



Friends of Ipswich Elementary Schools

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*First Meeting
Wed., Sept. 8th
7:30 p.m.*

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Dear Doyon Families:

FRIES-Doyon would like to welcome you to a new school year at the Paul F. Doyon Elementary School! What are FRIES? We are the **F**riends of the **I**pswich **E**lementary **S**chools, the parent-teacher organization (PTO) for the two elementary schools, and each school, Doyon and Winthrop respectively, has its own chapter. Our primary goal is to support and enhance educational programs at the school. We provide volunteer staff where needed, organize and fund enrichment programs and activities, and provide funding for educational materials requested by teachers but not covered by the school budget.

Highlights of FRIES-Doyon activities sponsored last year include our Halloween Monster Mash and Family Bingo Night for Doyon families, our Doyon Devours Books and Doyonathon fundraisers, and our Casino Night Joint Fundraiser at Turner Hill. Some of the monies raised provided funding the black journals our students write in every year (a great keepsake to take home when they move on from Doyon), enrichment programs for both individual grades and the entire school, and community service projects such as holiday cards sent to the older town residents and funding for the Student Leadership Team for Grades 4 and 5.

In addition, FRIES-Doyon provided funding for technology in the school – some of our efforts were highlighted in the August 26th issue of the [Ipswich Chronicle](#). With all classrooms but the pre-kindergarten and music rooms having either a Promethean Board (15 in place), a ceiling mounted projector (5 installed), or a projector on a cart, we hope you have a chance at some time this year to experience firsthand how the new technology is enhancing the way our children learn.

If you have a student at the Doyon School, you are automatically a member of FRIES-Doyon. You can attend meetings, ask questions, and have your voice be heard. Our meetings are held monthly in the school library beginning at 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome to attend. **PLEASE NOTE:** Our first meeting is **Wednesday, September 8th**. We encourage your involvement - it's a great way to meet teachers, staff, and other parents, to increase a sense of community among families, and to give support to the school. Whether your schedule lets you help out during the school day or you only have thirty minutes in the evening each month to volunteer, we welcome you!

Some highlights of our committees and upcoming events can be found below, as well as a schedule of our FRIES-Doyon meetings and other important dates. Please visit our website at www.fries-doyon.org regularly for updates and news.

FUNDRAISING

We have four fundraising opportunities taking place in September and October, and appreciate your assistance. With an emphasis on spending the money on those students who have raised it, funds are needed for the year's activities and budget requests. Here are the highlights of each of these fundraisers:

Coins for a C.A.U.S.E. (Coins Add Up to Support Education)

Got a jar of change at home? Help out FRIES-Doyon and cash it in at the nearest Institution for Savings branch during September. Each time customers convert their coins to paper currency using any of the bank's coin counting machines, the bank will donate 100 percent of the 5 percent user fee to FRIES-Doyon.

Doyon Dines Out

Treat yourself to a night of take-out or eat-in and benefit our school at the same time! We have two already scheduled, with more to follow. Present our certificate and FRIES-Doyon receives part of the proceeds from your order. Certificates will be available in the [Doyon News](#) and on the FRIES-Doyon website. Pomodori's will give us 15% of the purchases made in our name, and Kelly's Roast Beef will give us 25% of all pre-tax sales accompanied by Fundraiser Cards.

Genevieve's Giftwrap Sale

Giftwrap, candles, coffee cakes and more are available through our annual kickoff fundraiser - packets will be coming home soon with students. Orders will be due in early October, and items will be in before Thanksgiving. In addition to the prizes shown in the brochure, FRIES-Doyon has some special incentives this year. Sell 6 or more items and receive a pass to CoCo Key Water Resort in Danvers. Sell \$100.00 or more and you'll be entered for a chance to win a night at the Ferncroft (now the Crowne Plaza Boston North Shore) and four passes to CoCo Key. Online orders are also welcomed; just use the order number 2961 when ordering through the Genevieve's website at <http://www.genevieves.com>.

MassPass Coupon Books

Support FRIES-Doyon and save money at the same time! FRIES-Doyon will be selling MassPass coupon books beginning this month for \$20.00 each. With a number of local and national vendors in the area participating and coupons that don't expire until December 2011, there's something for everyone inside. Visit www.bostonmasspass.com to see a listing of vendors.

Other annual fundraisers this year are scheduled to include:

- ✓ **Doyon Devours Books**, our wintertime read-a-thon;
- ✓ our 30th annual **Doyon-a-thon**, our school's walk-a-thon fundraiser, usually held in May;
- ✓ **BoxTops for Education** and its accompanying Marketplace and Reading Room online shopping sites

If you'd like to help out, please contact Fundraising Chair Jessica Murphy at jedwardsmurphy@yahoo.com.

HOSPITALITY

Our Hospitality Committee handles many of our volunteer efforts, including providing refreshments at events - a great opportunity to contribute for those who want to help out but have limited time. Last year, FRIES-Doyon began providing refreshments for the monthly **Doyon Faculty Meetings**. Whether it's a baked good, veggies and a dip, or some other goody, we welcome volunteers. Other events and volunteer opportunities overseen by our Hospitality Committee include:

- ✓ volunteer helpers for **Picture Day**
- ✓ the school-wide **Art Show** in the spring
- ✓ **Staff Appreciation Week** activities, held in May

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact Hospitality Chair Christine Fionda at fiondam@comcast.net for more details.

ENRICHMENT

Enrichment programs are the cornerstone of FRIES-Doyon, and are either grade-specific or schoolwide. Last year, FRIES-Doyon provided funding for Massachusetts Audubon Society naturalists to visit Grades 1, 3, and 4, a visit to Grade 5 from the Bay Colony Educators, and our younger students saw the Ipswich Moving Company's "Pooka in the Woods". Assemblies included award-winning author Jeff Nathan's "Curriculaughs" and the Cooperative Artists Institute (CAI)'s "Tribal Rhythms". We also helped address some of today's issues seen in schools across America, funding the "Wizards and Knights" anti-bullying program for our younger students and purchasing "Second Step" anti-bullying program materials for Grade 5. Volunteers are needed to help research programs, view programs at other schools, act as a liaison with teachers, or meet and greet presenters the day of a performance. Please contact Enrichment Chair Sheila Wallis at mwallis@comcast.net to volunteer.

BUDGET

Finance Committee Chair Tracey Fonzi works in conjunction with Treasurer Kevin Murphy. They and FRIES-Doyon Budget Committee members meet prior to the monthly General Meeting to review funding requests. With FRIES-Doyon epitomizing the term "grassroots fundraising", we believe that our students and their families who generously donate and fundraise with us deserve to benefit from their efforts in a timely manner, and we make every effort to reach that goal.

FRIES-Doyon is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations made to FRIES are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Providing funding for enrichment programs, technology, and many other programs and materials that directly impact our students' daily experience at the Doyon School, we always welcome your assistance in helping us support our children's education. In addition, many companies offer a matching fund program; you may be surprised to find that your employer would match your donation! Please contact FRIES-Doyon Treasurer Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@thompson-engineering.com with questions you may have about making a donation!

COMMUNICATIONS

FRIES-Doyon is working hard to keep families informed of our activities, fundraisers, and other opportunities to be involved and have fun! Last year saw us begin our own website and distribute regular newsletters. This year we hope to become more "green" by digitally distributing newsletters and updates, and ask that you help us by joining our email list. Just visit our website at www.fries-doyon.org, click on the "Join Our Mailing List" tab, and enter the required information. If you have any questions or ideas as to other ways to keep you in the loop, please contact Communications Chair Kathy Spinale at kandtspin@hotmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please visit us at www.fries-doyon.org for updates and news throughout the year. To date, the following FRIES-Doyon events have been scheduled:

<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sept. 1 – 30, 2010	Coins for a C.A.U.S.E. at the Institution for Savings
Wed., Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Sept. 13	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Sept. 22	Doyon Dines Out Night at Pomodori's in Ipswich Please be sure to bring your certificate or mention our name so we receive credit.
Mon., Oct. 4	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Tue., Oct. 5	Doyon Dines Out Night at Kelly's Roast Beef in Danvers Please be sure to bring your certificate so we receive credit. A bonus! Tonight is Kids Night from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Support our school while kids enjoy free activities including face painting, balloons, and arts and crafts projects.
Wed., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Nov. 1	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Nov. 29	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Jan. 10	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Feb. 7	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Mar. 7	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., Apr. 4	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., May 2	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., May 11, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!
Mon., June 6	Doyon Faculty Meeting – refreshment donations needed
Wed., June 8, 7:30 p.m.	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in the school library - all are welcome!