



## Douglas School PTO Activities and Fundraisers A Guide for Prospective Parents 2025–2026

**The Douglas School PTO was created to promote quality in education by facilitating parent and faculty communication, by encouraging parent involvement, and by providing programs and funds to support the school.**

### **Douglas School PTO Overview**

The Douglas PTO holds quarterly general meetings open to all members of the school community. Meetings often include a guest speaker and updates from Principal Larry Wolpe, PTO co-chairs, and committee chairs.

### **Ways to Get Involved:**

- Volunteer for a committee or event—there’s something for every interest and schedule.
- Contribute to the Annual Appeal.
- Participate in fundraisers like the Fun Run and Book Fair.

Below are highlights of a typical PTO year—fun events for students and great opportunities for families to connect and volunteer!

### **FALL ACTIVITIES**

#### ***WALK FOR PEACE***

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, the Douglas community created the Walk for Peace as a meaningful way to come together. Each year since, we’ve continued this tradition with a peaceful walk through the West Acton neighborhood on a morning in mid-September.

#### ***FALL SOCIAL WITH BOOK FAIR***

Each October, part of Douglas transforms into a vibrant bookstore for one special evening. Families can browse and buy from a wide selection of quality books—while supporting the school, as a portion of the proceeds goes directly to Douglas.

Family Shopping Night offers a chance to connect with other parents and caregivers during this busy season.

### ***VETERANS DAY***

Each year near Veterans Day, Douglas hosts a special event to honor students' relatives and friends who have served in the armed forces. Veterans are invited to a light reception, recognized at an all-school meeting, and welcomed into classrooms to share their experiences. It's a meaningful and memorable event for all. If you know a veteran, we hope you'll encourage them to join us!

## **SPRING ACTIVITIES**

### ***MARCH READING CHALLENGE***

To brighten up a dreary month, Douglas hosts a fun March Reading Challenge! Students set personal and school-wide reading goals—and if the school meets its goal, the entire school celebrates with something unforgettable!

### ***TALENT SHOWS***

Each spring, students have the chance to shine in our Talent Shows! Typically divided by grade level (K–3 and 4–6), the shows feature singing, dancing, acting, instruments, and all kinds of unique talents our students choose to share.

### ***FESTIVAL OF CULTURES***

This popular event celebrates the rich cultural diversity of the Douglas community! Families are invited to host tables representing different countries, and the evening features cultural performances for all to enjoy.

### ***FUN RUN***

The Fun Run is a high-energy, student-centered fundraiser that brings the whole Douglas community together! Held on a spring morning, the Elm Street Field becomes a festive track filled with music and excitement. Students show their Douglas pride by running laps and having a blast—all while supporting the school.

### ***MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM***

Each year before Memorial Day, Douglas hosts a special program to honor the holiday. Organized by our music teacher, Mr. Peter Broggi, the event features student performances and songs to help commemorate the day. It's a meaningful and enjoyable tradition for the whole community.

### ***DOUGLAS DAY***

Douglas Day is our exciting version of field day—packed with fun! Students take part in 10+ activities, including a dunk tank, and then enjoy snacks on the playground fields. Parents are encouraged to join the fun and help out. It's a favorite event the kids look forward to all

year and one of the best volunteer opportunities, with so many fun activities, it's an "all-hands-on-deck" kind of day.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### ***WooSox***

Each June, the Douglas community gathers for a fun afternoon at the WooSox game! This family-friendly event is affordable, and a portion of ticket sales supports the PTO.

### ***CANOBIE LAKE DAY***

At the start of summer, the Douglas PTO hosts a fun day at Canobie Lake Park. This non-fundraiser event offers discounted admission and a chance for over 150 families to celebrate the start of vacation together with friends.

## ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

### ***ANNUAL APPEAL***

In the fall, all Douglas families receive a direct solicitation letter from the PTO. Since starting this in 2005, the Annual Appeal has replaced numerous smaller fundraisers—no candy or gift wrap sales needed!

Donations support key PTO priorities like classroom enrichment, teacher support, and much more. Many employers offer matching gift programs to boost contributions.

### ***DOUGLAS SPIRITWEAR***

The PTO offers Douglas-branded T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and more to boost school spirit and support PTO fundraising. Some items are available year-round at school events and through our online shop.

## OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES

### ***POST OFFICE***

Run by sixth-graders, the Douglas School Post Office lets students send and receive mail within the school. Each classroom has its own "address," listed in the Douglas Directory and on the PTO website.

### ***LIBRARY***

All students regularly visit the library, where they can borrow books, science kits, and musical instruments. Library staff and parent volunteers help students find fun, age-appropriate materials.

### ***CLASSROOM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM***

Each year, the Classroom Enrichment Committee organizes two all-school events and one program per grade, offering diverse artistic and cultural experiences. These programs foster students' appreciation of the arts and their role in the world.

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Visit the PTO website at [DouglasSchoolPTO.org](https://DouglasSchoolPTO.org) for the latest event details, calendars, and helpful resources.

Keep an eye out for our Eagle Eye Weekly—a Sunday update, sent through ParentSquare, to start your week informed and connected.

We hope you've enjoyed learning about Douglas School—it's truly a special community! Please [reach out](#) anytime with questions about the PTO, volunteering, or school life. Welcome to our wonderful school!

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