




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...



**Readers to get on the AR Wall or move up the wall.
November 1st - December 1st**

10 Points		
Lily T. - 2nd	Makayla B. - 2nd	Sam L. - 4th
Brynley N. - 6th	Chayce R. - 6th	Kyah C. - 6th
Natalia M. - 6th	Orin S. - 6th	Owen L. - 6th
	Tyrus P. - 6th	
25 Points		
Evangeline M. - 4th		
Marissa H. - 2nd		
Myles M. - 2nd		

The class with the most students to get on or move up the wall.
Mrs. Hill with 3 students

Principal's Corner

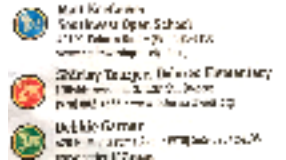
Dear Little Bear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Break and felt the love and gratitude that is the intention of the season! We are very grateful for all of you and have taken full advantage of our extended time to quarantine and prepare for our next two weeks of hybrid learning. Our staff members have made every effort to contact every family and are committed to following safety protocols and offering engaging learning with the Core Knowledge curriculum, some in-person learning, and our online options.

I have never seen such team dedication to excellence, and I'm thrilled to offer my congratulations to Shirley Tourjee, one of our 1st grade teachers, who has touched the hearts of many in our community and received an award from The Journal for "2nd Best Educator" of the best of Cortez & Montezuma!



BEST EDUCATOR



We are extremely proud of all of our staff members, and I have seen every one of them go above and beyond expectations this year to serve and support our students and families. It is such a privilege to work at Dolores Elementary School, and we will continue to try to provide excellent service to our community during these trying times. Please contact us if we can improve in any way, and please continue to check your emails and phone messages for important updates and last minute information. We are united in our respect for one another and will continue to offer a safe, loving, learning environment for your children! Thank you all so very much for your continued support and encouragement.

Warmly,
Lurleen McCormick



From Our School Nurse: So very happy to be able to still have some in-person school while the COVID numbers in our area decrease. We will do our very best to help keep the children and their loved ones healthy. We will be washing hands, using masks, as able, and keeping our distance. With less kids in the school for a little while, distancing will be easier. We will be taking temperatures at the door on all students. If you prefer to do it at home or do not wish to have your child checked with a forehead thermometer please send a note, it can be done orally instead.. Generally, it is the same staff member at the door each day. As always, if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.

Thank you,
Denese Brisbin, Dolores schools RN



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Upcoming events:

- **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. 16th** – Last in-person day with Hybrid A group students
- **Dec. 17th** – Last in-person day with Hybrid B group students
- **Dec. 17th** – at 6:00 to 7:00 pm – **Virtual Parent Meeting** for Drug Abuse Awareness and Prevention. Presented by Susan Miller, Denese Brisbin, and Officer Kaylee Green. Here's the zoom link to the Parent night:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455867379#success>
It's also on the district home page, third bar down
- **Jan. 11th** – Students in hybrid A group return for in-person learning.
- **Jan. 12th** – Students in hybrid B group return for in-person learning.

IMPORTANT UPDATES:

11 No School
18 End of Second Quarter
21-Jan.4 Winter Break

13 student contact days
13 teacher contract days

37 Days in Q2

DECEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

No School
Teacher Work Day-No School
Every Other Friday
Students Off
Extended Break (Due to safety concerns)

4 Teacher Work Day
5 Students Return
18 M.L. King Day – No School

16 student contact days
17 teacher contract days

JANUARY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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Technology update:

If you do not have consistent internet availability, remember that our students' Chromebooks will connect for free internet anywhere outside of the school's campus, or at the preschool, or the district office.

Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are off and running with this 2020 Holiday season. It's such a wonderful coincidence that during the coldest and darkest part of the year . . . especially this year in particular . . . we focus on the two most powerful ways to be happy: Gratitude and Service. The evidence is overwhelming and continues to mount that Gratitude is the biggest boost to happiness levels. And service is just a form of

gratitude, i.e. "I am grateful that things are going well enough for me that I can help others." They are both empirically sound self care strategies and therapeutic treatments!

Name: _____ Dear _____
Teacher? _____ I am most grateful to you because: _____

Circle your happiness number before you write the gratitude letter. Remember 0 is the worst you have ever felt and 100 is the best.

😊 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 😊

Now write the letter, cut on the center and have the person read it in front of you (that can be done via google chat, zoom, etc. too)

Here is a picture of how you make me feel.

Now rate your happiness level again. See how much happier you feel afterwards.

😊 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 😊

THANK YOU!
100%

Repeat with different people grateful for _____



Remember the gratitude letter I mentioned in the last newsletter is a great "free" gift that

Other Announcements

Elementary School Library Update:

Hey everybody,
I just wanted to let you know that I will be continuing my videos of story times. The 4th and 5th graders were reading "The Spiderwick Chronicles" with me, so I will be uploading chapters at a time of that book. Also, I will be posting picture books for the younger grades/preschool. Here's the YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVqQVtmOcryd8AAYzuAAgw>

All the best,
Ms. Bridget



Spiderwick Chronicles Book 1: The Field Guide by Tony...



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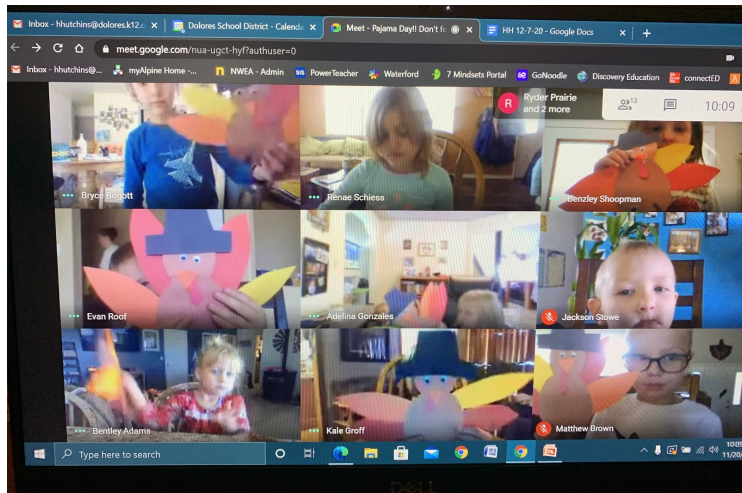
your kids can give to others. I am including a template for them to follow. I am also including two "service bingo" sheets to choose from as attachments to this article since we won't have two lessons this month. Here's a link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Nqc0Go666dm4YJ_CGr5cXAGn3u44J5gA?usp=sharing

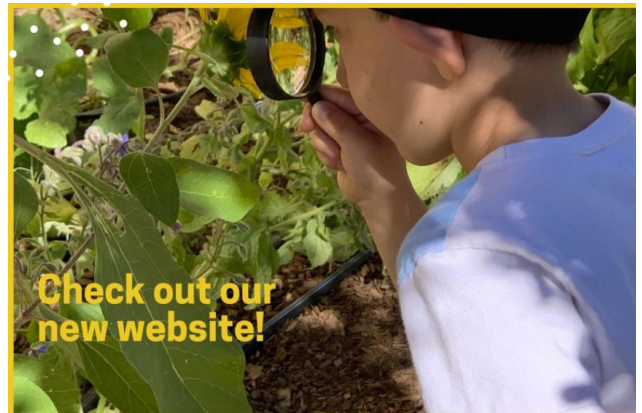
If the kids will bring in their Happiness rating and or the completed bingo, with a parent signature, they can earn a bear paw. More importantly they will feel fantastic and their self esteem will get stronger and . . . ahem . . . more solid! I am particularly grateful that I will get to see the kids again these coming two weeks, if only for a few days at a time!

Sincerely,
Susan Leavitt Miller

Ms. Hutchins' class made thanksgiving turkeys and had a pajama party during their last day of online learning in kindergarten:



It's here! School to Farm website for kids!



MSTFPKIDS.ORG IS LIVE!

Stop the Spread of Germs

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



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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ALPHABET SOUP
SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS, CARETAKERS, OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHALLENGES.

Now Offered Online!

Join us every Thursday at 6pm on the Zoom App

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/471777814>

or by phone

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR TEXT MAGGIE AT THE PIÑON PROJECT 970-739-5125 OR MTEVAULT@PINONPROJECT.ORG

Circle of Parents Support Groups offer a safe, friendly, non-judgmental & confidential environment to share & learn with other parents. It's a place where anyone in a parenting role can openly celebrate success, address challenges and find information & resources to support raising children.



Girl Scouts is...

Her Support System
4 in 5 of Girl Scouts have a best friend in their troop

Her Release Valve
95% say Girl Scouts is a safe space

Her Dream Incubator
94% say Girl Scouts helps her try new things

Girl Scouts is Her Happy Place.

Your girl needs the support of a strong, resilient community now more than ever. Girl Scouts is here to make sure she has all that and more!

Get to know us and sign up today!
Contact Christina.ODell@gscolorado.org, 970-375-7913