



Tiger Rific News

Official Newsletter of Douglas Elementary

June 2016

Looking Toward Fall

Emily Lessner, Principal

What a wonderful year we have had! Our Douglas Tigers have grown as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, historians, musicians, athletes, artists, friends, and SO much more! Thank you for sharing your children with us over the past nine months. We look forward to seeing them in September!

Registration Days: Monday, August 22nd (12:00-6:00 PM) and Tuesday, August 23rd (8:00 AM—2:00 PM)

For your convenience, we will have 2 registration days for the 2016-2017 school year. During registration, you can pay school and lunch fees, view class lists, drop off essential paperwork, and more! Information regarding Douglas registration will be included in the August newsletter.

Back to School—2016-2017

Open House—Thursday, September 1st

- Kindergarten Family Orientation—4:00-5:00 PM
- Grades 1-5 Open House—5:00-6:00 PM

First Day of School—Tuesday, September 6th

- School Hours (2016-2017)
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—8:00 AM-3:05 PM
 - Wednesday—8:00 AM—2:00 PM (All Students dismissed at 2:00 PM)

Family Information Night—Thursday, September 15th (5:30-7:00)

- Now that you are settled into the school year. Please join the Douglas staff for Family Information Night! Look for additional information coming home in September.

Picture Day—Wednesday, September 28th

- We are switching to a new photographer for the 2016-2017 school year. Riverside Middle School and WHS used Network Photography this past year, and they were very pleased. Their pictures are wonderful, and the picture packages are more affordable than our current vendor! Network Photography will take our school pictures on Sept. 28th.

Summer Office Hours

The Douglas office will be open from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM through June 17th. After June 17th you may contact the district office at the ESC at 920-262-1460. The Douglas office will reopen August 1st. Moving out of the district? Please let the Douglas office know. This helps both Douglas and your child's future school prepare for the upcoming school year.

To contact Mrs. Lessner during Summer months, please email lessnere@watertown.k12.wi.us.

We look forward to seeing all of our K-4th Grade students back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

It is going to be a **SUPER** year!



*****Looking to save time on your back-to-school shopping?? Schoolkidz orders are due this Friday, June 17th—and ALL ordering will be done online this year. Head to <http://www.shopttkits.com/> to place your order! The account number for Douglas is #13782. Schoolkidz kits will be available for pick-up at registration.**



Keep up to date with Douglas happenings on facebook!

www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-Elementary-School/167806416757735

Summer Book Exchange

Douglas Elementary School students all took home some GREAT BOOKS to end the school year through the summer book exchange! Thank you to everyone who brought in books and to our PTO for providing some brand new books for our Douglas Tigers to enjoy.

Kids who read over the summer keep their reading skills sharp. Research also tells us that when kids choose the books they read, they enjoy reading more AND increase their reading skills. The summer book exchange is a great way for boys and girls to choose books that they want to read!

Over the summer, all Douglas Tigers are invited to exchange their books for new ones at our Summer School Exchange. The Summer School Exchange for Douglas students will take place on Wednesday, July 13th from 7:30 AM-1:00 PM in the Watertown High School Media Center. All Douglas Tigers—not just students attending summer school—are invited to stop in that day to get some new books.

Our Book Exchange coordinators, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Marchant have other dates and times in the works! Stay tuned to our Skylert messages for more information!



On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

Exercise your body and your mind this summer with the Watertown Public Library summer reading program! Sign-up has started for this year's program, and there is still plenty of time to get your family signed up for the reading program and fun activities that go along with it. Look for other Douglas families and teachers at these events...what a great way to stay connected to reading and friends throughout the summer. Here is a list of some of the activities available through the Watertown Public Library:

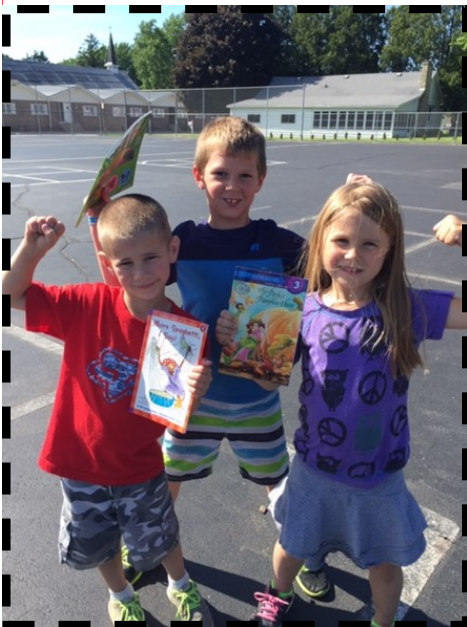
- **Miller and Mike (Comedy) - Saturday, 6/18 (11:00-12:00) @ Watertown Community Center**
- **Friday Flicks at the Library:**
 - Friday, 6/24 -Space Jam (1:30)**
 - Friday, 7/10—Pan (1:30)**
- **Club Lego—Every Third Tuesday (3:30-4:30)**
6/21, 7/19, 8/16
- **Teddy Bear Picnic—Friday, 6/24 (11:00-11:45)**
- **Amazing Animal Athletes—Tuesday, 6/28 (3:30-4:30) - Register today!**
- **Duke Otherwise (Songs for Children) - Saturday, 7/9 (11:00-12:00) @ Watertown Community Center—Register today!**
- **Reading with Rover—Thursday, 7/21 (6:30-7:30)**
- **Magic Morgan and Liliana—Saturday, 7/23 (11:00-12:00) @ Watertown Community Center—Register today!**
- **American Girl Book Club—First Tuesday of every month (see Children's Desk for more information). (7/5, 8/2)**
- **Pint Size Polkas—Monday, 8/1 (10:30) - Bring your dancing shoes!**

Check out the Watertown Public Library for more information regarding these and other events!

SHOW US YOUR READING MUSCLES!

Calling all Douglas Tigers! Over the summer, where do you plan to build your READING MUSCLES...at the beach...in a tree...camping...at a park??? Parents/Guardians—take a photo of your child/children or family building their reading muscles and send it to Mrs. Lessner. Pictures will be included in a back-to-school photo slideshow!

Mrs. Lessner's email Address: lessnere@watertown.k12.wi.us



Upcoming Community and School Events

Rock the River—June 24th

Head down to the First Street parking lot for Rock the River—a fun, family event in downtown Watertown! The Peanuts Movie will be shown on a jumbo inflatable screen—fun for all ages.

For more information—visit www.watertownchamber.com

Lights and Sirens! - July 12th

On Tuesday, July 12th, from 6:00-8:00 PM, families in the community are invited to come out to Riverside Park for Lights and Sirens. This community fair provides parents helpful information and is a dream come true for kids! Check out fire trucks, police cars, demonstrations, the teddy bear “boo boo” clinic and more! Come say “hello” to Douglas teachers and staff at our booth this year!



Public School 4K Information

Do you have a 4-year-old to register for Watertown 4 Kids, our community-based public school 4K program?

For Further Information or to Register
Call 920-262-1460

Save the Date—2016-2017

Thursday, 9/1—Open House

- 4:00-5:00 Kindergarten Family Orientation
 - 5:00-6:00 1st-5th Grade Open House
- Tuesday, 9/6—First Day of School
Thursday, 9/15—Family Information Night (5:30-7:00)

Wednesday, 9/28—Picture Day

Tuesday, 10/25—K-2 Fall Conferences

Thursday, 11/10—3-5 Fall Conferences

Tuesday, 11/15—3-5 Fall Conferences

Tuesday, 11/15—Fall Fundraiser Delivery

Tuesday, 12/13—3-5 Holiday Concert

Thursday, 12/15—K-2 Holiday Program

Thursday, 2/2—K-2 Midyear Conferences

Thursday, 2/9—K-2 Midyear Conferences

Thursday, 4/27—3-5 Spring Learning Event

The District Calendar for Students is available on the WUSD Website—Search “District Calendar”

Family Updates

Conference Changes—You will notice in the calendar above that our conference nights look a bit different for 2016-2017. As a school staff, we have realigned/restructured our nights to better serve our families, and engage parents as learning partners. All families will be included in the K-2 and 3-5 nights, giving you additional opportunities to work with our teachers, get to know your children as learners, and have questions answered. Look for information on our conference nights and learning events to come home next year! We look forward to working together for your children.

3rd-5th Grade Structure— At Douglas, we prioritize learning and growing together, and looking for ways to best meet the needs of our students. In our efforts to meet the needs of our learners, and dig into our curriculum and content, our 3rd-5th grade will look a little different for next year.

All 3rd-5th grade students will be assigned to a homeroom teacher at Registration—students will spend time in their homeroom each day, and this teacher will be the parents’ main point of contact. Each teacher at the 3rd-5th grade level will be focusing on either Math/Science or Reading/Social Studies., with both groups of teachers also teaching Writing. Your child will have the opportunity to work with their homeroom teacher and another teacher during the school day. We look forward to the learning opportunities and focus that can be provided through this structure change, and rest assured that we also know the importance of providing structure and routine for your children, as well as parent communication.

Project-Based Learning—Starting this June, teachers and staff at Douglas will be exploring and learning about Project-Based Learning, primarily in our upper grades. While continuing our work on standards, learning targets and formative assessment as a PLC, we will be looking for ways to increase engagement and ownership of learning. Central to Project-Based Learning are significant content and standards, while also incorporating and valuing skills such as collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and communication—vital to success beyond school! Look for updates as we learn throughout the year.

Wednesday Dismissal—Don’t forget...in 2016-2017, we will dismiss at 2:00 PM on Wednesday afternoons, with the other days dismissing at 3:05 PM. Please be thinking about your Wednesday plan prior to the start of the school year.

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PBIS School of Merit!

Douglas Elementary School was recognized through the Wisconsin RtI Center as a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) School of Merit!

PBIS is a system-wide proactive framework that allows us to be responsive to student social-emotional needs...with a tiered approach to behavioral supports. Components of our program at Douglas include—Universal Reinforcement (Paw Prints, Class Paw Prints), Universal expectations for behavior, Cool Tools to support staff when training on behavior, Classroom Matrix, Structured playground program, Behavioral Infraction Notices, “Think Tank” - Problem-Solving, Check-In Check Out, SAIG Groups, and more!

To be recognized as a School of Merit, a team here at Douglas completed a rigorous application process—which included: team and meeting information, implementation and outcome data (behavioral and academic), and a narrative describing data systems and practices.

We are honored to have received this award, and are already working closely together to improve our practices! Look for updated information regarding PBIS at Douglas at our Family Information Night in September.

May Students of the Month

Citizenship

Ethan Leinstock	Arnulfo Andrade-Rangel
Kiersten Kunert	Paige Petig
Elyssa Garcia	Titan Henderson
Brynn Stockhus	Grace McGriff
Amelia Dean	Alejandro Andrade-Rangel
Henry Zimmerman	Hailey White
Hannah Knutson	Molly Kwapil
Nicholas Hang	Catherine Ashley
Riley Duvernell	Cole Peterson
Kendra Glaznap	Tatiana Powers
Brooke Klug	Giannah Cave
Maya Cruz	Hailey Acheson

Douglas PTO Update—

From Amy Eckert, PTO President

Calling all Douglas parents! The monthly PTO meetings are being changed to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Douglas Art Room. We hope to see you all there!

At our next PTO meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, July 13th, we will discuss our current PTO board structure, calendar and budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

If you are interested in joining the board in a new position, you must be present at the next meeting (July 13th).

If you have any questions regarding PTO, or are looking to become more involved, feel free to contact Amy Eckert, PTO President for 2016-2017 at: eckertamy90@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

Field Day 2016

Thank you to all of our volunteers for putting on a GREAT field day! Without your help, we would not have been able to hold this fun event for our students. We hope to see you back next June!!!

Parent Planning Committee: Cassie Lee, Melissa Williams, Amy Eckert, Mary Hoefler

Staff Coordination: Mike Brezonick, Kayla Wendt

Parent/Community Volunteers: Nicole Powers, Irma Dominguez, Val Lessner, Leah Scheid, Melanie Emmerich, Melanie Meracle, Shandell Herrick, Ashley Martin, Diana Owens, Sarah Zarling, Clark Eckert, Isabela Nuckolls, Mindy Simon, Jessica Bushkie, Monica Walrath, Melody Moe, Peter Moe, Glenn Schroedl, Steve Lee, Doreen Oaks, Tanya Rennhack, Sylvia Bergelin, Shawn Yuker, Katie Sieracki, Sara Tuchsherer, Carrie Beahlen, Patti Oldenhoff, Barbara White, Allen Dean, Tara Schwefel (If anyone was forgotten—we appreciate you, too!)

Thank you also to the Kwapil family/7-up for the ice for SNOW CONES, and to the Douglas PTO for sponsoring this event.

CHECK OUT THE DOUGLAS FACEBOOK PAGE & THE WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES WEBSITE FOR PICTURES!

Thank You!!!



Community Support

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations for supporting Douglas:

Wal-Mart of Watertown—PBIS Rewards and Various Grants

7-Up Bottling Company—Beverages and Ice throughout the year

Wis-Pak—Beverages for Pizza with Picasso

Koplin Excavating and Grading, Inc. – Sponsored our DJ for Rock ‘n’ Recess

McDonald’s—Douglas Staff volunteered for McTeacher’s Night and raised over \$300 for special projects!

Tribeca Gallery Café and Books—Book Donations for Media Center and Coordination of Jacqueline West Presale

Books & Company (Oconomowoc) - Sending Elephant & Piggie and Skippyjon Jones to visit

Field Trip Grants—THANK YOU, TEACHERS!!

This year, two grade levels received grants through Kohl’s for Field Trips. Thank you to the teachers for applying for these grants, which help our families! The total raised through these grants was **\$2,000!**

Kohl’s Field Trip Grants –
Kindergarten—Betty Brinn Museum
Fourth Grade—Discovery World Museum

2016-2017 Kohl’s Grants Awarded: K/First Grade = Milwaukee County Zoo, Fourth Grade = Discovery World, Fifth Grade = Milwaukee Public Museum

Douglas PTO

A HUGE thank you to our generous and supportive PTO! This year our PTO raised funds through our Fall Fund-raiser, Square 1 Art Fundraiser, and Box Tops. Through the support of all of our families, the PTO was able to fund the following items and activities for Douglas students:

- Recess equipment and chalk
- Dancing Drum Assembly
- Jacqueline West author visit
- Renata Bowers author visit
- Teacher grants for classroom materials and projects
- Summer book exchange books
- Family Literacy Night—prizes!
- PBIS Prize Cart – restocked twice!
- Douglas Rocks! Spinning Wheel
- Family Pool Party
- Field Day Supplies and Volunteer Lunch
- Monthly Class Rewards
- Club Support (Chorus, Art Club, Student Council
- Box Tops prizes – Pizza Lunch and Juice/ Cookie Party
- Meals for Family Events
- Classroom magazines
- Volunteer Appreciation Gifts
- Teacher Appreciation Gifts
- Peer Mediator Luncheons
- Parent/Teacher Conference Dinners
- Rock ‘n’ Recess Supplies/DJ
- 4th Grade Ornament Project
- Iditarod Presenter
- Safety Patrol Trip
- Apparel Coordination
- Fifth Grade Promotion Party
- Birthday Books and Cart
- Computer Software Licenses
- Books for Classroom Libraries
- AND MORE!!

Thank you to our

PTO Board 2015/2016:

President—Doreen Oaks
Vice President—Amy Eckert
Secretary—Tanya Rennhack
Treasurer—Emily Hamann
Staff Reps—Julie Burchardt
Daisy Kylmanen

Meet the new board—

PTO Board 2016/2017:

President—Amy Eckert
Vice President—Tracey Postma
Secretary—Jenni Sommers
Treasurer—Emily Hamann

Event Coordinators

2015/2016:

Pizza Dinner—Tracey Postma
Fundraiser—Tanya Rennhack,
Doreen Oaks
Book Fair—Karen White, Amy Eckert
Box Tops—Karen White
Field Day—Cassie Lee, Amy Eckert
Melissa Williams, Mary Hoefler

Apparel—Sue Dettmann

Teacher Appreciation—Doreen Oaks,
Jessica Clyde, Tanya Rennhack
Square 1 Art—Sara Houwers-Sixel