



Dolores Elementary School Newsletter- "The Galloping Goose"

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Dear Dolores Families,

Many of you have asked about our new Raptor check-in security system and when we were going to be up and running. Mr. Baxter has been installing the equipment at each building office and the secretaries will be doing some training on Friday. We are going to do a soft roll out beginning in November to practice and get used to the system. Meaning, if you have your driver's license you can scan it and it will print you a sticker. We will be practicing to get all of the kinks worked out. Then, after Christmas break we should be ready to go and visitors will be required to show their license upon entering the building. We really appreciate all of the positive comments we have received about the system and thank you for helping us ensure our campus is safe for our kiddos.

Next week, is going to be a busy one and super fun. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in the evenings from 3:45-5:45. Please contact the school if you still need to schedule a conference. We have Mr. Vega's Pumpkin Drop competition on Wednesday morning. I can hardly wait to see the kids show off the engineering and creative problem-solving skills. If you have some time to stop by and check it out, I promise you won't be disappointed. Halloween parties will be Thursday and students can bring a costume to wear at their party. Remember, no weapons or gore will be allowed. Many teachers have sent home newsletters with the class party details.

Thanks to all of the families that came to our "WE ARE CONNECTED" Character Day assembly today. The kindergartners performed the cutest penguin dance I have seen! Great job, Kinders!! We also had a couple of high school students come and give an amazing presentation about how we are all connected and can all take care of each other by taking care of our planet with recycling. Ask your kiddos if they can tell you some of the cool facts they learned today about recycling.

I hope everyone enjoys their long weekend,

Mrs. Howerton

Ps-Check out the new district website <https://doloresschools.org/> and download our new school app.

Upcoming EVENTS

Oct. 25th- No school-professional development

Oct. 28th-31st- Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:45-5:45

Oct. 30th- Mr. Vega's Pumpkin Drop Challenge

Oct. 31st- Halloween Parties

Nov. 1st- No School

Nov. 8th- Spirit Sticks for sale

Nov. 13th- Bear Store

Nov. 15th- No School- teacher professional development

Nov. 19th- Picture Retakes

Nov. 22nd- Book Swap

Nov. 25-29th- Thanksgiving Break



Technology with Mr. Vega

Our students are working so hard in Technology! Keyboarding has been our focus, and students are improving in overall technique and also in their keyboarding test scores. With the exception of Kindergarten, all grade levels are working hard at learning the keyboard. Older grades (4-6) are formally learning all of the control keys, function keys, and typing keys on a Windows keyboard. Younger students (grades 1-3) are getting familiar with the keyboard by playing keyboarding games and using online keyboarding tools.

If your child is in 4th, 5th or 6th grade, ask to see their classroom blog. We have been doing some great writing while learning about blogging in a controlled environment.

Kindergarten students have been working on mouse skills and have just recently started using our Waterford program. Waterford is a computer-based program that helps build both reading and math skills.

6th-grade students have just been assigned the pumpkin drop project. The 6th-Grade Pumpkin Drop is a design project where students design an apparatus to protect a pumpkin from a fall of 35 - 45 ft. We have once again partnered with Empire Electric Association who generously provides our school with a crew and a bucket truck. Walmart is also our partner this year and generously donated all of the pumpkins for this project. All of the rules and guidelines, due dates, and group lists for the pumpkin drop are available in Google Classroom. Updates will also be found in Google Classroom. The official drop day is on Wednesday, October 30th at 9:20 a.m.

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Book Fair is next week. Students shop Tuesday - Thursday. Open during Parent Teacher Conferences. See below for schedule and more information.

Book Fair and Teacher Lunch at the end of the month. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please be looking for an email to see how YOU can help.

PTA meeting November 7th at 2:45 in Elementary meeting room. Hope to see you there.



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Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination, it also has the power to help children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to build stronger reading skills and promote a lifetime love of reading:

- Set the example: let children see you read
- Have a collection of books in your home you update regularly; changing with your child's abilities and interests.
- Visit our Book Fair and allow your child pick out their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

The PTA is the proud sponsor of the book fair for over 20 years. We would like to let you know a little about what we do with the proceeds for the fair. We never ever take a single dollar in profit from any fair. The PTA provides each and every student with free books at the end of the year for summer reading. We also give every classroom teacher \$100 in books to add to their classroom libraries, as well as administration, title 1 and special education reading teachers. The Elementary Library also receives \$400 annually in books from the book fair. We make the fair an enjoyable experience to all students by giving every student the chance to win an awesome book with the guessing/estimating game and also give 2 free books to every class with a fun luck of the draw game. We have a drawing give away on the last day of the fair for an extra \$25 in books to a teacher. Ask your teacher how to enter them at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Book Fair Dates and hours : Monday, October 28th - Thursday, October 31st
8:25AM - 3:20PM, 4PM - 6:30PM

-----Please look at your child's class shopping times on the back side of this letter-----
****OPEN DURING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES****

We accept all forms of payment including cash, credit cards, and checks (Please make out to Dolores Elementary PTA.)

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,
Ashley S.
Dolores Elementary PTA President

2019 Fall Book Fair Schedule

Tuesday, October 29th

8:25-9:10 Smith
9:20-10:05 -Barry
10:15-11:00 Garlick
12:00- 12:35 Pejsa
12:45-1:30 Russell
1:40-2:25 Christenson
2:55-3:20 Bailey

Wednesday, October 30th

8:25-9:10 Jones
9:20-10:05 PUMPKIN DROP
10:15-11:00 Kleinmann
12:00- 12:35 Wade
1:40-2:25 Yokeum
2:35-3:20 Kuster

Thursday, October 31st

8:25-9:10 Lein
9:20-10:05 Werner
10:15-11:00 Hanson
12:00- 12:35 Hutchins
12:45-1:30 Lowe
1:40-2:25 Tourjee
2:35-3:20 Savage

Open for Parent Teacher Conferences Monday - Thursday 4PM to 6:30PM