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TRUTH

There, on the curb, she stands. Behind her is the parking lot. In front of her is the traffic of Elm Street. A small girl, dressed in jeans, jean jacket, sneakers, and a wooly hat. It's 51 degrees outside on a cool May Sunday. The girl is worried. With shoulders hunched against the wind, she looks up and down and up and down the street. *Worried*. About what?

I saw this girl while sitting in my office, looking out the big window. "What's her story?" I wondered.

FICTION

She's waiting for her dad to pick her up. She was playing T-ball with friends and he was going to drive to West Acton Market for a New York Times and a cup of coffee. "Be right back," he said. That was half an hour ago. First she waited on the field. Then she moved out to the curb beside the entrance to the parking lot.

Anxiety grips her. "Where is he? Ohmigod, where is he?"

She knew this would happen someday. He always gets to talking and forgets things. Some day he would drive off and forget her. He's probably in Boston by now. What will he do at the Museum of Science without her?

Or else he's been hit by one of those big trucks that drive through town. He always takes chances crossing in the middle of the street—he never uses the crosswalk that he demands she use. Now he's in the hospital. Unconscious or with amnesia. And nobody knows she's standing out here in the cold on the curb.

Or maybe he's returning somebody's lost dog. Or he left his wallet somewhere. But he can't remember where. Or he's run out of gas, like she always thinks he will. Car-jacking? Maybe some terrorist bank-robber types took him. And they are in Boston by now. Checking into the first motel they come to. And her dad has been left out in the boonies all bound up with duct tape. And he will never be found. And nobody knows she's still standing out here on the curb waiting....

Meanwhile, her dad has pulled his car into the parking lot long ago. He's reading the paper and has lost track of time. He looks up to see her standing there. He sneaks up behind her holding a bouquet of flowers, bear hugs her, twirls her around and delivers the flowers and a kiss.

That part of the story is fiction. But it could be the truth. For somebody, somewhere, sometime. Worry warts are evenly distributed—even among children—as are parents in love with their children. You may know some of each.

And this is the romantic side of what can be imagined sitting in a principal's office, looking out the window at a girl standing on a curb with her hat on a cloudy, cold, windy day in May. It's a love story to send you off for the summer.

C. Whitbeck

PTO News—June 2009

This month, the PTO article is a long one, due to the fact that this is the time of year that we are able to thank the many who have helped us accomplish what we have been able to accomplish this year. Please take the time to read the names of those who have contributed their time and talents this year to help make Douglas the wonderful place that it is!

With just weeks before school ends, the PTO has been busy wrapping up the school year and even preparing a bit for next year already!

Our last PTO General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 7:30pm, in the Cafetorium. At the meeting, we will introduce the incoming Board and Committee Chairs, and we will vote on the PTO Budget for 2009–2010. Dr. Whitbeck will talk about the summer improvements planned for Douglas as well as other exciting news about our school. We invite everyone, especially our families graduating from Douglas this year, to attend and to join us for refreshments following the meeting.

On May 1, 19 ABRHS seniors visited Douglas as part of Community Service Day to help with a variety of projects on the grounds of Douglas. Thanks to the seniors and to Phoebe Conant and Jamie Norton for coordinating the effort.

Thank you to Kristan Smith-Park for organizing yet another successful Festival of Cultures on May 16. It was wonderful to see families from Douglas and Conant come together to share their diverse cultures through hands-on displays, food and entertainment.

Thank you to Mr. Broggi for leading our Memorial Day celebration and to special guest, Captain Wayne Morgan, an AB graduate who recently served overseas and came to share his experience and help us all better understand the significance of this important occasion. Thank you also to Phoebe Conant for her help with the celebration.

Thank you to Erica Cannarozzi and Candace Doncaster for organizing the Staff Appreciation Luncheon held on May 27. Special thanks to the Cannarozzi family and Serafina's for the wonderful food and to all of the parents who helped that day as well as to those who provided desserts. This luncheon helped the parents of Douglas show how much we appreciate our teachers and staff at Douglas!

Thank you to Jen Aufiero and Michele Walsh for coordinating the Box Tops program and the Donelan's Tapes for Education Grocery Receipts. Points earned with these programs will be used to purchase special extras for the school. Thank you also to those who collected and turned in receipts and box tops.

Douglas Day, held on June 1 this year, was once again a day that Douglas students will remember for a long time. The children enjoyed activities and games and had the opportunity to dunk their favorite principal and enjoy a barbecue picnic lunch with friends and family. The Yo-Yo Man put on a show as a special treat to end the day. Thank you to Erika Cormier for coordinating Douglas Day and to Deb Dormitzer, Terry Martins, and Linda Skolnik for organizing the cultural enrichment entertainment for the day!

Special Thanks

This year has been an exceptional year! Thank you to our entire parent population and staff who have participated in the many Douglas PTO events, in the classroom and around school. We have an amazing community that provides time and energy to support the children, teachers, and staff of Douglas.

Thank you to:

- Susan Kelly for employing her talents as keeper of the Douglas Album.
- Santhi Sonthi for hosting the Alumni Reception.
- Lori Fassman and volunteers for providing baked goods during the year for our meetings and events.
- Michelle Daniell for keeping the Douglas Calendar up-to-date in the lobby.
- Jen Aufiero and Michele Walsh for collecting box tops, labels for education, and grocery store receipts.
- Peter Broggi and Terri Carotenuto for producing two Talent Shows.
- Erika Cormier for putting together an extra special Douglas Day!
- Sarah Clabault and Maryanne Chase and their committee for their hard work planning the Spring Social and Auction. Thank you also to all of the Douglas families and staff who contributed and attended the auction.
- Dawn Gomez and Lori Fassman for the many hours spent managing our volunteer data and coordination efforts.
- Alex and Torri Horovitz for creating the Douglas Directory this year.
- Anya Fillion, Kristan Smith-Park, and Terry Martins for coordinating the Teachers Back to School Luncheon at the beginning of the school year.
- Linda Ahern for another successful Douglas Spirit Wear Sale.

- Jan Immerman for coordinating the 6th Grade Graduation scheduled for June 25.
- Donna Yost, Dawn Gomez, and Todd and Julie Marvin and the many families who contributed to the memorable Ice Cream Social.
- Deanne O'Sullivan for serving as the Douglas Newcomer Representative and to Maria Albarran for serving as the Douglas International Representative.
- Kristan Smith-Park for coordinating the Festival of Cultures.
- Kristan Smith-Park and Paula Conquest for representing Douglas at the Kindergarten Lottery.
- Kim Shamah for being the Kindergarten Screening coordinator this fall.
- Christine Phillips for sharing her knowledge of the school as she led the Kindergarten Tours.
- Heather Harer and Terry Martins for being our Kindergarten Tour Greeters.
- DeDe Guba for keeping track of the Lost and Found all year and for organizing the donation of items at the end of each season.
- Candace Doncaster for organizing the Lowell Devils Hockey outing and Julie Marvin for arranging the Lowell Spinners night for the enjoyment of Douglas families.
- Nancie Boudreau for managing School Picture Day.
- Nancy Young and Laura Fay and all their volunteers for the school-wide organization of Nature Walk.
- Thank you to Rita Gupta, Patti Babcock, and Lisa Vingerhoet, the parent volunteers and the 3rd grade students for running the Douglas Post Office.
- Laura Fay and Maureen Cannata and the parent volunteers for organizing a successful book fair.
- Lori Fassman and Roberta Bizier for coordinating the Veteran's Day Celebration.
- Susan Cudmore for being the PIP representative for Douglas.
- Susan Cudmore, Maria Albarran, and their volunteers for all their work on the Recycling Program.
- Marne Geller, Kimberly Powers, and Marcia Towey for organizing Read Aloud Day.
- Laurie Maylander for managing the March Reading Challenge.
- Julia Kline for coordinating Purposeful Change and to the students for contributing change so we could donate blankets to HGRM (Household Goods Recycling of MA).
- Ellen Hurley and her volunteers for manning the Safe Arrival line every morning.
- Erica Cahill and her committee for coordinating this year's 4th grade School Store.
- Scott Howe, Lisa Racie, Judy Rowland, Kathleen McDonagh, Anne Soydan, and Tamara Ricciardone for their work as School Council Parent Representatives.
- Tamara Ricciardone and Erica Cannarozzi for handling the School Supply Packets, which will be waiting for the children when they return to school.
- Aine Folan-Reine for maintaining the Science Kit Program.
- Lisa Quinn for promoting and managing the Scrip Program.
- Dawn Gomez for coordinating the TAP volunteers who helped the teachers and staff throughout the year.
- To the Room Parents, Nature Walk, Computer Lab, and Library volunteers who support the classrooms all year long.

Thank you to the Douglas Staff for their continued support to all the children of Douglas. Thank you to Dr. Whitbeck for his encouragement of the Douglas PTO in all of its endeavors. We look forward to another wonderful year working with you. Thank you to Sharon Armistead, Sharen Crooks, Paula Seaburg, and Nancie Boudreau for knowing all there is to know about Douglas and being there to help in every way throughout the year.

Thank you to all of the Douglas Teachers, Assistants, and Specialists, SPED Teachers, and Staff for your support of the PTO in handling the varied paperwork and in participating in so many of the PTO events.

Thank you to:

- Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Guarnieri, and Mrs. Dosh for providing hot food to the hungry kids of Douglas all year long.
- Mr. Pacelli and Mr. Bouchard for keeping our school in running order.
- Stacey Waite and Kathy Santis, our school nurses, for being there when the children were not feeling well or just needed a little help getting through their day.
- Sasha DeMello and Sue Stewart for running the Douglas Library and creating the opportunity for our children to expand their reading abilities and develop their library skills.
- Janice Ward for keeping the PTO information up to date on the Douglas website.

Thank you to the following Board members for their many, many hours helping the PTO this year:

- Treasurers Claude Cormier and Erika Cormier for their handling and presentation of the finances during the year.
- Assistant Treasurer Corinne Hogseth for managing all of the deposits for the PTO.
- Secretary Jill Wolf for her recording and management of the PTO Meeting Minutes.
- Technology Secretary Christine Phillips for her up-to-date and informative Constant Contact messages.
- Scott Anderson and Erin Boisvert for serving on the Interschool Council.
- Laurel Ghose and Kathy Quinn for their contributions to the Health and Safety Committee.
- Sara Junghans and DeDe Guba for their input to the Playground Committee.
- Deb Dormitzer, Terry Martins, and Linda Skolnik for researching and showcasing the wonderful Cultural Enrichment programs this year.
- Sharon Kautz, Michelle Deng, Allen Nitschelm, and Michelle Daniell for producing and distributing the informative monthly Douglas Digest.
- Jamie Norton and Phoebe Conant for their many years heading up the Gardening Committee.
- Susan Cudmore, Stephanie Margolien, and Karen Dudziak and their volunteers for running the Douglas Snack Cart.
- Jan Immerman and Ellen Hurley for their hospitality and preparation for PTO General Meeting and other functions.

- Lori Fassman and Dawn Gomez for their ongoing efforts in managing the volunteer coordination.
- Sarah Clabault and Jen Aufiero for coordinating the entertaining grade wide Movie Nights for the Social Committee.

Thank you to all who served on this year's PTO Board. As we transition from this year to the next, we would like to thank three board members in particular who have given so much to help the Douglas community be a better place. Thank you to Michelle Deng for contributing her layout expertise to the Douglas Digest Team for the past two years. Thank you to Sarah Clabault for her many years serving as a Social Coordinator organizing many grade wide activities for our children such as the fun Movie Nights. Thank you to Erin Boisvert for representing Douglas and keeping us up-to-date by attending Interschool Council Meetings for many years. Please be sure to thank these extraordinary volunteers for the gift of their time and effort given to Douglas!

As we finish up this school year, a special thank you to Cassie Stewart for her hard work, dedication and leadership as she has led the PTO in what has been a wonderful year. As Cassie steps down from her Co-Chair role, she will not be going far as she will continue to help the PTO next year in her new role on the interschool council. We welcome incoming Junior PTO Co-Chair, Kristan Smith-Park who brings a wealth of knowledge and ideas to our PTO for next year. Thank you Cassie for all you have taught me this year and welcome Kristan, I look forward to working with you next year!

Cheryl Witty, ckwitty@verizon.net

Cassie Stewart, cassie_stewart@comcast.net

Kristan Smith-Park, ksmith068@gmail.com

Douglas PTO Board for the 2009–2010 School Year

Co-Chairs	Cheryl Witty Kristan Smith-Park	Snack Program	Susan Cudmore Stephanie Margolien Karen Dudziak
Treasurer	Erika and Claude Cormier	Volunteer Coordinators	Lori Fassman Dawn Gomez
Secretary	Jill Wolf	Hospitality	Jan Immerman Ellen Hurley
Technology Secretary	Christine Phillips	Playground	Sara Junghans Dede Guba
Interschool Council	Scott Anderson Cassie Stewart	Gardening	Jamie Norton Phoebe Conant
Social Committee	Jen Aufiero	Douglas Digest	Allen Nitschelm Sharon Kautz Sharon Metzger
Cultural Enrichment	Deb Dormitzer Terry Martins Linda Skolnik		
Health and Safety	Kathy Quinn Laurel Ghose		

ABRHS Community Service Day

Each year the C. T. Douglas School is fortunate to have a group of seniors from the high school come and spend a morning helping us as part of Community Service Day. This year the students helped our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Smith and Miss Fitzpatrick, our janitor, Mr. Pacelli, and the Garden Committee do a long list of projects in and around the school. From cutting and copying, to sweeping and shoveling, these students did a tremendous amount of work.

We would like to thank the following members of the ABRHS Senior Class for their hard work and enthusiasm:

Kindergarten Helpers: Carley Cesare, Juliet Bull, Caileigh Donovan, Kelly Duhamel, Julianne Nolan, Lauren O'Brien.

Custodial Helpers: Elise Hearne, Adam Doherty, Miles Kula, Molly Mills, Liz Solomon.

Gardening Helpers: Andrew Adgate*, Kyle Biron, Andreas Christenson, Joe DiRe*, Matt Mazzone*, Ryan McCabe, Demetri Papathanasion, Doug Randolph, Mitch Smith, Erin Sweet, Sarah Bertilino, Monica Dyavanapalli, Sammie Garrabrant, Alicia Giannotti, Laura Giannotti, Munzareen Khan, Jessica Kilpatrick, Meaghan LaFrancis, Elizabeth Olliver. (* =Douglas Alumni)

Thanks to Kennett Coleman, Susan Cudmore, Phoebe Conant, Jamie Norton, Christine Phillips, and Jennifer Taylor who gave their time to organize and supervise the day's work. Thanks, too, to the volunteers who baked treats for the seniors, and to the dedicated staff of the school. In particular we would like to thank Sharen Crooks, who every year does a fantastic job of coordinating and organizing before the seniors even get here to make the day a success.

Second annual April vacation program was a great success!

The Work and Play program successfully hosted its second annual April Vacation Program and great fun was had by all. Surprise guests led activities from structured playtime in the gym to making and flying kites! The program attendees were thrilled to see Douglas School teachers as their special guests! Activities included decorating patriotic picture frames with your own picture inside to take home, making scented play dough, crocodile foam mat weaving, and marble painting. Highlights included a walk for lunch to New London Pizza, and French and German lessons! The kids loved being at school but not having to do school work!

Garden Committee Thanks

- What a busy spring it has been! Once again, the Garden Committee was fortunate to receive help from many dedicated volunteers at our Spring Clean Up, and we are so thankful to them for their hard work!
- Lori Krinsky and her daughter Lucy win the Garden Committee's *Why on Earth Didn't We Think of That* Award for their contribution of an electric hedge trimmer for cutting down the ornamental grasses in the Japanese Garden.
- Eileen Matarese and Lisa Munson did an outstanding job of expanding and reworking Mrs. Scott's Garden.
- Christine Phillips and Rheta Roeber helped break down the collapsed barrel by the morning drop-off entrance and moved and divided the plants therein.
- Everyone raked, weeded and trimmed, and worked like mad to prepare the gardens for the Phase II; Community Service Day. Thanks to you all for getting us there.

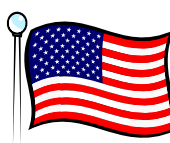
On Friday, May 1, the Garden Committee welcomed another group of hard workers: ABRHS Seniors. As part of their Community Service Day, these students came and shoveled, moved and raked over 5 yards of mulch to our many gardens. They prepped our two new raised vegetable beds down by the kindergarten classrooms and filled them with soil. They swept and weeded and picked up trash.

The Garden Committee would like to thank the wonderful ABRHS garden volunteers named above for working so diligently. We are grateful for their enthusiasm as well as their strong backs!

Thanks to all of you who helped over the past year. We wish everyone in the Douglas Community a wonderful summer, and hope you will come join us next year!

Phoebe Conant and Jamie Norton
Garden Committee Co-Chairs

Special thanks—Grand old flag



We would like to thank the Whitbeck family for their donation of the flag that now flies in front of Douglas School. The flag belonged to Dr. Whitbeck's grandfather, a World War II veteran.

Douglas at Dawn/Dusk—next year

Reminder: Sign up sheets for the Breakfast Club and Work and Play programs for 2009–2010 are available on the Douglas website at douglas.ab.mec.edu. *Register now for next year!* **Breakfast Club** will be offered from 7–9:15am and **Work and Play** from 3:30–6pm and on Thursdays from 1–6pm.

Fall Enrichment Classes will start at the beginning of October. If you are interested in teaching an enrichment class in a sport, arts and crafts, woodworking, or whatever your creative mind can come up with, please contact Sasha DeMello (sdemello@mail.ab.mec.edu).

The Douglas at Dawn/Dusk program appreciates your support and, remember, all profits from our program directly benefit Douglas School! Have a great summer!

Festival of Cultures—thank you!

Thank you to all who helped to make this year's Festival of Cultures a wonderful event! It was a special evening of talent, culture, and community. The ambassadors did a wonderful job of sharing their family's culture. This year's Douglas ambassadors were Maria Albarran (Mexico), Ghada Bitar (Lebanon), Carol Buysse (Belgium), Yujia Huang (China), Kathleen McDonagh (Ireland), Agnes Quisumbing (Philippines), and Penny Seakins and Samantha Augst (England).

I also wanted to thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped out during the event. Everyone was extremely capable, organized, and generous with their time:

Jen Aufiero	Rita Gupta
Linda Borghesani	Ann-Marie Hanley
Nancy Boudreau	Tanaz Hashemi
Pam Caliskan	Sharon Kautz
Gabel Chong	Aliza Lamdan
Andrew Conquest	Robin O'Donoghue
Paula Conquest	Rheta Roeber
Namita Dave	Hema Sakarda
Lori Fassman	Cheryl Witty
Laurel Ghose	Janice Yee
Anjali Gupta	Jennifer Zobair

A big thanks to all of the students who participated in the outstanding performances as well as Douglas teachers Peter Broggi, Chiuling Campo, Akiko Morii, and Dr. Whitbeck.

Thanks to Mr. Bouchard, as well, for giving up part of his Saturday to help out!

Finally, thanks to all of you who came to the event and contributed to the potluck meal.

It is a rare opportunity to be able to come together with another school and share some of the qualities that make Acton so rich—its diversity, talented youth, and sense of community.

Kristan Smith-Park
Festival of Cultures Co-Chair

Early notice: Math Olympiad Team enrichment class starting at Douglas School

This course follows the curriculum set by the Math Olympiad (www.moems.org) program, whereby participating students enhance their mathematical, problem solving, analytical, critical thinking, and logic skills. The objectives of the course are to prepare students for the five monthly exams starting in November 2009. The course will follow the Math Olympiad study material and curriculum. The course will emphasize teamwork as well as individual learning. The class will meet once a week for one hour and is for Grades 4 to 6.

Please contact Ms. Sakarda to indicate your interest for this new enrichment class beginning in the fall of 2009. There will be an official registration for this course in the fall, but Ms. Sakarda needs to register the team in advance so please let her know your interest now:

Contact information: Hema Sakarda
(hpsakarda@yahoo.com, 978-635-9855)

Minimum/maximum number of students: 5–25

Cost per student: TBA

Grade levels: 4, 5, 6

Instructor Biography: Hema Sakarda has 8 years of experience in software engineering, computer architecture and design, and network protocol software development. She possesses a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a Master's degree in computer engineering from the University of MA.

Snack Cart wrap up

Thank you for making Snack Cart a success this year through your donations, survey responses and volunteer efforts. The proceeds funded many educational and entertaining cultural enrichment programs that were enjoyed by the entire Douglas Community.

Thank you for your efforts to send in healthy snacks such as yogurt, strawberries, watermelon, and cheese sticks.

For next year, we have ordered a new, higher capacity popcorn machine and will work it into the snack cart rotation. As with the original popcorn machine, we will continue to buy bulk popcorn and pop it with only canola and salt. The popcorn is handled on dedicated machinery so is considered nut and gluten free. We hope you find this a welcome addition to our snack cart menu.

The last snack cart will be on **June 11**, which is a change; please check the schedule on the back page. *Please remember to send a snack with your child on June 18 and 25.*

As always, please feel free to contact us with questions, comments or concerns.

Stephanie Margolien, Karen Dudziak, Susan Cudmore
Snack Cart Chairs

Boardwalk news: Board-Walk-A-Thon!

Spring is here and many classes have taken their Nature Walks already. If your class has been out on the Boardwalk, you know that it has shifted and pieces of the decking have floated away over the winter; there continue to be long term problems that need to be resolved. Some temporary repairs were made so that it is currently passable, and the time and weather is right to see if we can come together as a school community to help save the Boardwalk! The Boardwalk Committee is proud to announce a Board-Walk-A-Thon with the participation of the Douglas and Gates communities. On **Monday, June 22**, during school hours, the Gates community will pass over the Boardwalk and join the Douglas community as we *walk* to raise funds and awareness about the state of the Boardwalk. Please watch your children's folders for a packet of information. It will include a permission slip, a pledge form, and an informative letter. As is the case with the Walk for Peace that the Douglas Community does in the fall, all of the children will be chaperoned and it will be a fun event for the entire school as we end the school year! Let's help keep the Boardwalk a viable means of enhancing the Nature Walk program, providing safe access to the Gates/Douglas campuses and surrounding neighborhoods, and facilitate interaction with our natural surroundings for years to come!

Christine Phillips

Representative for the Boardwalk Committee

Recycling can't take the summer off!

This year we accomplished a lot more!

We recycled more paper, cardboard and bottles/cans!

We are still working on the logistics of recycling yogurt cups and containers with #5 on the bottom. If you have any ideas how we could make this work, please let us know! The containers have to be rinsed before they are dumped into the bins to avoid insects, smells, etc.

We have to keep our efforts going and do our part to recycle while our kids are out of school.

Here are some easy ways to help:

- Keep recycling your papers, magazines, catalogs, newspapers, paper bags, etc., at our paper bin which is located outside the school. Douglas gets money for the paper that is recycled, even in the summer!
- Stop by the school any time you drive by and pick up a load of cardboard. You can either take it to the Transfer Station or recycle it through your garbage service. Cardboard accumulates during the summer from school packages, deliveries, etc.

Maria Albarran, rivero_albarran@yahoo.com

Susan Cudmore, susan.cudmore@gmail.com

Thank you notes from the Recycling Committee

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time on Monday mornings to assist with the recycling buddies program.

Thanks to all staff, teachers, and students for recycling paper in their offices and classrooms and taking it to the paper recycling bin outside the school.

Thanks to all the staff and teachers who recycled cardboard in the gray bin outside the school. Throughout the year, less cardboard was dumped in the garbage, which reduces the amount of trash our school produces.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who picked up cardboard twice per week and recycled it properly.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to recycle your plastic/glass bottles or cans into the recycling bins designated for this purpose. We recycled more than 500 bottles, cans, and containers this year!

A very special thank you is due to Susan Cudmore who started a new and exciting project at our school to recycle organic material into the compost bins. Note that the compost bins were purchased with money raised by selling Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL), also organized by Sue!

In May, we did a "trash sort" to determine how many recyclables that we might potentially be able to capture with a little more effort. Here is a sampling of what we found in 4 trash bags on a single day after lunch:

- 3 full, unopened milk cartons
- 18 plastic recyclable bottles
- 62 Styrofoam lunch trays
- 19 lbs of food
- 8 lbs of paper
- 46 plastic utensils

We hope to repeat this exercise periodically to help remind students to be mindful of their consumption and recycling habits

Please consider volunteering to help the recycling committee next school year. It's easy and it's good for our children, our school, and the planet. And...it makes you feel good! ☺

Lost and Found

The next time your children have a minute, please have them check the Lost and Found for any items they may have misplaced since February vacation. Kindergarten through second grade is located downstairs in front of room 5 in two blue containers, and third grade through sixth grade is in the cafeteria to the right of the entrance into the gym in two white cabinets. Articles that are not claimed before the last day of school will be donated to Big Brother and Big Sister. Thank you.

DeDe Guba



Dates to remember

- Monday, June 1: Douglas Day (rain date, June 3)
- Thursday, June 4: Snack Cart—Pretzel Day (no donations)
- Thursday, June 11: Last Snack Cart (Mrs. Ingraham, Mrs. Cherkerzian, Mrs. Nadolny, Mrs. Ritter)
- Thursday, June 11: Volunteer Reception in Douglas Library
- Thursday, June 11, 7:30pm: PTO General Meeting at Douglas
- Saturday, June 20, 5:05pm: Lowell Spinners Game
- Monday, June 22: Board-Walk-a-Thon
- Thursday, June 25: Last Day of School and Sixth Grade Graduation

- Friday, August 21: Class placement available online (watch for details in the end-of-year report card)
- Monday, August 31: Back to School Teachers Luncheon
- Monday, August 31: Kindergarten Orientation
- Tuesday, September 1: First Day of School!



Goodbye and thank you

As the school year comes near its end, there are many 6th grade families that will be leaving the Douglas community. On behalf of the PTO, we would like to say a final goodbye and thank you for all the contributions and support these families have provided to the Douglas School over the years.

- Betsy and Nigel Bentley
- Phyllis and Ken Bloom
- Karen and Ralph Bockoven
- Pam and Paul Cardarelli
- Stella Ko and James Carey
- Tamara Exilus and Ryan Dexter
- Jose and Stephen Donovan
- Janette Blackburn and Thomas Doolittle
- He and Ho Eun
- Marne and Peter Geller
- Lilly Hu and Tao He
- Wei-Lee and Daniel Jamrog
- Lori and Jeff King
- Linda Koretsky and Cliff Larsen
- Yujia Huang and Yuming Liu
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- Jill Lu and Charles Tao
- Kristen and John Thompson
- Anne Jones and John Toulmin

