



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...

Need financial assistance with utility bills?

Hello,

We have funding available for households who have past due energy bills or are out of their heating source (fire wood/propane). Please have families go to <https://www.energyoutreach.org/find-agency/> or call 1-866-HEAT-HELP to find a place who can directly help! This is a year-round program serving all households who are having a rough time paying their utility bill. Please keep us in mind as you work with families around the state! Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Reminder...

A free breakfast and lunch are available at the end of each day for next day use for hybrid students. Please let our Secretary, Ms. Hite, know if you would like these meals sent home with your child if they are not already receiving them.



Principal's Corner

Dear Little Bear Families,

As we wrap up 2020, I am reminded that the challenges I faced this year are diminished by the hope of a new year approaching. I have enjoyed wonderful moments for certain, but I feel like I barely survived some devastating ones. I've had a tremendous amount of personal loss lately, but I will choose to keep looking forward and focus on the positives.

One of my best moments this year was accepting the invitation to come to Dolores Elementary School. Schools like this are hard to find and should be treasured. Our halls are full of happiness, laughter, friendship, respect, and love. We don't always agree, and we face challenges to be sure; but we honor each other and work as a united team to serve our community with an excellent academic curriculum. Peace is not common, and it is not easily maintained. I thank everyone who has the courage to pursue it, and I love that our students have a chance to learn in an environment that's infused with it. I hope you and your family enjoy it, too. In closing, many of our students have been working on poems, and a friend shared one that I thought you would enjoy. I'll add it below, and hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

I am bear.....
I am not just "a" bear
I am the forest.
I am the fragile ecosystem.
I am the running streams,
the canopy of pines,
the whistling winds,
the fertile soil,
and the radiant sun.
I am everything that is
natural,
beautiful,
and mysterious, in this universe.
I am not one of many. (We are not one of many.)
I am all that is one. (We are all that is one.)
I am bear. (We are the LITTLE BEARS.)
-by Jennifer S. Clayburg

Cheers to the New Year and may 2020 end with much happiness for you all,
Principal McCormick





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Upcoming events:

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
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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
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- Jan. 11th – Students in hybrid A group return for in-person learning.
- Jan. 12th–Students in hybrid B group return for in-person learning.
- Jan. 15 – No School- Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 18th – No School
- Jan. 25th – We hope to resume our regular in-person learning schedule (depending on community safety regulations).
- Jan. 29th – No School

Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!

I'd like to say a little something about goal setting. It hasn't been a lesson for all the kids, but something to keep in mind if you set new year's resolutions as a family.

The experts in motivation agree that the key to sustained effort is to make sure your goals keep you in a state of flow. Flow is when the task is not too easy . . . which gets boring . . . and not too hard . . . because discouragement will kill the energy and desire. But just right and people get a great amount of satisfaction from achieving the goal.



You can set a goal that is difficult, say learn a new language or a new instrument, but break the goal down into steps that keep you, or your child, into the perfect state of flow.

IMPORTANT UPDATES:

Technology Reminder:

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.

Elementary School Library Reminder:

Don't forget 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

We all want to send a huge **THANK YOU** to **WALMART** for donating school supplies for our students! We are so thrilled to have new individual items for students who need them when they return from break!





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The key with children is to help them find that state. Some kids are ahead or behind emotionally from their physical age, so make sure you are taking that into consideration. If they are 9 years old, but are only 5 years old emotionally, helping them adjust goals will be tricky. But get it right, and you will actually be helping them to progress in leaps and bounds so that it won't be long until their physical and emotional stages match.

So Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and go slow to find the flow!

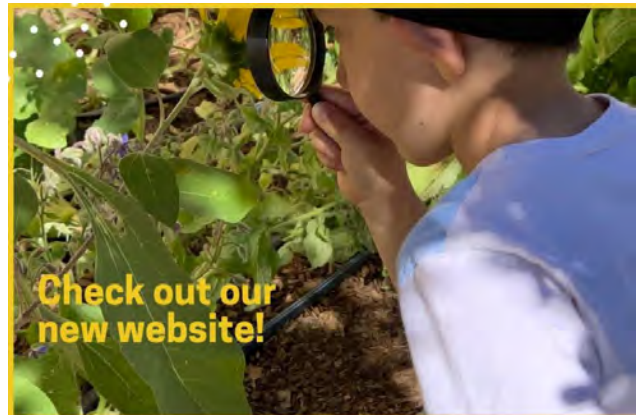
Sincerely,
Susan Leavitt Miller



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

If your children miss seeing Ms. Rachel, (our AmeriCorps Garden Coordinator) please have them check out the fun lessons and resources being offered online!

<https://www.mstfpkids.org/>



Check out our new website!

MSTFPKIDS.ORG IS LIVE!

PBIS Bear Paws Collectors Earned Fishing Rod & Reel Reward:



Other Announcements

5th grade team-building Covid style:



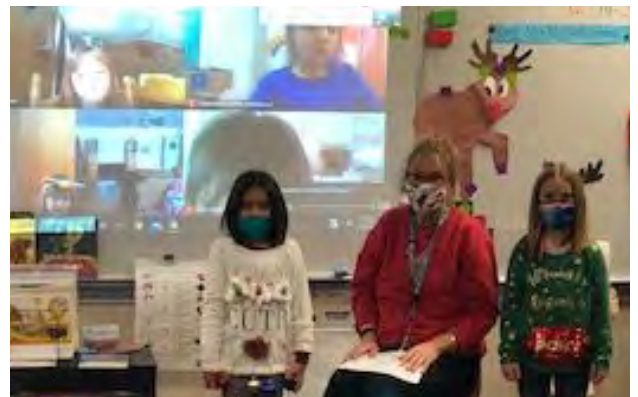


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Hand-made Angel art...



Silly Holiday Sweater Day:



Teaching Ms. Brisbin how to make yarn caps...





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Finger painting is more fun wearing silly hats...



Silly Holiday Character Day made sanitizing delightful:





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Silly holiday costumes didn't stop Brain break activities:





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Silly hat and Holiday Tree Skirt Day sure made temperature checks more cheery:





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Silly Holiday Hat Day:





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