Free Douglas t-shirt with sign up! Sign up online: <http://www.ncpta.org/db/join/default.aspx?pta=33>. Or, [download the form here](#). Forms can be turned in with cash or check to your child's teacher.

Connect With the PTA on Social Media!

