



LITTLE BEARS' WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The vision of Dolores Elementary School is to provide an educational foundation that fosters personal success through an innovative and positive learning environment.

In the news...

Congratulations to our Little Bear Accelerated Reading Stars



10 Points

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| <i>Dusty J. 4th grade</i> | <i>Marissa H. 2nd grade</i> |
| <i>Asher M. 4th grade</i> | <i>Evangeline M. 4th grade</i> |
| <i>Atticus S. 3rd grade</i> | <i>Amelia D. 2nd grade</i> |
| <i>Delilah K. 2nd grade</i> | <i>Charlotte M. 2nd grade</i> |
| <i>Keegan M. 2nd grade</i> | <i>Riley M. 2nd Grade</i> |
| <i>Jax R. 2nd grade</i> | <i>Ayion S-R. 5th grade</i> |

25 Points

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| <i>Isaac S. 4th grade</i> | <i>Tanner T. 4th grade</i> |
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50 Points

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| <i>Kadence B. 5th grade</i> | <i>Joseph P. 5th grade</i> |
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100 Points

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| <i>Levi R. 5th grade</i> | <i>Ryder G. 5th grade</i> |
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- Class With Most students to get on the wall*
Margeson's 2nd grade class with 6 students!

Principal's Corner

Dear Little Bear Families,

Wow, it's been a productive two weeks! Apologies for the delayed publication of last week's newsletter; we were focused on the hybrid plan and thought we would just make this one a two week combination issue! I hope you enjoy the updates and pictures!

First I want to thank everyone for expressing their opinions about whether we stay in-person, offer hybrid options, or go completely online. I was so impressed with the professional, diplomatic, and collaborative conversations held with our Board members. I am truly honored to be part of a community that embraces difficult conversations and makes decisions after listening to those involved; so that we can remain unified in our love for children, education, and community. Please know that we are doing the best we can to address health safety issues and concerns while continuing to provide the best education possible for students. I also ask that folks please be patient with the timing of our communications as we are getting inundated with emails, calls, texts, and virtual meeting requests. We are here for you and look forward to discussing your students and answering questions about our elementary hybrid learning plan and in-person learning opportunities during the week of Nov. 30th-Dec. 4th. Please forgive any delays.

On a brighter note, I'm so proud of our Accelerated Reading "Stars" listed to the left! Our students continue to shine and are enjoying this program and learning it provides to compliment our Core Knowledge curriculum.

We are so grateful for all of you and hope you have a wonderful, safe, and healthy Thanksgiving vacation with your little ones!

Warmly,
Lurleen McCormick





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Our PTA Meeting is postponed until Thursday, December 17th at 4:00 PM. Location to be determined. A virtual invitation to be sent out closer to the date. In person attendance will be limited.



Please join the Elementary PTA. Request a membership form from the office and return with dues.

IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- Specials are too special to be voluntary. Please remember that even during remote learning, students will be required to continue learning and earning grades with Art, PE, Music, and Technology classes.
- [Parent guide to using Google Classroom](#)- In case you are unfamiliar with this platform, here is a **step by step guide** for you!
- Hoping that everyone has a fun, healthy and safe Fall break. Please remember that smaller gatherings are always safer. Keep as much distance as you can while visiting and use your masks, as able. Enjoy the great outdoors as much as possible. Be alert to your text and email because if we find out that any student you were a close contact to develops COVID over break we will be letting you know. If there has to be any changes to our in person learning we will notify you this way as well. We will be looking forward to seeing you the week of December 7th, if conditions allow.

-Thank you, Denese Brisbin, Dolores schools RN

Other Announcements

Are you missing any clothing, water bottles, toys, or fancy masks? Have your Little Bears look through the lost and found area in the hall by the office when they return...



Stay safe and say hello the Little Bear way over the holiday...





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Upcoming events:

- Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30th - Dec. 4th - Post holiday quarantine period (no in-person contact). **Staff members will connect remotely with families to explain Hybrid plans, what days to meet in-person, and answer questions about short-term online learning options.**
- Nov. 30th at 5:30 via Google Meet - Next District Accountability Committee (DAC) meeting. For information, go to our district website: <https://doloresschools.org/district-accountability-committee/>
- Dec. 7th - Return for Group A in-person Hybrid learning if permitted by current conditions
- Dec. 8th - Return for Group B in-person Hybrid learning if permitted by current conditions
- Dec. 10th at 6:00 to 7:00 pm - **Virtual Parent night** to educate ourselves about the dangers of drug abuse for our children

Practicing using Google Classroom in the classroom to help students work independently while at home will hopefully allow students to show off for parents and need a little less support...



Counselor's Corner

At the first of the month we learned the steps to make a friend:

1. Be Open
2. Find Things in Common
3. Have Fun

While this comes naturally to most kids, they will all struggle to make friends in certain situations and with certain kids. So knowing the steps and practicing them, or just recognizing them when it comes naturally, will help them when the going gets tough . . . or awkward. For those who struggle with friendships these are easy steps that can be practiced.

Now we are learning the steps to *keep* a friend. To make a friend, you have to connect with what is the same, but to keep a friend, you need to respect what is different. The following steps will help the kids to easily show that respect. When they are having friend trouble, help them analyze which step they are not following; and then, you can help them work on that. (If it truly doesn't make sense and your child has followed

Social distancing and learning in class looks different, but students seem to enjoy having their own space...





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all the steps to make and keep a friend, you might need to refer back to the articles on bullying). It helps to remember to "B" a friend . . . 3 B words:

1. Have **BALANCE**. This just means to take turns, help each other, teach each other, share, apologize and forgive each other.
2. Don't **BUG/BOTHER** your friends. If they don't like it, don't do it!
3. Don't get **BORED** with your friends. When it is their turn to talk, choose a game or take a turn, show interest! Say things like, "Great idea!" or "That was the hard part for me too!" "Good job" etc.
4. The last step is just to remember to **KEEP HAVING FUN!** Their memories of being with you still need to be pleasant! Shocking them and creating drama to manipulate friends into taking sides is a "weird" and "awkward" way to make or keep friends. Follow the above mentioned steps instead.

Since it's Thanksgiving, you might want to let them know that telling a friend (or family member) how grateful you are for them is one of the most powerful ways to let them know you respect them and to deepen the relationship. The following

gratitude exercise is one of the most powerful boosts to happiness level that has ever been recorded .

. for both giver and receiver:
Write a letter of gratitude to someone--be specific about what you are grateful for about them. Deliver the letter in person and have them read it in front of you.



That's it! Easy Peasy. Parents can model this. It's a great "free" gift kids can give for Christmas too. Now go have FUN with your friends and family!

One more thing . . . We have postponed the LITTLE BEAR PARENT MEETING that was planned for Thursday December 3rd. We have simply moved it back one week to Thursday December 10th! Hope to see you then.

Sincerely,
Susan Leavitt Miller
Dolores Elementary Counselor

Hands down, these are terrific turkeys...



Our new face shields are easier to wear for little ones...and adults, too!





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To view our highlights video created by Brooke Elder and presented to the Board of Education, click on this link:
[Keeping our heads up highlights video](#)

Technology class brings coding to life with Mr. Vega's new robots...



Learning from home can be fun, too...



Wrapping up a Core Knowledge unit of study with wreaths filled with plenty of gratitude...





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Music with Mr. Kelvinton is a hit with Boomwhackers Musical tubes:



PE continues to rock with Ms. Elder's warm up dances...



Art with Mr. Vaughn always stands out in the halls...



Kindergarten –
 Artist of cardboard – cardboard wastebasket

- Subject
- The gift of making sense of things: emotional, representational or physical forms
- Presentation
- Title: Wastebasket
- Artist
- 1 year

Connection to Kindergarten:
 Work: Observation, length, width, height





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The Core Knowledge study of the Human Body becomes life-sized and builds brain power...



Guest speakers join remotely to enhance Core Knowledge units of learning...



Learning to sign is now a whole school practice to improve communication with all our Little Bears...



Partner Talk

Human Body System - NERVOUS			HUMAN BODY SYSTEM		
Know	Want to know	Learn	Know	Want to know	Learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spinal Cord + Brain are very important for communication Cells are building blocks of all living things Brain to control center - sends messages to body Nerves are all over our body Cell body + dendrite Highway of our body Nervous system includes all 5 senses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do nerves work? How are the messages sent? How does our brain and spinal cord grow/mature/learn as we grow older? Brain's function? Example: How do we understand language? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell body + dendrites, both send messages to brain/body Brain uses the spinal cord as a highway to send messages Cerebellum controls balance + coordination Left + Right Hemispheres have different functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our bones keep our body upright Bones are strong Bones help give our bodies shape Bones are different shapes and sizes Bones sometimes break Bones are made of calcium Bones in spinal column make people vertebrates Bones protect our brain and other organs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do our bodies know? How/why do bones break? How do some people so flexible? How do our bones and bodies grow? Why are our bones hard? Funny bone? Why are our bones porous? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our muscles grow longer to make us taller From the mouth pressure on the bone or pressure in the water makes human's have a curved spine Bones are made of living cells that grow + so get taller The outer part of our bones make up the epiphysis



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Dolores Youth Baseball

2021

Coaches

Players

Umpires

It will be time to hit the field soon!

Please contact any of the following parents if you are interested in playing, coaching, or umpiring.

Kym Hampton

Kas.hampton@live.com

970-739-0698

Kacee Russell

crussell@dolores.k12.co.us

970-739-1669

Kyan Maloney

racerbaby@rocketmail.com

970-749-7265

Joke of the week is also free advice from Principal McCormick...



Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

