



## Dolores Elementary School Newsletter- "The Galloping Goose"

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Dear Dolores Families,

I can't believe we only have one week until Thanksgiving Break! It feels like only yesterday was Halloween.

We have been learning a lot about the Attitude of Gratitude this month. Last week, I was standing out front during afternoon dismissal speaking with a parent who was in uniform when one of our students walked up and said, "Thank you for your service!" My heart smiled because this done completely unprompted by any adult. Today, a teacher was telling me about how she had some students who wanted to write words of encouragement and kindness and put them next to kids coat hooks in the hallway. When I watch our students strive to become better people by being kind and caring of others it reminds of why I went into to education and how much I love these kids. I am so proud of them!

Our Mindset lesson this week was "Thank it Forward." One of the best and quickest ways to feel better and become happier is to do something for someone else. And the easiest as well as one of the most powerful things we can do for someone is expressing gratitude for who they are and what they mean to us. Thanking someone provides two wonderful gifts: it makes the other person feel good, and makes us happy at the same time

Next week, our lesson is "Elevate Your Perspective." People who have achieved great lives point to moments of great adversity and challenge when they learned a critical lesson or built the essential skill that allowed them to be successful. Knowing this, we understand why it is important to seek the positives from all situations, even those that seem completely negative. When we do this, we get better, learn, and grow in essential ways that help us to live richer and fuller lives.

I thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us and wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving,  
Mrs. Howerton

PS- My next newsletter will be after we return from break.

PSS- Please help us with traffic congestion by **not** parking in the drop off zone-Thanks!!!

## Upcoming EVENTS

- 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
- Dec. 6th- Character Day- Attitude of Gratitude @ 1:00  
Pickles and Popcorn
- Dec. 11th- Bear Store
- Dec. 13th- Spirit Sticks
- Dec. 19th- Christmas Program
- Dec. 20th- Christmas Parties



## P.E. with Mrs. Elder

First Grade parents, please join us on December 6th at 1:00 to watch our first graders perform. We will tie in both our gymnastics and locomotor movement units putting our movement to music! SPOILER ALERT: Adorable.

K-3 are just finishing up a unit on gross motor movement and basic gymnastics and tumbling. We've had so much fun and wrapped up the unit by watching Simone Biles perform her exercise routine! The kids and I had a great discussion after about gymnasts that started out like they are learning the fundamentals when they are young and with a lot of practice, hard work, and love for the sport, look where it got her and others! Some of the students seemed inspired to set some goals with things they enjoy. Makes me feel honored to be a teacher.

4-6 grades are wrapping up our archery unit! The last range day will be soon where we finish up with a team versus team tournament/contest using the official scoring used in NASP archery tournaments! I have seen so much confidence building up in some of our students as they have become better archers. When asked what their favorite sports/activities are, I now hear back from some of them "archery!" Pretty cool stuff. Maybe some bows on the Christmas/holiday wish list this year?



## Technology with Mr. Vega

6th-grade Pumpkin Drop was a huge success. We had 7 pumpkins survive this year which is the most we have ever had...so far. Our students showed lots of creativity and I am so proud of the designs.

**I would like to give a special thank you to our partners Empire Electric Association (EEA) and Walmart in Cortez.** EEA provided a wonderful crew and a bucket truck to help us drop the designs from the desired height of 35 feet. Walmart was also very generous and donated about 50 pumpkins for our project.

Now that the Pumpkin Drop is over, we are supporting the classroom by learning how to represent data in science fair projects. We are using Google Sheets to record, organize, calculate and chart data.

4th and 5th-grades are learning to use Google Docs to create scholarly documents.

3rd-grade is learning all about email etiquette and how to send proper emails.

2nd-grade has just finished using Google Docs to create a number square and will now begin using Google Earth to learn about latitude and longitude.

1st-grade has started to use a word processing program to type text. Students have made name signs and are now working to create sentences in MS Word.

Kindergarten will continue to work in the Waterford program all year long. Waterford is a computer-based program designed to build reading, math and science skills.



Book Swap is next Friday, November 22nd. Please bring gently used books to trade for some new ones! Each student can trade up to 3. Great for reading during Thanksgiving break!!!

We would love to have more parents on the PTA, please ask how you can be a member.

Looking forward to working with you!

Next PTA meeting is Thursday, December 5th.



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# BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION FOR THE ARCHULETA FAMILY

*All Proceeds Will Go To Benefit The Archuleta Family*



FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 2019  
5:00 PM DINNER & DONATIONS  
6:30 PM LIVE AUCTION  
5:00 PM-8:00 PM SILENT AUCTION

LEWIS-ARRIOLA COMMUNITY CENTER  
21176 COUNTY ROAD S  
CORTEZ, CO 81321

The Archuleta Family tragically lost their home to a fire on November 4th, 2019. This dinner and auction will help them get back on their feet.

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