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

Mark Your Calendars

- Oct. 4: TEK Clubs start
- Oct. 4: 3rd Grade AIG Parent Informational Meeting
- Oct. 5: Yoga Club starts, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 6: Run Club starts, 3:45 p.m.
- Oct. 7: Star Wars Spirit Day!
- Oct. 10-14: AIG testing, 4th and 5th grades
- Oct. 13-14: Fall Pictures!
- Oct. 14: Dress like the 80s Spirit Day!

Keep an eye on the [Douglas website calendar](#) for future events!

News & Events



GOING TO THE N.C. STATE FAIR?

Support Douglas by purchasing your online admission tickets through the [WCPSS Etix web page](#). Select Douglas from the dropdown menu for our school to benefit -- our school code is 396. With your purchase, Douglas will receive \$2 for each adult admission ticket you purchase, and \$1 for each child ticket you purchase!

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.

WHAT'S NEW AT DOUGLAS THIS YEAR?

There are lots of exciting innovations at Douglas to check out during your next visit:

- In the hallways, we have installed **Lego Walls** for the students to show their mastery of the standards through their creative and visual expressions.
- We have designated spaces for different disciplines: the **Creativity Cave** supports the arts, the **Think Tank** is an additional space for science experiments and investigations and the **Collaboration Station** is for multiple classes to work together in a creative space. Our teachers will meet in the **Innovators' Inn**, which is a unique and forward-thinking space to foster their creativity, critical thinking and collaboration.
- The **Music Garden** will include a combination of artist/student-created instruments and a combination of chimes, drums, bells and a xylophone created by a company called Free Notes. This project was funded by the the PTA and the 4C's grant from Wake County. This awesome music garden will live in the area just outside the modulares by the basketball court. The instruments made by artist/students will be made using recycled materials and mounted on our 'music wall'. We expect this area to be complete by winter break.
- **Art Boards in the Kindergarten Area** were purchased last year and installed this summer by the PTA for the kindergarten play area. [These boards can be used year-round for many fun projects!](#)
- The PTA funded the purchase of hundreds of large and medium sized **Imagination Blocks** to be used for creative play with all grades. Enough were purchased and are stored in rolling bins so that many classes may have access to these blocks at any given time. These will be used in classrooms, collaborative spaces, outdoors and even during indoor recess! [Learn more about imagination blocks.](#)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops is all about the difference ONE can make. This year, our goal is to raise \$1,000 for our school. Here are three easy, everyday ways you can help:

Clip – Clip the Box Top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for

Education. We have a collection container outside the Media Center into which you can drop the Box Tops. Please include a slip of paper with your student's name and his/her teacher's name and put everything in a baggie.

Shop online — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace®(boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Up to 15% of your purchase total is automatically donated to our school, at no additional cost to you. Plus, you'll get exclusive Box Tops deals and discounts!

Read — Buy books online through the Reading RoomSM, a partnership between Box Tops and Barnes and Noble. Our school receives up to 6% of qualifying purchases.

Sign up -- It's easy and free. Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com.

You can also sign up for Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters with Box Tops members-only deals and discounts. To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com or [contact Holly Kubovcik](#), our volunteer coordinator for Box Tops—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

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/

CLUB NEWS

TEK Clubs, Yoga Club and Run Club all start this week! For information about these and ALL Douglas Clubs, please visit the Club Hub located in the Media Center.

PTA Update



DRAGONFIRE IS A SUCCESS!

The checks are still being tallied, but we are **THRILLED** to announce we hit our **Dragonfire goal**! Special thanks to our special "Dougie Dragons" last week: Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Raley, Mr. Cervený, Mr. Otto and Mr. Mac! [The Butcher's Market](#) provided us with special thank you gifts for our team of Dougies, as well. Thank you Butcher's Market!

As for the classroom change war, congratulations to Mrs. Komyati and Mrs. Field's 1st graders! They are the lucky winners of a fun half day with Mr. Burns!

Special thanks to the team at the State Employees Credit Union on Computer Dr. We literally broke the bank ... really ... we put a hurt on their coin machine that required professional attention. Our little dragons were motivated!

The fundraising committee also would like to thank all of our fantastic teachers who graciously and enthusiastically supported our campaign and encouraged students to participate. The funds raised will support our annual school activities including Arts Night, field trip scholarships, Science Night and visiting artists for each grade level. Plans have begun for some exciting new renovations in the Media Center! Thank you SO much Dragons!

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 came out to our September Spirit Night at b. good restaurant in North Hills. b. good donated 20% of their sales from the evening to Douglas!

This month's spirit night will be a Halloween Skate Party at United Skates on Thursday, Oct. 27!! Details coming soon.

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.

LINK THOSE DISCOUNT CARDS!

Hey Douglas families! Did you know that Harris Teeter VIC cards do more than just take up space on your key chain? Indeed! By simply linking YOUR card to OUR school, we can benefit from their Together In Education, TIE, program. The next you visit your neighborhood HT, tell a cashier on your next shopping trip that you would like to link your card to Mary P. Douglas Elementary. You can also link your card from the Harris Teeter website by searching for "DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY PTA." [Click here!](#)

Speaking of grocery stores who ROCK... Lowes Foods is including Douglas as a partner in their Back2Schools program! Please take a moment to visit their [program website to link your Fresh Rewards card to Douglas](#). We will receive a portion of your grocery bill on their private label items.

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 in the main office.

Connect With the PTA on Social Media!

