



Douglas Elementary School January 2024

Dr. Tamara McAllister, Principal
Mr. Luis Blanco, Assistant Principal



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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A Note From the Principal.....

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you are feeling rested and restored after Winter Break. We at Douglas are happy to be back and are ready to finish strong in this second semester.

We are now at the halfway point for the 2023-2024 school year! Students completed both end of quarter tests and mid-year DAP benchmark testing during the month of December. We are extremely proud of the progress and determination students have been showing! We are now setting our sites on spring state assessment testing.

As we prepare for the standardized assessments, we ask that parents help prepare their child(ren) by: 1) ensuring regular school attendance, 2) timely completion of all homework assignments, and 3) communicating with your child's teacher when you have questions. Additionally, parents should expect and reinforce their family's high expectations for appropriate and respectful behavior from their child. Children who demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning and towards others are the ones who have the most success regardless of their initial skill level in any particular subject area.

Upcoming events:

January 10th - PTO Meeting in the Media Center at 2:30 p.m.

January 12th- Report cards go home. Please go over this report card and return the signed report card envelope to your child's teacher.

January 12th - District Spelling Bee, FWJH

January 15th - No School, Civil Rights Day

January 26th - First semester Honor Roll Assembly in which first and second quarter Honor Roll students will be recognized at 8:15 a.m. in the MPR.

January 25th - Science Fair and STEM night from 5:30-7:00 in the MPR.

January 30th - District Choral Festival, 6:00, FWHS

Thank you for all that you do in support of your child's education. Wishing you and yours health and prosperity in 2024!

Sincerely,
Dr. Tamara McAllister, Principal





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Una Nota de la Directora...

Bienvenido de regreso y Feliz Año Nuevo!

Espero que se sienta reposado y restablecido después de las vacaciones de invierno. En Douglas estamos felices de estar de regreso y estamos listos para terminar fuertes este segundo semestre.

¡Ahora estamos en el punto medio del año escolar 2023-2024! Durante el mes de diciembre, los estudiantes completaron los exámenes de fin de trimestre y las pruebas de referencia, DAP, de medio año. ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de la mejoría y la determinación que han mostrado los estudiantes! Ahora estamos con la vista puesta hacia las pruebas de evaluación estatal de primavera.

Mientras nos preparamos para las evaluaciones estandarizadas, les pedimos a los padres que ayuden a preparar a sus hijos: 1) asegurando la asistencia regular a la escuela, 2) completando a tiempo todas las tareas asignadas y 3) comunicándose con el maestro de su hijo cuando tenga preguntas. Además, los padres deben esperar y reforzar las altas expectativas de su familia en cuanto a un comportamiento apropiado y respetuoso de su hijo. Los niños que demuestran una actitud positiva hacia el aprendizaje y hacia los demás son los que tienen más éxito, independientemente de su nivel de habilidad inicial en cualquier materia en particular.

Próximos Eventos:

10 de enero - Reunión de PTO, Media Center, 2:30 p.m.

12 de enero - Las boletas de calificaciones van a casa. Revise esta boleta de calificaciones y devuelva el sobre de la boleta de calificaciones firmado al maestro de su hijo.

12 de enero - Concurso de ortografía del distrito, FWJH

15 de enero - No hay clases, Día de los Derechos Civiles

26 de enero - Asamblea del Cuadro de Honor del primer semestre en la que se reconocerá a los estudiantes del Cuadro de Honor del primer y segundo trimestre a las 8:15 a. m. en el MPR.

25 de enero - Feria de Ciencias y noche STEM de 5:30 a 7:00 en el MPR.

30 de enero - Festival Coral del Distrito, 6:00, FWHS

Gracias por todo lo que hace para apoyar la educación de su hijo. ¡Le deseo a usted y a su familia salud y prosperidad en el 2024!

Sinceramente,
Tamara McAllister, Directora



PAWS-itive PRO SHOUT OUTS !!!



Kinder - Alexander Lopez, Julio Lopez, Shane Miller, Sebastian Yepiz *, Caleb Mena, Angel Murillo, Elianna Castillo, Gabriela Delgado, Jaxton Leon, Keila Arvizu, Manuel Contreras, Santiago Salazar, Yareli Corrales,

1st Grade - Alanie Munoz, Annapaula Dominguez, Andres Crowell, Dayleen Luna Payan, Jahaziely Rodriguez, Joshua Christie, Michael Garcia, Victoria Avila,

2nd Grade - Alan Sepulveda, Alexis Jerez, Carlos Lohr-Pulido, Damien Cisneros, Dylan Valencia, Ethan Miller, Hamzah Sierras, Jayden Fernandez, Maria Delgado, Marna Castillo, Mia Castillo, Roman Contreras, Yahir Perez, Yasmin Zambrano, Adelai Pelayo, Adrian Acosta, Anastasia Smith *, Arya Babiartz, Atticus Lucero, Carlos Olivas, Daisy Flores, Damien Cisneros, Jordi Flores de la Cruz, Julian Gonzalez, Luna Salazar, Roman Gutierrez, Ryan Machado, Valentina Castaneda, Ximena Montoya, Yasmin Zambrano,

3rd Grade - Santiago Rubio, Robert Altamirano, Heavenly Mcleery, Aubrey Galloway, David Tapia, Ivanna Martinez, Julian Mendoza, Jenny Nguyen, Marilyn Macneil, Sofia Rascon,

4th Grade - Adrian Sanchez, Edgar Rubio, Isabella Rodriguez, Marna Castillo, Demetrious Havier, Edgar Rubio, Elias Arteaga, Isabella Rodriguez, Jariel Sanchez, Joaquin Garcia, Lia Moises, Marco Payan-Carrera, Nicole Cox, Raul Navarrete, Ruby Lopez,

5th Grade - Max Lopez, Aaron Dominguez, Angel Jerez, Dimit5ri Godinez, Frankie Garcia *, Julian de la Luz, Manuel Plaza, Max Ocampo, Melany Dominguez, Thomas Nkurunziza, Vanessa Garcia, Veronica Garcia, Wilberto Llanes, Xiomara leon-Elenes, Yahel Torrez, Zamir Gilliam, Zoie Evans

6th Grade - Alissa Barraza, Ximena Valenzuela, Yeraldin Rico Castillo, Maritzio Muñoz, Clarissa Gamino, Ayelene Celaya, Aimee Perez, Alyssa Acedo, Ariana Lovaas, Audrina Heid, Dominick Havier, Gibran Varela, Jason Soto, Jaylene Rodriguez, Jonah Hardin, Josiah Altamirano, Juan Aguirre, Keylana Blackwelder, Layla Giron, Lia Morales, Maritzio Munoz, Sergio Leon, Stephanie Dagnino, Venus Plaza, Ximena Valenzuela, Yeraldin Rico Castillo *

* Additional Shout Out



Bulldogs Corner with Mr. Blanco



Happy New Year Bulldog Family!

A new year means a new start! One thing that is not new, is Douglas staff holding our students accountable and positively reinforcing the high expectations we have for your children. Please help us in reminding our students to follow P.A.W.S., which stands for Promptly Prepared, Act Respectfully, Work Hard, and Stay Safe. We are so impressed with our student's accomplishments over the first semester! We will continue to promote Blanco's Bodacious Bulldog Challenge; this is an attendance challenge that we have each week among our classes. We will also continue our Bulldog Here Everyday attendance recognition for those students with perfect attendance. Please continue encouraging your student to do great things by making sure they are prepared for school each day, being present and arriving on time. We are looking forward to a wonderful third quarter!

¡Feliz año nuevo familia Bulldog!

¡Un nuevo año significa un nuevo inicio! Algo que no es nuevo aquí, es que el personal de Douglas responsabiliza a nuestros estudiantes y refuerza positivamente las altas expectativas que tenemos para sus hijos. Ayúdenos a recordar a nuestros estudiantes que sigan P.A.W.S., que significa Prepararse con prontitud, actuar respetuosamente, trabajar duro y mantenerse seguro. ¡Estamos muy impresionados con los logros de nuestros estudiantes durante el primer semestre! Continuaremos promoviendo el *Desafío de Mr. Blanco Bodacious Bulldog*; Este es un desafío de asistencia que tenemos cada semana entre nuestras clases. También continuaremos con nuestro reconocimiento de asistencia *Bulldog Here Everyday* para aquellos estudiantes con asistencia perfecta. Continúe animando a su estudiante a hacer grandes cosas asegurándose de que esté preparado para la escuela todos los días, estando presente y llegando a tiempo. ¡Esperamos un maravilloso tercer trimestre!

Feliz Año Nuevo!

Star Students of the Month: January

Kindergarten

Emily Flores **
Carlos Ortez
Amaryllis Medina
Leilani Matautia
Kylie Martinez

First Grade

Elijah Martinez**
Arielle Valdez Ruiz
Lena Ramirez
Victoria Avila
Lucio Torres Sanchez

Second Grade

Julius Mendoza**
Marna Castillo *
Sofia Salazar
Hamzah Sierras
Carlos Olivas

Third Grade

Milena Godinez **
Anthony Garcia
Christina Nguyen
Luz Contreras

Fourth Grade

Braelon Carter **
Demetrious Havier
Valentina Ruiz
Joaquin Garcia

Fifth Grade

Damaris Gamino **
Jackson McGury
Francisco Lara
Brandon Jimenez
Matthew Romero

Sixth Grade

Jaylene Rodriguez **
Lilianna Madrid-Sharff
Emilio Duarte
Nikole Castaneda

FLEXIBILITY

The ability and willingness to adjust one's thinking or compromise so that you can deal with unexpected problems effectively.

* Our Building Block for Character Student
** Star Reader and Writer

FROM OUR FRONT OFFICE...

REMEMBER/RECUERDE

- ◆ Please continue to stop by and check our Lost Baggage Lost & Found Bin. These items are donated when not picked up.
 - ◆ Make sure we have your current phone number and that you opt in to receive text messages by texting: **YES to 67587**
 - ◆ *Por Favor continúe revisando la Caja de Artículos Perdidos y Encontrados "Equipaje Perdido"*
Estos artículos son donados cuando no los recogen.
 - ◆ *Asegúrese que tenemos su numero de teléfono actual y que ha optado por recibir mensajes mandando un texto:*
YES to 67587



It's Getting Cold Out There!!!

Parents, this is a reminder that if you see the temperature dropping, please send your child with a jacket or dress in layers. We see many students without a jacket or wearing shorts and they are cold in the mornings.

¡¡¡Esta Frio Afuera!!!

Padres, este es un recordatorio que revisen el tiempo y si esta frio, por favor envíen a su hijo/a con una chaqueta o suéteres que puedan irse quitando. Hemos visto varios niños sin chaqueta o con short cortos y con mucho frio por las mañanas.

2023
goodbye
2024
welcome

Dropping off and picking up your child

This is a friendly reminder that the front parking lot is only for parents that will be parking their vehicle and walking with their child on to campus or pick up under the Ramada. If you plan on staying in your car to drop off or pick up, please use the back alley. We have school staff there to help. We will continue to insist on this.

Dejar y recoger a su hijo/a

Este es un recordatorio amistoso de que el estacionamiento del frente es solo para los padres que estacionarán su vehículo y caminarán con su hijo al campus o lo recogerán debajo del Ramada. Si planea quedarse en su automóvil para dejar o recoger, por favor use el callejón. Tenemos personal escolar allí para ayudar con esto. Continuaremos insistiendo en esta practica.



Happy New Year! January is an exciting month in Kindergarten. We will be celebrating the 100th day of school on January 18th. Your child may wear a shirt with 100 items such as stickers, buttons, pom poms, etc. We would also appreciate any donations of Froot Loops to your child's teacher before the 100th day so that we can make Froot Loop necklaces. Homework will still come home on Monday and should be returned on Friday. Once you receive the second quarter report card, please sign the envelope on the 2nd quarter line, and return it to school promptly. During the month of January, we will be focusing on letters Uu, Yy, Vv, Ee, Qq, and Xx. Continue having your child write a sentence that makes sense using the Kindergarten sight words. Our new counting goal is counting to 100 by ones and tens. Thank you for a wonderful first half of the school year! We are looking forward to the third quarter.



Mrs. Mendivil
520-696-8314

Ms. Honey
520-696-8309

Ms. Bejarano
520-696-8351

Ms. Tovar
520-696-8332

Happy New Year!! We want to send a huge THANK YOU to all the families that donated items for our holiday celebrations! It would not have been possible to make those fun memories without you! We are very excited to begin second semester and start getting everyone ready for second grade. Please practice telling time to the half hour and subtraction with your child. It is also important to read for a full 20 minutes every night as well as discuss the story with your child. Report cards will go home on Friday, January 12th. Please look over your child's report card and Acadience scores. The envelopes need to be signed and returned by Friday, January 19th. Our classes are in need of snack for days we do not have fresh fruit and vegetables, donations are appreciated. We hope you enjoyed your break and are excited to start second semester!



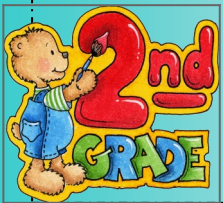
Miss Jacobson
520-696-8312

Ms. Cardenas
520-696-8331

Ms. Urquidez
520-696-8313

Ms. Anguis
520-696-8320

Happy New Year, 2nd grade families and welcome back to school! We hope you had a restful and relaxing winter break! To start the new year off right, please **set goals** with your child and **review school and homework expectations: Follow PAWS, bring a backpack to school, and return completed homework on Fridays.** Also, please **read** with your child 20 minutes every day. As the winter season continues, please send your child to school with a **jacket**. Thank you to the parents who donated items to the classroom in the first semester! We will continue to need donations of **snacks, Kleenex**, dry-erase markers, and hand sanitizer throughout the school year. Please remember to check the **Remind** App and your child's homework folder for school notifications. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's education!



Ms. Laguna
520-696-8355
@mslagunag to 81010

Ms. Taylor
520-696-8315
@mslagunag to 81010

Ms. Myrick
520-696-8321
@msmyrick2 to 81010

Ms. Powers
520-696-8318
@powers2324 to 81010

Hello 3rd Grade Families! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful winter break and are ready for a new semester! As we begin the month of January, we will continue to work very hard in preparation for the Arizona state test, which will occur during the month of April. This test measures everything your child has learned since the beginning of the year and is a big stepping-stone into 4th grade. Being on time and in school the entire day is very important for your child as we work hard to learn each and every day, and eventually ace the big test! One way to help your child is to practice math facts at home each night. Flash card practice is a fantastic way to help your child become fluent in these math facts; please speak with your child's teacher for flash card resources. Thank you for your support, Families!



Mrs. Cline
520-696-8346

Tr. Neria
520-696-8310

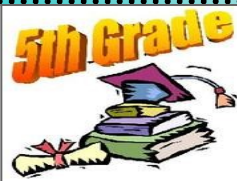
Ms. Switalski
520-696-8370

Welcome Back! We hope you had a nice, relaxing Winter Break. We plan on getting right back into the curriculum as we start the new quarter. All students' grades will start over and have a fresh start. Please encourage your child to complete all their work to keep their grades up as they begin the second semester. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or want resources to support practice at home.

Ms. Andersen
520-696-8319

Ms. Rios
520-696-8338

Ms. Luna
520-696-8352



Happy New Year Fifth Grade families! We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! After an awesome winter break, we are back in action! As part of our reading unit on Art this month, we will be hosting a guest artist from the Tucson Museum of Art who will provide us hands-on workshop in art literacy. This will be followed by our field trip to the Museum where we will view the works of various artists. January will be capped off by our annual Science Fair and STEM Night (January 25th in the evening) where students will show off their Science Projects and families can engage with STEM demonstrations and community organizations like TEP and others. We look forward to seeing you there!

MS. DAVILA
520-696-8334

MS. MACIAS
520-696-8328

MS. VARAS-NELSON
520-696-8330

MR. MORGAN
520-696-8327



Sixth Grade News

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful break and are rested and ready for 2024! Students should have completed their prototypes (building and testing) over winter break. They will work on data analysis in class, not their project prototypes and should have come back to school with the data they collected about their prototype and pictures of their prototype. These are due at the end of this month just in time for our Science Fair! We will be having 2 field trips this month to the Desert Museum and Fox Theater! Our

field trip to the Fox Theater will require students to purchase a ticket for \$8.00, you can send the money with your child to the office or pay through the Parent Access Portal in PowerSchool. This field trip will not require chaperones, however we will need 20 parent chaperones for our field to the Desert Museum on January 18th. If you are able to chaperone for the Desert Museum, please let your child's homeroom teacher know as soon as the permission slip is sent home. Also, please check your child's planner, emails/Remind messages, and our 6th grade website for any announcements and events that we will be having. Next time you are at the store, please think of your child's classroom as we are in need of tissues, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, dry erase markers, and pencils! Our New Year's Resolution~ start the new year with a smile and a kind act. Welcome back 6th grade!

Mrs. Camero
520-696-8337

Mrs. Villalobos
520-696-8322

Mrs. Tornberg
520-696-8325



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We are now on *Instagram!* Look for our Profile name below and follow us:

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Music Notes

*Congratulations to the 6th grade Orchestra and Band and to our 3rd and 4th graders for their performances last month! What a phenomenal job you all did! We are so proud of you!

Here is an upcoming event:

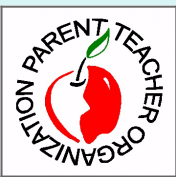
*Mark your calendars for the District Choral Festival on January 30th. Douglas Singers have been working hard and singing beautifully to make sure this performance is a treat.

Thank you for all your support of our music program here at Douglas. If you have any questions, please call us at the number listed below.

Ms. Bley-General Music

Mr. Norwood-Band/Orchestra

DOUGLAS PTO



A New Year is here, bringing us new perspectives, new opportunities, and new challenges! May you receive blessings, health, love, enthusiasm, and everything needed to make 2024, an incredible year. The year 2023 is behind us, but we will not forget everything we learned and all the moments of joy it brought us. Joyful moments like our Santa Shop, where students experienced the joy of giving, as they were doing their Christmas shopping with so much love for their loved ones. Just seeing their little faces, and how lovingly they searched for something to give reaffirms that love is the purest and most beautiful feeling and it is wonderful to know that every human being is born with it. We appreciate everyone who contributed their valuable time to make Santa Shop and Family Night possible. PTO affectionately, organized this night, as a token of gratitude for the support we always receive at each activity and fundraising event for the school.

PTO wants to hear from the Douglas Family. Your opinion is very important to help us improve or make changes necessary to obtain better results, approval, interest and enthusiasm from each of you. This month, PTO brings to you a Penny War! This will be a competition among grade levels, with each grade level fiercely trying to collect the most pennies. Look for more information to come home soon. As this is a PTO fundraiser to raise money to support classrooms, we really want to encourage a fierce competition! So, in this case, winning is the only objective, don't allow your kiddos to lose this battle! There will be a big surprise for the winning group, so start looking for those pennies now! Check your pockets, under the couch cushions, the junk drawer...onward to victory!

¡Tenemos en nuestras manos un Año Nuevo! El cual nos trae nuevas perspectivas, nuevas oportunidades, nuevos desafíos. Que sea un año de bendición, salud, amor, entusiasmo y todo eso que hará de este 2024 un año increíble para cada uno de ustedes. El 2023 quedo atrás pero no olvidamos todo el conocimiento que nos dejó y todos los momentos de dicha como nuestro pasado Santa shop, donde, con las fiestas decembrinas los estudiantes se emocionaron con el placer de dar, en el momento que, con tanto amor, hicieron sus compras navideñas para sus seres queridos. Para nosotros, ver los rostros de esos pequeños buscando con amor que regalar, nos reafirma que el amor es el sentimiento más puro y bello, y es maravilloso saber que cada ser humano nace con él. Agradecemos el apoyo de todos los que aportaron su valioso tiempo para hacer posible Santa Shop y la Noche Familiar. Esta noche fue cariñosamente organizada por PTO, como muestra de agradecimiento por el apoyo con el que siempre contamos en cada actividad y evento de recaudación de fondos para la escuela.

PTO quiere escuchar las voces de la Familia Douglas. Su opinión es muy importante para nosotros, en función de mejorar o hacer los cambios necesarios para lograr mejores resultados, aprobación, interés y entusiasmo de cada uno de ustedes. ¡Este mes, el PTO les trae una Guerra de Centavos! Esta será una competencia entre niveles de grado, en la que cada nivel de grado intentará ferozmente recolectar la mayor cantidad de centavos. Busque más información que llegará a casa pronto. Como se trata de una recaudación de fondos del PTO para recaudar dinero para apoyar las aulas, ¡realmente queremos fomentar una competencia feroz! Entonces, en este caso, ganar es el único objetivo, ¡no permita que su hijo pierda esta batalla! Habrá una gran sorpresa para el grupo ganador, ¡así que empiece a buscar esos centavos ahora! Revise sus bolsillos, debajo de los cojines del sofá, el cajón de chatarras... ¡adelante hacia la victoria!

~Thelma Molina, PTO President: 480-799-5402

Stephanie Miller, Treasurer: 520-208-4279

Email: walterdpto@gmail.com

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

We have ordered a VERY LIMITED number of Douglas 2024 Yearbooks this year. Preorder yours today! You do not want to miss out! **The cost is \$18.00.** See how to order below.

1. Use the order form below and turn it in, with payment, to Mrs. Elston-Perez at the front office. Order forms are also available at the front office.
2. You can also purchase a yearbook online through [PowerSchool](#), the Parent Portal that you access to check on your child's grades and attendance. It's easy, just log in using your Username and Password, find the **Navigation Menu**, scroll down to: \$ Purchases and Payments and follow the instructions.

*Hemos pedido un número MUY LIMITADO de Anuarios Douglas 2024 este año. ¡Reserva el tuyo hoy! ¡No querrás perdertelo! **El costo es de \$ 18.00.** Vea como ordenar el suyo.*

1. *Use el formulario de pedido que se encuentra debajo y entréguelo, con el pago, a la Sra. Elston-Perez en la oficina principal. Los formularios de pedido también están disponibles en la oficina.*
2. *También puede comprar un anuario en línea a través de [PowerSchool](#), el portal para padres al que accede para verificar las calificaciones y la asistencia de su hijo. Es fácil, simplemente inicie su sesión con su nombre de usuario y contraseña, busque el menú de navegación, desplácese hacia abajo para: \$ Purchases and Payments y siga las instrucciones.*

Yearbook Order Form: 2023-2024

Student name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Amount paid: \$ _____

\$18.00 per Yearbook

Verified: _____ Date: _____

Mrs. Elston-Perez