



# A Note from Your FRIEnds

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## Save The Date!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, as the FRIES' Doyon and Winthrop Chapters invite you to our **Joint Fundraiser**. Held every other year, this event is one not to miss; some of you may have attended our very successful 2008 "Gilligan's Island" Comedy Night. There are a number of opportunities for you to participate in making this year's event just as successful. You can:

- ♣ Save the date and join us at Turner Hill for a Casino Night full of fun, gaming, dancing, and more.
- ♦ Help us by donating a product or service worthy of being given for prizes, silent auction items, or raffle items.
- ♠ Volunteer to help us prepare for the night or help out at the event.

If you would like to donate an item or service for this fundraiser, or can volunteer your time, please contact us at [fries.doyon@gmail.com](mailto:fries.doyon@gmail.com). Details, including a list of items available for auction, will be posted on our website.

## Doyon DEVOURS Books

Our **Doyon DEVOURS Books** is a two-week read-a-thon fundraiser running this month from **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** through **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. Our students will receive pledge books in which they note the number of minutes and the titles of the books they choose to read over the next few weeks, and they seek pledges for the number of minutes they read.

A great fundraiser for this time of the year, many students are able to add the time they read in class to their home reading. Listening to books-on-tape and being read to also count for this fundraiser, as do minutes spent reading out loud to a sibling.

Prizes will be awarded for participating, as well as for the greatest number of minutes read and the most donations collected. If you should have any questions, please contact Nicole Dziadosz at [ijnjbdziadosz@verizon.net](mailto:ijnjbdziadosz@verizon.net). Hopefully, Doyon DEVOURS Books will inspire our students to be stronger readers, and enhance their love (or like!) of reading.

## Welcome to Our Website

FRIES is online! WE invite you to visit our new website at [www.fries-doyon.org](http://www.fries-doyon.org). Information about our committees, events, and helpful links are all there. We also invite you to join our mailing list by signing up on the site. If you'd like to receive our newsletters and parent reminders directly to your email, just visit the "Join Our Mailing List" page and sign up, and we'll add you to our new email address list. The website will be updated on a regular basis, so check back often to see what's new!



## Upcoming Events

Tue., 2/9, 7:30 pm	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in school library (All are welcome!)
Wed., 2/10, 7:00 pm	Elementary Schools Budget Presentation to the School Committee (see the note below)
Thu., 2/11	Doyon DEVOURS Books Read-a-thon begins, running to Wednesday, 2/24 Please contact us at <a href="mailto:fries.doyon@gmail.com">fries.doyon@gmail.com</a> if you should have any questions.
Fri., 2/12	BoxTops Classroom Contest Deadline - please be sure to send in your BoxTops!
Mon., 2/15 - Fri., 2/19	Winter School Vacation - students and staff return to school on Monday, 2/22
Wed., 2/24	Doyon DEVOURS Books Read-a-thon ends
Wed., 3/10, 7:30 pm	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in school library (All are welcome!)
Thu., 3/11, 5:00-8:00 pm	Elsie Piddock Jump Rope Contest
Wed., 3/17	Kindergarten Conference Day - No Kindergarten Classes in session
Fri., 3/26	FRIES-Doyon/Winthrop Joint Fundraiser - Casino Night at Turner Hill
Thu., 4/1, 6:00-8:00 pm	Doyon Art Show
Wed., 4/14, 7:30 pm	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in school library (All are welcome!)
Mon., 4/19 - Fri., 4/23	Spring School Vacation - students and staff return to school on Monday, 4/26
Wed., 5/12, 7:30 pm	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in school library (All are welcome!)
Wed., 6/9, 7:30 pm	FRIES-Doyon Meeting in school library (All are welcome!)



Volunteers will also be needed for Upcoming FRIES-Doyon hospitality events, which include providing refreshments for monthly faculty meetings, as well as assisting with the school's springtime Art Show and Staff Appreciation Week activities. If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact Hospitality Chair Christine Fionda at [fiondam@comcast.net](mailto:fiondam@comcast.net).

Don't forget to check your weekly Doyon News for other important school dates and events. To have your Doyon News and other school notices delivered electronically, please sign up for the school's list serve. Visit the school's website for more information and directions.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to all who attended our Chinese New Year Celebration on January 23<sup>rd</sup>! Once again, the Chinese Folk Art Workshop put on a phenomenal show enjoyed by all. And many thanks to all the volunteers - without all of you, events like these would not be possible. Happy Year of the Tiger!



Thanks also to the many parents who have volunteered to provide refreshments for our monthly Faculty meetings. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the remaining meetings, please contact Hospitality Chair Christine Fionda at [fiondam@comcast.net](mailto:fiondam@comcast.net).

## Budget Presentations

'Tis the Season... for Budgets. The School Committee will soon begin hearing budget presentations for the upcoming fiscal year. Budgets for our two elementary schools are scheduled to be presented on **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Ensemble Room (next to the Performing Arts Center).

As these meetings are public, parents, faculty and staff, and members of the community are invited to attend. It's a great chance for each of us to become more informed about our children's school system and how it works. A schedule of other presentations can be located on the School Committee's agenda on the Ipswich Public Schools' website.