



# 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...

Keep up with the news! Make sure you check out our District's **Bear Essentials** Newsletters linked below:

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**WE ARE LISTENING**  
**Thursday Feb. 18, 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.

**What:** Chat with the Board  
(two members)

**When:** Thursday, **February 18** at  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Where:** **Montezumas Mexican Restaurant**  
Railroad/Hwy 145 in Dolores

## Principal's Corner

Dear Little Bear Families,

We enjoyed a full week of learning and wrapped up assessing understanding with NWEA Math MAPs this week! As NWEA assessments continued, we saw a lot of growth. We hope to share scores soon. Thank you for encouraging your students to do their best. I was very impressed with the effort students put forth!

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Brooke Elder has agreed to start up our Student Council for 5th grade students. We had to postpone this year's activities due to Covid concerns, but I'm excited for 5th graders to still be able to experience this learning opportunity about service and parliamentary procedure before the end of the year. We look forward to updates about members and events coming soon!

Our Secretary, Debbie Hite, was contacted by our local Veterans Outreach Center, and they requested all of our students make Valentine's Cards. Ms. Hite is collecting them, and the Outreach Center will pick them up on Feb. 11th. Then they will hand them out to our area Veterans. She said we have nearly 3,000 Vets in our little corner of the world, and our team is honored to provide a little love to share with them!

I shared several pictures of our students' learning projects and classrooms this week and posted them below. I hope you enjoy them!

Our staff members will have an opportunity to receive Covid vaccinations on Feb. 11th. We are grateful for the concern and love our community has shown us this year, and it's our hope to continue our in-person learning as safely as possible. Thank you again for your compliance to mandates and protocols that's making our in-person learning possible!

Warmly,  
Lurleen McCormick





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## Upcoming events:

- **Feb 11th** - Veterans Outreach Center picks up Valentine's Cards to share with local Vets.
- **Feb. 11th** - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - School Board Meeting at District Office, Board Room
- **Feb. 12th** - Professional Development for Staff members; no school for students
- **Feb. 15th** - No School for President's Day
- **Feb 18th** - PTA Meeting at 4:00pm
- **Feb 18th** - Chat with the Board- 5:00pm at Montezuma's Restaurant
- **Feb. 26th** - No School

## IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- **Safe to Tell** - Anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family or your community. Open 24/7, 365 to take reports at 1-877-542-7233.

## Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!

We'll have one more lesson this month on what to do to keep the kids busy in their brains during a lock-down drill. Fortunately, it's a good strategy to prevent and



treat depression as well as just to help the students any time they are scared or bored. Boredom is nothing to shake a stick at. Boredom can actually be stressful to a lot of people--especially children. The #1 reason kids get into trouble and drugs is boredom! The more skilled they are at generating options and solutions to keep their feel good hormones up, and their thoughts and behavior busy with good things, the healthier they will be. Depression (not to mention fear) will cut them off from their creativity, so it will help to create a Pleasant Events list ahead of time.



The kids will be coming home with it. Put it somewhere they can add to it. Especially activities you do together or that you discover new... remind them to add it to their



## Other Announcements

3rd grade Reflection Experiments:



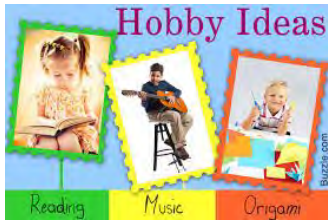




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list. This is their list of what "ELSE" they can be thinking about, planning, learning about, reminiscing about, etc. that is good for them!

It is also a great list to draw from when the addiction of social drama begins to draw them in--which is normally during the spring, but we are seeing it arrive early this year. Monitoring your children's social media is important for their safety. They need your guidance on knowing how to handle that kind of



power and freedom. You can guide them into ignoring the drama and instead reassuring their friends there are so many fun and productive things than can be organizing and planning: Service projects, game nights, building

forts, making dance videos, comedy skits, snow sculpture, art, baking, etc. A little help and support with these plans and activities can totally change the trajectory of your child's future in the right direction!

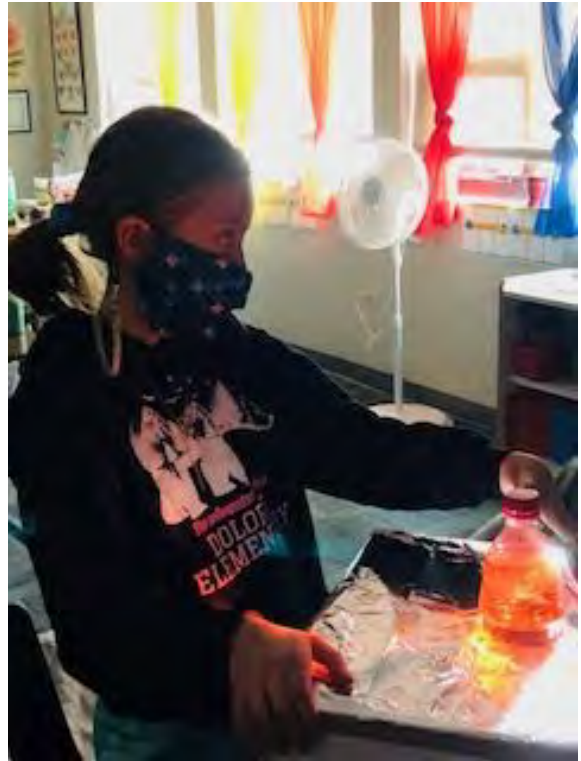
Sincerely,  
Susan Leavitt Miller

## January Star Staff Member Awards...



Successfully  
Teaching  
And  
Reaching  
Students!

## 3rd Grade Exploration of light project...





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2nd Grade Artwork...



Indoor recess builds great relationships with Legos...







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Cool outdoor adventures after the snow-show...





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## MSTFPkids Weekly Update

New lessons on the website now!

This week we have a smorgasbord of new lessons up on our website!

Read on to see our new lessons which include how to grow and eat microgreens, art projects with found objects, creative art projects, and more!

### Lessons of the Week: 2/1

Check out one of our garden lessons, now in an online format!

Use your creativity to dream up an creature, choose its habitat and adaptations.

Make sure to give it a name, and share it with us when you are done!



Create a Creature!

<https://www.mstfpkids.org>







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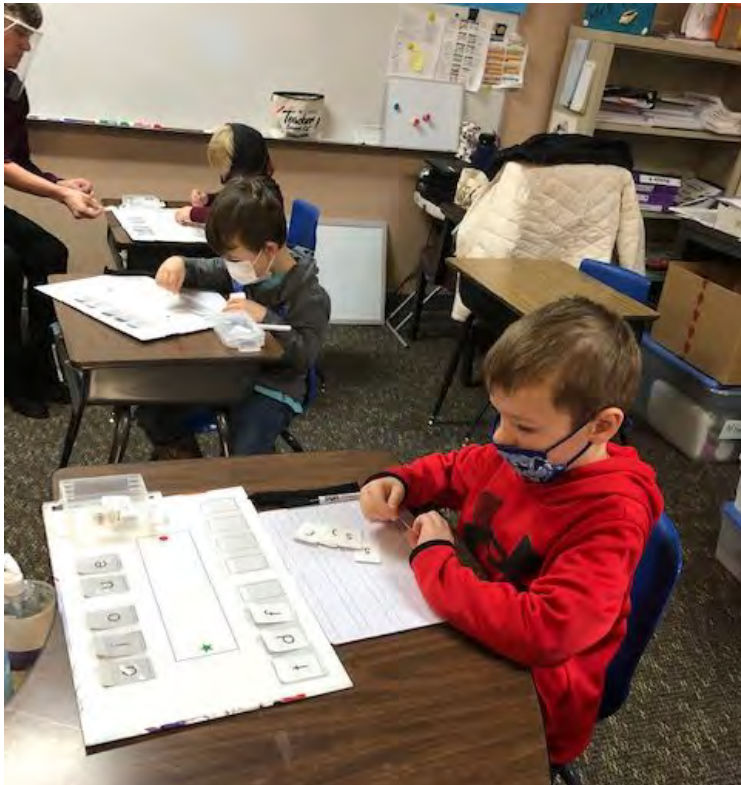
### Getting ready for Valentines...



### Whole group math instruction...



### Practicing letter sounds...



### Practicing Tricky words...



### Kindergarten practicing letter names...

