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## The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Playground

“Do you have children, sir?”

“Why, yes I do,” I replied and happily pushed my two through the gates to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Playground in Kensington Gardens near the center of London. The couple behind me had no children and were denied entry. In this very small part of the world, enclosed by a large black iron fence, all individuals over 12 must be accompanied by a child.

And so our adventures at the Diana playground began. Our children were enthralled in a labyrinth of a playground that included a full scale pirate ship, teepees, six-foot high rocking horses, spinning musical discs, tipping saucers, and other play structures designed to delight children and terrify parents. My wife and I sat and watched as our children climbed inside a 20-foot high rope tower that led to the ship’s crow’s nest. The tower was packed with children negotiating each other. We looked on with trepidation, wondering who would be the first to tell our children to be careful. Both of us sat silently.

Soon the boys disappeared deeper into the labyrinth. We watched other children playing on a small hill surrounded by a stream of water. On top of the hill was a large rock with a crook. A small girl in a Snow White costume laid down on the rock and immediately slid off, bounced knee first on the concrete hill, looked around, wiped herself off, and stumbled into the water. Her parent brushed her off with a caring “Whoopsy daisy,” and she was back at play.

Laughing at this, and feeling that something was different, my wife and I also realized that we hadn’t seen our own children in some time. She walked down the path to find them and came back panicked within minutes. They were nowhere to be seen. I assured her that they were fine and went looking with a hidden panic of my own. As I turned a corner deep into the playground, there they were, running at top speed through the curving bushes. I asked them to check in every once in a while and walked back. As I turned, I bumped into a caretaker of the playground, an adult hired to monitor the children. He’d seen me talking to the boys and so I asked, “So, how many do you lose a year?”

“None, sir. We get scrapes, but no one has ever lost a child. Enjoy your day.”

I was set at ease a little. No predator had ever successfully stolen a child from the Diana Memorial Playground. Then I felt foolish, overprotective and foreign. This seemed like a very dangerous place. The centerpiece of the playground was a concrete hill with embedded rocks pointing up that anyone could fall on. This area was splashed with water all day and children were running through it at top speed. The English were clearly trying to kill their children!

Surprisingly, my children survived. It must be their tough New England stock. As we left, I read a description under a beautiful picture of Princess Diana.

*“The design of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Playground has created an area where less able and able-bodied children can play together and seeks to provide for the physical, creative, social and educational development of your children...The playground encourages children to explore and follow their imaginations; learning whilst they play.*

*...It is now recognized that risk taking is an important element of play and physical development. Parents and caretakers must note that design of the playground does allow for a degree of risk. This is intentionally provided so your child can develop an appreciation of*

*risk in a controlled play environment rather than taking similar risks in the uncontrolled and unregulated wider world."*

I thought to myself, "How wonderful." They were right. This wasn't a dangerous playground, it had risks built in. With the careful attention of the staff and parents, children learned to negotiate these risks, have fun, and learn whilst playing. And

so, as we enter this year at Douglas, let's keep that in mind for our own children. School allows for a degree of risk so that children can develop an appreciation of this and become prepared for the larger, uncontrolled and unregulated wider world!

*C. Whitbeck*

## **September 2010 PTO News**

Welcome back to our returning families and to all of the new families joining the Douglas community! It was an especially sunny summer, and we hope that everyone is rejuvenated and ready to get back to school life. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun school year!

The Douglas Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) enriches the school experience of the Douglas students by sponsoring many activities and programs, both academic and social. The PTO's success is due to our supportive and generous parents and staff.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Volunteer Survey when entering their emergency card information in PowerSchool. It is through this method of collecting data that we are able to fully utilize our impressive range of creative and talented parents. We appreciate all the time and effort you devote to making Douglas such a rich educational environment!

Special thanks to **Lori Fassman** for the many hours she spent putting together the Volunteer Survey and organizing the volunteers for the PTO this year. Thank you also to **Amy Austin**, **Sharon Metzger**, and **Lori Fassman** for creating the useful Douglas Directory. We had another successful Douglas Directory ad campaign thanks to **Martha Papalia**, who started this opportunity last year. Thank you also to **Margaret Murray**, our PowerSchool source of support, for her time, knowledge, and encouragement to help us find the best way to connect our parents to the online Directory and Volunteer Form.

Many thanks to our Gardening Committee co-chairs, **Phoebe Conant** and **Lisa Munson**, who with their team of volunteer parents and children, transformed the gardens around Douglas. As a result of your gardening efforts, Douglas looked beautiful for our orientations and first day of school.

Custodians **John Pacelli** and **Tuey Guarnieri** worked throughout the summer helping prepare the school for our children's return. It is amazing to see the school upside down during the summer so that Mr. Pacelli and Mrs. Guarnieri can wax the floors and then to see how they magically put it all together so that we have a sparkling school in September! Thank you both for your hard work.

Speaking of magic transformations, we hope everyone checks out the beginnings of our new upstairs Study Lounge. A huge thank you goes to **Barbara Meglis**, whose youngest child graduated last year from Douglas, for painting the beautiful sunflower mural. Barbara also designed a plan for the area, which will come into fruition after all of the furniture arrives—hopefully by the end of the month. We can't wait to see how the project progresses and enhances that part of the school. Thanks so much!

The Newcomers Welcome was held on August 26 and was a great success due to the planning efforts of Newcomer Coordinator, **Kathy McCullen**, with help from **Deanne O'Sullivan**, as well as all of the volunteer parents who attended. International Representatives **Maria Albarran** and **Sonal Keswani** helped to ensure that all of our new parents felt welcomed. Thanks also to the many Douglas students who were there to meet and greet the incoming new students as they explored their new school while enjoying a scavenger hunt led by Dr. Whitbeck.

The teachers were treated to a Welcome Back-to-School Teachers Luncheon the day before the first day of school. We cannot thank our teachers enough for the wonderful ways they help our children every day. Thank you to Back-to-School Luncheon Coordinator **Terry Martins**, who coordinated this wonderful and welcoming lunch, and to the parents who prepared delicious food for the luncheon and helped set up and clean up that day.

Thank you to **Tamara Ricciardone** for coordinating and distributing the Back-to-School supply packets. Each year the School Supply program provides an easy way to make sure Douglas students have everything they need for the start of school and saves parents from having to run around for school supplies.

Thank you to **Sara Junghans** and **Susan Haverstock** for their detailed work organizing and preparing for Photo Day, which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. Thank you also to all of the parents who have volunteered to help that day.

In the next week, please watch for the Direct Solicitation letter which the PTO sends out each year, requesting donations to support the many programs set up to enrich the students' lives at Douglas. All funds raised by the PTO go directly to our students whether by providing assistants to the classrooms, offering Cultural Enrichment performances, or creating a comfortable place in which to grow and learn. The Direct Solicitation letter began from a desire to reduce the individual fundraisers that were taxing our volunteers in time and energy while still maintaining financial support. We ask that you give serious consideration to making a contribution to the Douglas PTO this year so that we can continue to make a difference in the daily lives of each Douglas student.

Lastly, we would like to encourage you to come to this year's PTO meetings. In September, our first PTO General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 7:30 PM in the Douglas Cafetorium. A full listing for the PTO meetings for 2010–2011 is available on the Douglas website. We hope to see you there!

Have a great September and please contact us with any questions or comments.

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*2010–2011 PTO Co-Chairs*

## ***Tardy/Dismissal Procedures***

The Douglas School staff would like to remind parents that the following procedures should be followed when your child is tardy or dismissed early:

### **Tardy**

When children are tardy, they need to come to the office to obtain a **Tardy Slip** before going to class. This allows the office to know the child is in school (and to remove the name from the “absent” list). It also shows the teacher that the student has checked in with the office. In order not to disturb the teaching going on in classrooms, please *do not* take your child to his/her classroom.

### **Dismissed**

If your child is to be dismissed during the school day, the parent should come to the office to request their child be dismissed. In order not to disturb the teaching going on in classrooms, please *do not* go to the classroom to get your child.

Please let the office know if your child will be gone for the remainder of the day or will be returning. Finally, please sign your child out in the “Sign Out” logbook outside the office doorway.

### **Returned**

If your child returns later in the day, they need to come to the office to obtain a **Dismissed/Returned Slip** before going to their classroom. This allows the office to know the child is in school and the teacher to know that they have checked in with the office. This step is very important because the office will mark the child absent for the remainder of the day if they are unaware of their return to school. We ask parents please—*do not* take your child directly to their classroom.

Please call the office (978.266.2560) if you have any questions regarding these procedures.

Thank you,

*Sharon Armistead and Sharen Crooks*

## ***Parking Rules***

Please note that cars *should never* park in or drive through the bus area during dismissal times.

Also, please do not park your car in the circular pick-up area. This is for quick pick-up/drop-off *only*.

If you park on Agawam Road, please be sure to park on the side of the road that already has cars. You will be ticketed by the Acton Police if cars are parked on both sides of the street.

You must come into the Douglas lobby to sign out your child if they are being dismissed as a walker.

Thank you,

*Dr. Whitbeck*



## ***FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE: Guidelines for Keeping Sick Children Home from School***

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them off to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. The following guidelines should be considered when making the decision:

**Fever.** The child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100°. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin).

**Diarrhea/Vomiting.** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 12 hours.

**Conjunctivitis.** Following a diagnosis of conjunctivitis, the child may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medication.

**Colds.** Consider keeping your child at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection. Consider having the child seen by your health care provider.

A sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child opportunity to rest and recover.

## ***Douglas Announcements from Constant Contact System***

With economic and environmental concerns in mind, the Douglas PTO is trying to communicate more and more via email and less through paper flyers. It is therefore important to check the “Constant Contact” weekly message, which is sent from Christine Phillips, the Douglas PTO Technology Secretary. This typically goes out on Sundays and is composed of important reminders and/or descriptions of what is happening that week in school. Occasionally, we may have a timely email sent out during the week to keep you up-to-date on current events. Our goal is to keep the weekly messages brief with only the most essential information. Whenever possible, we will include a direct link to the Douglas website for those seeking more details. Please check your Spam/Bulk folder and computer settings to make sure the Constant Contact messages aren’t being blocked for delivery to your inbox, as occasionally happens.

The email addresses held in the Constant Contact system are hand-entered by the technology secretary. The email addresses *do not* come from the PowerSchool Emergency Contact database or from email addresses collected by the Douglas Directory committee.

Thus, it is important for all Douglas families to alert the technology secretary:

- ◆ To join the Constant Contact system if you are new to the community.
- ◆ To change an email address.

To contact Christine, send email to:  
technology.secretary@douglasschoolpto.org

Please let her know if you need an old email address removed from the system, your new address, and your children’s grades at Douglas so that you may receive grade-specific announcements. If you would prefer, at any time, not to receive the Constant Contact announcements, you may use the “opt out” choice at the bottom of the messages.

Periodically, you will receive emails from “DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL” sent from the blackboardconnect.com system and signed by Dr. Whitbeck. These messages are not from the PTO, but rather directly from Dr. Whitbeck and usually regard news of special interest.

We hope that the Constant Contact email messages help our parents to feel connected and informed about the Douglas Community. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

Thank you,

*Kristan Smith-Park and Deanne O’Sullivan, PTO Co-Chairs*

*Christine Phillips, 978.635.1747*

*technology.secretary@douglasschoolpto.org*

*or hylandphillips@verizon.net*

*Douglas PTO Technology Secretary*

## ***Safe Arrival***

Please call Safe Arrival at 978.266.2566 if your child will be absent or late. Please leave a message including your child’s name, teacher’s name, room number, and reason for absence or tardiness.

## ***Volunteers Needed for Safe Arrival Program***

The Safe Arrival program ensures that all students are accounted for and are safe at school every day. Volunteers retrieve messages left on the school’s voice mail system and compare them to teachers’ attendance sheets. Discrepancies are investigated. Commitment averages ~30 minutes, 2–3 times a month.

If interested, please contact Ellen Hurley, 978.263.4003 or emhurl@verizon.net.

## ***School Picture Day Tuesday, September 14***

**Please mark this important date in your calendars:** School Picture Day will be on **Tuesday, September 14**. Our photographer this year will once again be Coffee Pond Photography. All photos will be taken outdoors to allow for a natural background. A rain date has been scheduled for Friday, October 22.

If you would like to volunteer to help on September 14, please contact Susan Haverstock (smhavers@comcast.net, 978.897.3845) or Sara Junghans (junghans2@verizon.net, 978.264.4769). We need a few volunteers to help children prepare for their photos and a few other volunteers to escort the children from the classroom to the photographers. Please make sure your CORI is current.

Finally, if you need financial assistance please contact Sharon Armistead at sarmistead@mail.ab.mec.edu, 978.266.2560.

*Please note that this year the PTO will again receive a portion of the proceeds from Photo Day. Any money earned from photo day will go directly to the classrooms to benefit our children.*

*Susan Haverstock and Sara Junghans  
Picture Day Co-chairs*

**Urgent  
Reminder**

You must verify the emergency contact info for *each of your children* in PowerSchool, even if nothing has changed since last year: <https://absis.ab.mec.edu/public/>. Refer to your student letter for each student's unique username and password. Douglas Directory orders and the Volunteer Survey are both hosted on SurveyMonkey—you can find a link on the Douglas website. You only need to order the directory and complete the Volunteer Survey *once per family, not per child*. If you have any questions about this process, contact Lori Fassman at [lori@fassman.com](mailto:lori@fassman.com) or 978.264.9710.

### **Douglas School Library**

We are ready for an exciting year in the Douglas Library! We look forward to meeting your children and exploring the wonderful worlds of literature and research with them. Library classes will begin on September 13. Students may bring in their Summer Fun Reading Bingo sheets to the first scheduled library class; all forms are due by Friday, September 17. We will be having our raffle drawing on Monday, September 20. Blank summer reading Bingo sheets are available on the Douglas school website if you misplaced yours.

Sue and Sasha are looking for volunteers to help shelve books, assist students in locating materials in the library, and work on special projects as the need arises. We will hold volunteer training on Thursday, September 16, 9–10 AM, in the library, Mod 5. Volunteers may begin as soon as they have CORI clearance. Please contact us with any questions you have regarding the library.

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Sue Stewart, [sue\\_stewart@mail.ab.mec.edu](mailto:sue_stewart@mail.ab.mec.edu), 978.266.2560

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### **Walk for Peace, Picnic for Peace!**

We hope you can join us in marking the C.T. Douglas School tenth annual Walk for Peace. On Thursday, September 23, Douglas students and members of the school community will gather at 10:15 AM to walk one mile to raise funds for peace, and to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. (The rain date will be Thursday, September 30.)

We sincerely appreciate the support shown to this effort in past years, and ask for your continued backing of our efforts. Money raised from the walk this year will be donated to the Pennies for Peace program which is part of the Central Asia Institute. The mission of CAI is to support and promote community-based education in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Many people may have heard about the agency founder, Greg Mortensen, who wrote *Three Cups of Tea* about his efforts to build schools in remote regions of Pakistan. More information may be obtained from the CAI website: <https://www.ikat.org/pennies-for-peace>

We will gather in the circle and walk our usual route in Indian Village. This year in addition to the Walk for Peace we will be introducing what we hope will become another tradition: a Picnic for Peace! When Greg Mortensen returned to the small village in Pakistan to build the first school, they first had to build a bridge to the village in order to transport the supplies. We would like to encourage families to build bridges in our community. We feel this will be a great opportunity to celebrate our diversity and to get to know one another better.

After the walk, children will return to their classrooms for discussion and regular dismissal. Immediately following dismissal our Douglas community families who are able are invited to join together for a picnic outside. It is a BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything) event, including food, dishes, drinks. We hope you can join us!

As a follow up to the picnic we hope to collect recipes from our varied heritages and compile a cookbook! We hope you will join us on the walk, and support this effort and venture.

**Volunteer opportunities:** On the day of the picnic we would like to station a parent volunteer for each grade level on the playground, so parents and students will know where to meet up with each other. We are also looking for interested parent volunteers to assist in collecting and collating recipes and investigating printing options and/or online format for a cookbook that reflects our diverse community. Thank you for considering these ideas! Contact Mrs. Breslin if you are interested in helping.

Cheryl Breslin, [cbreslin@mail.ab.mec.edu](mailto:cbreslin@mail.ab.mec.edu)



## **Snack Cart—First Day is September 30**

Thank you for your anticipated support of Snack Cart through snack donations and purchases that support our wonderful and diverse Cultural Enrichment Program at Douglas. The snack donation and volunteer schedules, snack suggestion list, pretzel ingredients, and order forms can be found at:

<http://douglas.ab.mec.edu/index.html?forparents>

New this year, donations are being grouped by grade level (except kindergarten and sixth grade) in an attempt to make it easier for parents to remember when to donate.

Please remember to send in snacks on the Thursdays before Snack Cart starts on the 30th. On September 16 and 23, snack cart will be selling small bags of popcorn for \$0.25, which students can buy to supplement their snack from home.

Pretzel Day will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month, except when immediately following a vacation week. Please see the Douglas website calendar for exact dates. Look for a pretzel order form in your child's folder the week before the pretzels are due.



This year we will continue with electronic donation reminders. Please watch the Constant Contact email for a reminder about which classes are being asked to donate. You will also receive a paper copy of the donation schedule for the year.

We welcome "safe snack" boxes that you stock with acceptable snacks for your child with allergies or special dietary needs. Please mark the box with your child's name and teacher. Instruct your child to ask for it when they come to Snack Cart.

*Amy Austin, [abaustin4@gmail.com](mailto:abaustin4@gmail.com)*

*Namita Davé, [namitadave@hotmail.com](mailto:namitadave@hotmail.com)*

## **Show Your Douglas Pride—Spiritwear sales are coming!**

In the beginning of October, look for the order form for Douglas Spiritwear in your youngest child's backpack. Spiritwear is perfect for holiday gift giving or for everyday use to show school pride!

We are bringing back some Douglas favorites like tie-dye T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and flannel pants.

We also brought back the gold with blue trim short-sleeved and long-sleeved T-shirts in both adult and children's sizes. For those AB fans out there, we will have AB basketball shorts!

We hope there's something for everyone. Thanks for supporting Douglas!

*Debbie Maffei, [d.maffei@verizon.net](mailto:d.maffei@verizon.net), 978.635.8396*

*Douglas SpiritWear*

## **Breakfast Club, Work and Play**

Breakfast Club: 7–8:30 AM

Work and Play: 2:45–6 PM

(Thursdays, 12:15–6 PM)

We are excited to enter the fifteenth year of our before and after school child care programs, "Breakfast Club" and "Work and Play." Both programs are available on a pre-booked and drop-in basis for your convenience on every regularly scheduled school day. You can access registration forms on the Douglas School website at <http://douglas.ab.mec.edu> and at the Douglas School office. Students are served breakfast at Breakfast Club and snack every day at Work and Play, and they bring their own lunches on Thursdays. Each day, students play outside or in the gym, use the computer lab, and/or do homework. On Thursdays, there is often a special movie time.

If your child misses his or her bus, he or she will automatically be sent to Work and Play and you will be sent a bill with an hourly charge.

Please know that all profits from Breakfast Club and Work and Play are used to benefit Douglas School!

Thank you for your continued support of our before and after school programs. We are looking forward to another wonderful year with your children. Please contact us if you have questions.

*Chris Borgman, [cborgman@mail.ab.mec.edu](mailto:cborgman@mail.ab.mec.edu)*

*Sasha DeMello, [sdemello@mail.ab.mec.edu](mailto:sdemello@mail.ab.mec.edu)*





## **Box Tops for Education**

Box Tops for Education is a fundraising program by General Mills. School supporters can earn cash for the Douglas school with Box Tops through everyday activities such as buying groceries, shopping online and buying books. We have earned more than \$1000 each year through Box Tops.

Here's how you can help:

- ◆ **Clip Box Tops** from hundreds of favorite products and drop them in the receptacle in the school lobby. There are also receptacles near the checkout at Roche Bros. and Donelan's supermarkets.
- ◆ **Sign up to support Douglas Elementary School** on the Box Tops website. Go to [www.btf.com](http://www.btf.com).
- ◆ **Shop online:** Douglas Elementary School will earn up to 15% of qualifying purchases when you shop at over 100 popular online stores at the Box Tops Marketplace®.
- ◆ **Buy books:** Douglas Elementary School will earn up to 6% of purchases made online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>SM</sup>.
- ◆ **Help a classroom** by purchasing needed items through the My Class Essentials<sup>TM</sup> registry.

Our first submission is the end of October and comes quickly. Your support is appreciated!

For more information, visit [www.btf.com](http://www.btf.com) or contact Michele Walsh.

*Michele Walsh, Box Tops Coordinator*  
*michele\_walsh@yahoo.com*

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## **Douglas Garden Committee Looking for Volunteers**

For those of you new to the Douglas Community, the Garden Committee performs an important service for the school. While the town helps us by doing "big jobs" such as mowing and hedge trimming, almost all the other work in outdoor areas is done by our volunteers. These areas include the Japanese garden, Mrs. Scott's garden, the garden under the front office windows, the center island gardens, the circle garden behind the school, and the planted containers near the entrances. We typically organize a fall and spring clean-up and help make the grounds look nice for special occasions such as back-to-school and sixth grade graduation. Even if you didn't select "Gardening" in the online volunteer survey, we hope you will join us on one of our clean-ups; bring your gardening gloves, and join us for coffee this fall. Keep an eye on the Douglas Digest for work dates and times.

*Phoebe Conant and Lisa Munson*  
*Garden Committee Co-Chairs*

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## **Ice Cream Social, Friday, November 12—Volunteers Needed**

Mark your calendars and join your friends at Douglas School for a night of *fun, games, and sweet treats*, Friday, November 12, 6:30–9pm at the Douglas Ice Cream Social. Winning a cake puts a delightful cherry on top of a night of games, ice cream, and pizza, don't you think?

The more the merrier—and the less work to share!—so sign up to make new friends, or sign up with a friend and help make the magic happen!

For most people, this is only an hour or two commitment: confirm your assignment, show up on Friday, help out and have fun! If you want to help with the advance planning, or stay the evening, that's great too!

To sign up to help, use the volunteer form or email me. Looking forward to a fun year and a fun Ice Cream Social!

*Jill Buonomo, [jill.buonomo@gmail.com](mailto:jill.buonomo@gmail.com)*

## **Dates to Remember**

September	Kindergarten Screening, <i>no regular kindergarten classes the day of your screening</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Wednesday, September 8: All Day Kindergarten</li><li>◆ Friday, September 10: AM Kindergarten</li><li>◆ Monday, September 13: PM Kindergarten</li></ul>
Thursday, September 9	Rosh Hashanah: NO SCHOOL
Monday, September 13	Library classes start; summer reading logs due by Friday, September 17
Tuesday, September 14	School Picture Day
Wednesday, September 15	Back to School Night for AM Kindergarten, All-Day Kindergarten, Grades 3–6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 6–6:45 PM: AM Kindergarten/All-Day Kindergarten</li><li>◆ 7–7:45 PM: Grades 3–4</li><li>◆ 8–8:45 PM: Grades 5–6</li></ul>
Thursday, September 16	Newcomers Playdate, 12:30 PM on the K–2 playground—all welcome!
Wednesday, September 22	Back to School Night for PM Kindergarten and Grades 1–2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 6–6:45 PM: PM Kindergarten</li><li>◆ 7–7:45 PM: Grades 1–2</li></ul>
Thursday, September 23	Walk for Peace and Picnic
Monday, September 27	General PTO Meeting, 7:30 PM, in cafetorium
Thursday, September 30	Walk for Peace and Picnic Raindate
Monday, October 11	Columbus Day: NO SCHOOL

## **Snack Cart Donations**

September 30	5th and 6th grades: Sharp, Rand, Cherkerzian, Hubbell, Oxnard, Christensen
October 7	Pretzel Day
October 14	3rd and 4th grades: Cail, Ritter, Simeone, Bethel, Breslin, Nadolny
October 21	1st and 2nd grades: Ingraham, Hunt, Tajima, Kay, Savage, Littlefield
October 28	5th grade and AM kindergarten: Sharp, Rand, Cherkerzian, Smith

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## **PTO General Meetings 2010–2011**

Everyone is welcome to attend! All meetings are in the Douglas Cafetorium.

- ◆ Monday, September 27, 7:30 PM
- ◆ Monday, November 15, 7:30 PM
- ◆ Thursday, January 20, 10 AM
- ◆ Tuesday, March 22, 7 PM, PTO Meeting and Speaker Series with Gates
- ◆ Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 PM
- ◆ Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 PM