



LITTLE BEARS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

In the news...

Hello parents,
I hope this year has been wonderful for you all. I know we are settling in with our new routine. I would like to address some safety concerns I am seeing during pick up.

I have noticed several vehicles parking in the red zones as well as having your children cross Central Avenue, in between cars by themselves. This is not safe for any parent or student.

If you have a student that exits the Elementary School by the clinic and you go to pick them up, please use the crosswalks, both going and coming back. DO NOT have your child walk in between the parked vehicles and then cross Central Avenue to meet you. Traveling vehicles cannot see them, and I have seen several kids just dart out in front of moving vehicles, and run across the street. So if you could please have them use the crosswalk at the corner of 12th Street that would be greatly appreciated.

I have the red zones blocked off because there are fire hydrants there and it is illegal to block a hydrant. This is not a drop off or pick up area. The red zone by the corner of 12th Street is blocked off because it helps drivers see kids in the crosswalk. So please do not park or block this area.

The designated drop off and pick up area is In front of the Elementary School along 12th Street. If your child enters through the double doors by the clinic then they can be dropped off on 12th street before the staff parking area.

Also please remember the school zone on Railroad Avenue (14th Street to the Post Office) is in effect from 7:30-8:15 and from 3:20-4:00, and the speed limit is 25 miles an hour. Any violation doubles in a school zone.

Thank you for helping keep our kids safe!! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly. I would be happy to answer your questions.

-Deputy K. Green

Principal's Corner

Dear Little Bear Families,
I hope this finds you safe and enjoying our Autumn weather and foliage! We are happy that our online learners seem to be doing very well with Edgenuity. Our Edgenuity liaison has reported that some students enjoy Edgenuity so much that they are putting in almost 40 hours a week. That's the beauty of a self-paced program! We are also very happy that our teachers are still enjoying the Core Knowledge curriculum and are working hard to implement it with fidelity. They are mostly excited about the very current research-based instructional practices that are implemented as part of the curriculum. Most teachers have already scheduled meetings for our upcoming parent-teacher conferences and look forward to sharing successes with parents. One of our kindergartener teachers reported her excitement because kindergarteners are already blending sounds above grade level as a result of the instruction delivered with core knowledge.

We have completed almost all of our NWEA beginning of the year assessments and will be reviewing results soon to help guide instructional practice and differentiation. Most of our students have had great attendance with in-person learning, and attendance has been going well for Edgenuity participation, too! We really appreciate everyone's effort to attend for our official October 1st count day! Thank you!

We are also very grateful that our Superintendent, Lis Richard, was able to keep our Accelerated Reading (AR) program funded and implemented for this year's continued use! Students, Parents, and Teachers have expressed their gratitude and are excited to continue to use this reading system! Students are also collecting their Bearpaws to spend on activities with staff members and or other prizes and are excited about earning them! Our Little Bear team thanks all of you for your continued support and encouragement!

Warmly,
Lurleen McCormick





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Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!

A couple of weeks ago we explained the whole school Positive Behavior Supports we are starting to implement. The students will be able to turn the bear paw tickets they earn in for tangible rewards as well as fun privileges through the virtual Little Bear Trading Post! Mrs. McCormick even offered some Pokemon Go time as a privilege they can save for, but they can also purchase other items like fishing poles, pencils, Build a Bear costumes and other donated items. Teachers will catch them keeping the rules and being resilient when difficult situations arise. Many of Mrs. Christensen's students have used their bear paw tickets to purchase Moochie Squishies!

We also explained that when the students are not showing positive behavior the focus will be on having them reflect on their negative behavior and come up with a plan to avoid it in the future by replacing it with a positive alternative. If the plan they make with the teacher in their room does not change the behavior, they will be sent to a "buddy room" to try to come up with another plan. Parents will be receiving a call from the teacher at this point and the reflection sheet will come home for your signature. If that plan does not work . . . and frequent minor misbehaviors continue they will receive an office referral. At this point parents will receive a call from the principal and yet another plan will be implemented with Principal, parent, teacher and student input. Keep in mind that the "Plans" include consequences. Negative reinforcement combined with positive reinforcement is often what is needed at that point. Serious negative behaviors will go directly to an office referral. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Susan Leavitt Miller

Upcoming events:

- Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) will be held for Elementary on Oct. 6th and Oct. 8th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Please remember to bring mandatory masks if attending in person; thank you so much!
- Chat with the Board (two members), Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Dolores River Brewery 100 S. 4th Street Dolores, CO
- Oct. 15th- End of First Quarter
- Oct. 16th- No School for students- Teacher Professional Development day
- Oct. 30th- No School

Other Announcements

WE ARE LISTENING

October 7, 5:00 p.m.



Dolores School District Board of Directors has made it a point this school year to set a variety of dates, times and places to meet with their constituents. The sole purpose of these events is so the board can listen and learn about the communities' opinions and concerns.

There is no agenda and the events are completely informal. Board members have no authority outside of their board meetings but have a responsibility to

listen to their stakeholders. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to be heard.

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