



A Note from Your FRIEnds

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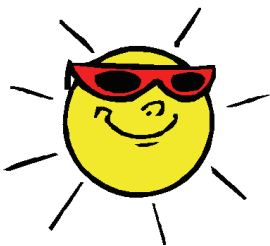
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Many Thanks!

It seems as though just yesterday was the first day of school, but this Friday brings to close another school year. On that note, the Friends of Ipswich Elementary Schools' Doyon Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help during this past year. Without you, FRIES would not have been able to accomplish all that it has this year, or any other year.

To all those who bought, baked, donated, attended, or in any way volunteered for any of our FRIES' events or functions, and to those who attended our monthly FRIES meetings, our heartfelt thanks. Without all you, FRIES-Doyon would not have been able to accomplish all that we have over the past ten months.

To our 5th graders and their families, we wish you all the best as you move onto the Middle School. A special Thank You to Angela McCormack, our BoxTops for Education Coordinator, who is moving on to the Middle School. Through Angela's efforts running contests and coordinating the overall process, BoxTops this year brought in over \$2,000! All the best, Angela!

For those parents who will be returning to the Doyon School next year, we look forward to seeing you at a variety of events we have in the works, and we invite you to attend a FRIES-Doyon meeting - it's a great opportunity to meet some new people and hear what's going on in our schools on a monthly basis. We also welcome volunteers! Without volunteers, we cannot accomplish anything. Whether you can give us an hour or a day of your time, it is much appreciated.

So, the big question - what did we accomplish this year? The backside of this newsletter recaps the handout many of you received at the Doyon Art Show, which provided an updated overview of what we raised and where it was spent.

We started the year off with a new principal, Mr. A. and an Ice Cream Social. We bought black writing journals for all students new to Doyon and conducted our Genevieve's Gift Wrap Sale. We counted BoxTops for Education and Coins for a Cause with the Institution for Savings, had a Monster Mash, and greeted the Year of the Tiger with our Chinese New Year Celebration. We supported our Student

Leadership Team and Grade 5 End-of-Year activities, put stamps on the cards our students made to brighten the holidays for our senior citizens, played games at our Family Bingo Night, and bought ribbons for the Elsie Piddock Jump Rope Contest.

We celebrated our faculty and staff during Staff Appreciation Week with a luncheon and other activities, and provided refreshments at the Art Show and monthly Faculty Meetings. We bought new Promethean boards for some classrooms and installed overhead projectors in others. Doyon once again Devoured Books for our Readathon, and students counted laps at our 29th annual Doyonathon, raising over \$5,300 and \$6,100 respectively. Through the generosity of donors, ticket buyers, bidders, and attendees, our Casino Night and Raffles raised over \$28,200, with FRIES-Doyon and FRIES-Winthrop each receiving just over \$14,100. With your help, FRIES-Doyon has been able to provide needed funding for programs and items that enhance the daily educational experiences of all our children at the Doyon school! Again, we thank you all.

'Til We Meet Again...

On behalf of FRIES-Doyon's officers, committee chairs, and members, we would like to wish all our students, their families, and the faculty and staff of the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you around town, on the beach or at the parks, at a story hour at the Public Library, or at Olde Ipswich Days. Ipswich, and the North Shore, have so many activities and places to explore, we hope you have a chance to take advantage of some of them over the next 2 1/2 months. Have fun, and we'll see you in September!

FRIES-Doyon Financial Recap

With the help of FRIES-Doyon member Stuart Smith and FRIES-Doyon Treasurer Kevin Murphy, our most recent budget figures have been interpreted into graphics that show where this year's funding came from and where it was spent. The graphics are based on our May 2010 figures, and do not reflect our Doyonathon earnings, which at last count had reached an estimated \$6100.00, nor additional expenses from the Staff Appreciation week activities.

As in years past, FRIES-Doyon has been able to provide funding for programs and items for which there is no other budget funding available. Please remember, the decisions to fund these programs and items are made at our FRIES-Doyon monthly meetings, so please feel free to attend and voice your opinions, concerns, and questions. All members of the Doyon community are welcome! Below are highlights of this year's expenditures:

- Enrichment Programs (both grade-specific and school-wide), including two anti-bullying programs
- Teacher Requests for classroom materials
- the Black Writing Journals that students use from kindergarten through 5th grade
- postage and envelopes for the holiday cards our students make and send to Ipswich's senior citizens
- Elsie Piddock Jump Rope Contest ribbons
- FRIES-Doyon's annual contribution to Grade 5's end-of-year activities
- the Student Leadership Team
- seven Promethean boards for 3rd and 4th grade classrooms (all Grade 3 through 5 classrooms will have this technology as of September 1st, 2010)

Some new traditions were begun, including the Monster Mash and our Family Bingo Night. We look forward to continuing these family-friendly events, giving everyone a chance to get together and have fun! We thank you all for helping us enhance our children's daily education, because "We're All In This Together"!

