



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

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Dear Dolores Families,

Good evening everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful relaxing break. We have just two very busy weeks ahead of us and then it will be Christmas break. I can hardly believe our second semester has almost ended and that soon half our school year will be gone. I will do my best to keep you all informed of special events that are happening. Currently, we are doing our middle of the year assessments for DIBELS (reading) and NWEA (reading, math, language arts) to check student progress of learning. This gives teachers great information about which skills students have mastered and lets us know what they still need to learn before advancing to the next grade level. The results from these assessments will be sent home with your child's report after we return from break.

I would like to invite everyone to our Character Day Assembly tomorrow. We will be celebrating the mindset of Attitude of Gratitude and our fabulous first graders will be performing their PE showcase, which I guarantee will make you smile. So, if you are able we would love you to join us in the Aux Gym @ 1:00.

Have a great weekend and stay warm-
Mrs. Howerton

Upcoming EVENTS

Dec. 6th- Character Day- Attitude of Gratitude @ 1:00

Pickles and Popcorn

Dec. 11th- Bear Store at lunch recess

Dec. 12- 6th Grade Science Fair

Dec. 13th- Spirit Sticks

Dec. 19th- 3rd Grade Living History Museum

Christmas Program @ 6:30

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?



Music with Mrs. Bean

Our Elementary Christmas Program is only two weeks away on Thursday December 19th! Please have your children at their classrooms by 6:30 that evening. The program will start at 7:00. After you drop your children off at their classroom, you can then head to the aux gym to find a seat. Remember that this is a special event and it's always nice to see our students looking their best! The program will last approximately one hour and we ask all of our parents to remain in the gym for the entire program out of respect for all of the students performing. Everyone has been working very hard to bring you their very best performance. I hope to see you all there!



From the Artists' Palette - Dec.

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It's hard to believe, but with one week left until Thanksgiving break, it means we only have three school weeks until the Winter Pagent. Here in the art studio we will be busy working on the display for Mrs. Bean's fantastic performance. The students will still be learning a great deal about some fine artists and their historical importance while perfecting their technique.

K – Chris Van Alsbury - Shapes and Color – Illustration

1st - Ted Harrison – Landscape, shape, color – Abstract-Realism

2nd - Marc Buehner – Value, tint and shade - Illustration

3rd - Charles Schulz – Proportion/Perspective, Line & Shape - Cartooning

4th - Johannes Vermeer – Light Value, Cast & Luminescence – Pop Art

5th - Charles Warren Eaton – Texture & Mood – Realism

6th - Wilhelm Gross – Depth of Field & Silhouette – Landscape

We're looking for various supplies you might be able to help us with. Please, if you have any of these items, we sure could use them. Our needs:

Large old, gaudy picture frames – 20" x 30" or so

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Pickles & Popcorn is TOMORROW!! 25 cents for popcorn and 50 cents for half a pickle.

Popcorn is limited per student.

We hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving break. Love seeing all the kids back.

Spirit Sticks will be next Friday, December 13th. Fun Holiday sticks.