

DATES TO

REMEMBER

- **August 29** —
World's Finest
Chocolate kick off
- **September 5**
Labor Day —
no school
- **September 7** —
Open House
(5:00—6:00)
PTO meeting @ 6:00
- **September 12** —
Fall Picture Day (pics
must be pre-paid)
- **September 15** —
Interim Reports go
home
- **September 22**—
First Day of Fall
- **October 19** — 2nd
Nine weeks begins



DES is Sailing into
Learning

Paws for the News

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Welcome Back to School !

We want to welcome you to the 2016—2017 school year. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Whether you are new to Douglas Elementary or a returning student/family, we look forward to you being a part of the DES family and hope you become involved in our school.

We encourage every student and parent to embrace the opportunity to make this a great school year.

For the 2016 — 2017 school year, Douglas welcomes the following new / changes in our faculty and staff:



Robbie Bellamy —
Art Teacher



Wendie Burton —
3rd grade Math and
Science Teacher



Laura Herring -
Gifted and Talented
Teacher



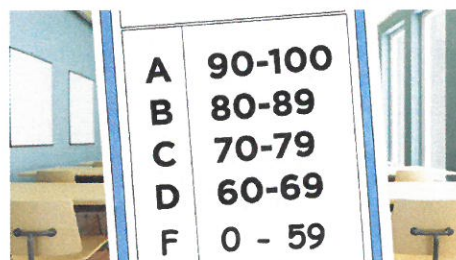
Ann Johnson —
Cafeteria Worker



Lucinda Joplin —
Head Custodian



Aaron Lott —
Custodian



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**South Carolina Schools
are now on a 10 point
grading scale**

We Need Your Forms

Douglas Elementary is a Title I school. Please return signed forms concerning our School- Parent Compact along with any comments or ideas you wish to express.

You also received a Media Release Form and an Acceptable Use Agreement as part of your child's registration packet. If you have not returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible.

School Improvement Council

Nominations for SIC member will be open August 29th—September 2nd. Please submit nominations in writing to Mr. Turner during this time. Those nominated will be introduced as candidates at the Sept. 7th PTO meeting beginning at 6:00. SIC elections will be held the following day. Students will take home ballots September 8th that will be returned on September 9th. No ballot will be accepted after 9 am on September 9th. If there are no more than 2 nominees, voting will not be necessary and the 2 nominees will automatically be placed on the SIC.

Show Your DES Pride by WEARING it

Students received an envelope packet from Spirit and Pride with many Douglas T-shirt designs to choose from. Look over the selections and choose your favorite. .

All orders must be turned in by September 9th.



Make Check or Money
Order payable to:
Spirit and Pride

PTO Corner

Dear Parents,

It's that time again!!! We will kick-off our *World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser* on **Monday, August 29th**. We had a Super Successful year last year and were able to do a lot of great things for our school. Our goal this year is to meet or beat last year's sales. **Parents are you up to the challenge?**

We are also looking for PTO volunteers for this school year. If you are interested, you may pick up a form from the front office or you can inquire with Bubba Crow. A background check is required and there is an \$8.00 fee.

Serving You Sincerely,

Douglas Elementary PTO

What kinds of responsibilities does a good digital citizen have?



In the Media Center, students are learning what type of responsibilities they have in the offline world and in the digital (online) world.

Here are just a few examples of responsibilities that were discussed:

- I keep my private information private.*
- I visit sites that are appropriate and safe.*
- I communicate only with people I know offline.*
- I give proper credit when using information I find online.*