

# BEAR ESSENTIALS

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No School February 15



*STEM students "racing"  
mousetrap cars*

## Middle School STEM

Our middle school students in STEM class have finished their mousetrap cars. What is a mousetrap car? Well, simply, it is a device that moves using the built up tension of a spring-loaded mousetrap. The mousetrap is the main (and only) power source of the car.

The goal was to create an optimal design for a car in order for it to travel the furthest. The cars were "raced" to see which would go the furthest. The car could only be powered by the spring in the mousetrap. No outside power sources could be used. Only one mousetrap was used per vehicle and the mousetrap had to be part of the vehicle and not simply to launch the car. The spring had to be in the original condition and could not be changed to increase tension.

There are several engineering and scientific principles that impact the science behind the vehicles. There is a car put into motion, several physics principles taking place as the mousetrap vehicles are in motion, Newton's law, potential and kinetic energy, rotational inertia, friction and torque. The main concept of concentration for the students was Newton's First Law of Motion.



# DSD BOARD UPDATES

Mission and Vision Driven for our Stakeholders

## School Board Members

### **Maegan Crowley - President**

Term Expires: November 2023

### **Casey McClellan - Vice President**

Term Expires: November 2021

### **Lenetta Shull - Treasurer**

Term Expires: November 2023

### **Clay Tallmadge - Secretary**

Term Expires: November 2023

### **Kay Phelps - Director**

Term Expires: November 2021

BOCES Representative

[board@dolores.k12.co.us](mailto:board@dolores.k12.co.us)

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

**FEBRUARY 11, 5:30  
POLICY WORK  
SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 11, 6:00  
REGULAR  
MONTHLY  
MEETING**

## January Meetings Update

The Dolores School District RE-4A Board met three times in January. They have been busy doing the business of policy and governance. The first meeting on January 7, was a budget meeting. The budget this year has been a challenge. All districts in the state have faced challenges with budgeting this fiscal year. There have been allocations of COVID relief funds that have come with many conditions attached as well as difficult time periods for submittal. There has also been promised funds through some of the ballot measures that passed. These funds will be allocated in this school year but not in time for the deadline submission of budgets to Colorado Department of Education. Due to this and other issues, the board tentatively approved the budget knowing they will do another revision most likely in March.

The board met again for their regular monthly meeting on January 14, 2021. The items below were highlights from the meeting:

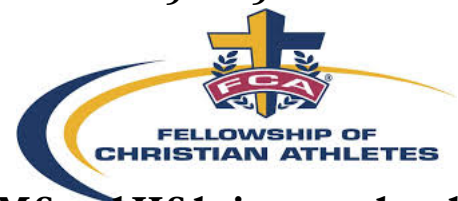
- Finance Director, Doreen Jones reported that Rocky Mountain Health Partners will be leaving Colorado at the end of the year. The district has used this company for many years and will now begin the bidding process for a new health insurance carrier for the district.
- Superintendent Richard reported on the rapid COVID testing system provided by the Governor's office directly to school districts. Our district has this available. Also, the vaccines will be available in early February for the staff. Many of the staff have signed up to receive these. She also reported on the status of district repairs and maintenance.
- In response to the Superintendent Report, Lenetta Shull wanted the public to understand that the NWEA Maps testing norms have been adjusted.
- Casey McClellan suggested that the district speak to the town and try to partner with them on the anti-drug program the students are now going through in their Advisory classes.
- Superintendent Richard also provided a plan to address the strategic goal of increasing student interest and enrollment. It identified and addressed stabilizing leadership, increasing teacher retention, elementary interests, secondary interests and facility needs.
- District transportation needs were discussed. The board asked for at least three bids for the purchase of a new suburban.
- District Accountability Chair, Staci Cost presented to the board some suggested priorities for the budget.
- Board selected the type of individuals they would like to serve on the Future Building Advisory Committee and Bond Marketing Initiative Committee.

The board met on January 20 for a policy workshop. The policies will be part of the next three monthly meetings.



<b>February 1</b>	Booster Club Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
<b>February 4</b>	HS Basketball vs. Telluride, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 6</b>	HS Basketball at Nucla
<b>February 8</b>	DMS/DHS Knowledge Bowl SJBL Championship at Ridgeway, 3:00 p.m.
<b>February 9</b>	HS Basketball at Ignacio HS Wrestling Quad at Dolores, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 11</b>	HS Wrestling Quad at Dove Creek HS Basketball at Telluride, 4:00 p.m. School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Work Session and 6:00 p.m. Meeting
<b>February 12</b>	No School, Teacher Work Day
<b>February 13</b>	HS Wrestling Tri at MCHS, 10:00 a.m. HS Basketball vs. Dove Creek, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 15</b>	President's Day - No School
<b>February 16</b>	HS Basketball vs. Ridgeway, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 19</b>	HS Basketball vs. Mancos, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 20</b>	HS Wrestling Tri at Mancos, 10:00 a.m. HS Basketball vs. Ouray, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 23</b>	HS Basketball vs. Ignacio, 4:00 p.m.
<b>February 25</b>	HS Wrestling Tri. @ Ignacio, 5:00 p.m.
<b>February 26</b>	No School
<b>February 27</b>	HS Basketball at Mancos HS Wrestling Tri at MCHS, 12:00 p.m.

**Mark Your Calendar: Parent-Teacher Conferences March 2-5 and 5-8.**



**FCA-MS and HS bring your lunch every Monday to the Auxiliary Gym.**

**FREE DESSERT!**

**Come hang out with some friendly people while you eat lunch, do activities, and learn about what the Bible is all about. Anyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!**

## Principal's Honor Roll: GPA 3.75 +

### Twelfth Graders

Akira Edwards	Devon McHenry
Samantha Minor	Summer Singleton
Sydney Smith	Joseph Whited

### Eleventh Graders

Annabel Baldwin	Erin Brown
Shiloh Burger	Cody Farias
Joshua Rica	Benjamin Schafer

### Tenth Grader

Hailey Melvin

### Ninth Graders

Darwin Cooper	Brooklyn Lee
Ashlyn Mikkelson	Analisa Vega

### Eighth Graders

Alexis Anderson	Emma Kemp
Wyatt Kiddoo	Samson Lein
Elia Lowe	Maya Lowe
Isla Vaughn	

### Seventh Graders

Sure Hogue	Tierney Marsell
Julianne Vega	

### Sixth Graders

Kyah Christenson	Waylon Kiddoo
Owen Lowe	Autumn Settles
River Wickstrom	

## Dolores Honor Roll: GPA 3.0-3.74

### Twelfth Graders

Justin Brunner	Grace Burress
Samantha Castillo	Ryan Eastman
David Enoah	Kenya Escarcega
Maelee Frasier	Nina Huffman
Camden Malloy	Faith Myers
Ryan Nowlin	Kevin Purkat
Kenneth Rhymes	Jenesis Shields
Keegan Spurlock	Autumn Steinberger
Joseph Summers	William Swagerty
Hayden Tallmadge	Timothy Wyman

### Eleventh Graders

Gabriel Allred	Olivia Cosner
Hunter Hite	Baran Karluk
Jillian Koerber	Kira Messier
Caleb Montoya	Joey Nielson
Tyler Nowlin	Shiela Palate
Shane Potter	Jacob Presnell

## Dolores Honor Roll Continued

### Tenth Graders

Craigin Benavidez	Braden Boyd
Akima Edwards	Grayson Hogue
Kristen Kemp	Magdeline Mason
Ethen Robson	Madison Shubert

Noble Traweek

### Ninth Graders

Zane Baldwin	Kylee Burt
Wubin Connor	Tanner Hite
Mikayla Puett	Jonathan Purkat
Sunshine Singleton	Avery Stiegelmeier
Kayla Tallmadge	Zackery Umberger

### Eighth Graders

Wade Conner	Everlee Heaton
Kai Lynn	Michael Nielson
Addisen Saul	Brett Spore
Trayton Traweek	Maxx Wright

### Seventh Graders

Kaydence Apple-Leonard	Reanen Bauer
Bridger Beyhan	Natalya Castillo
Keeley Clarke	Adeline Dettloff
Rachel Edwards	Taylor Hampton
Nathan Hill	Logan Mikkelson
Michael Rantz	Kacey Schmittel
Nevaeh Settles	Novay Siglin
Samuel Smith	Bodie Stiegelmeier
Jadyn Sutherland	Liam Tarpey
Draven Tsosie	Lilah Young

### Sixth Graders

Brooke Brafford	Kendall Chavez
Piper Green	Levi Hampton
Jaydon Lard	Alexander Lyons
Damaris Martinez	Natalia Martinez
Judah Marty	Koby McClellan
Brynley Nichols	Alexander Nielson
Tyrus Phelps	Ava Pyeatt
Zion Rodgers	Augustus Vaughn
Graciela Vaughn	Declan Warren





# Dolores School District

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Suggestions and comments are welcome. Please email [larnett@dolores.k12.co.us](mailto:larnett@dolores.k12.co.us).



Home of the Bears

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## DHS New Music Teacher

Hello Students, Staff, Family, and Community Members:

My name is Nathan Witte. I am delighted to be the new Band and Choir Director for Dolores Secondary School. While I have been here a short while, I have already come to terms with the fact that our program does not have the proper funds to provide our students with equipment that is essential for their success. Lack of percussion equipment, broken rental instruments, shortage of quality method books, etc,...these are basic needs for all students to achieve the highest level of success possible in music education. It is my goal that we as a community find a way to provide these tools to our students. For our first step in this pursuit, we are launching a fundraiser from FanCloth selling apparel to help offset said costs. The catalog includes band and choir-specific apparel as well as general Dolores spirit wear. To make this fundraiser profitable, we must sell a minimum amount of items. The more we sell, the bigger percentage we take from each item. Not only will this help the music program directly, but I believe the apparel will provide an abundance of school spirit that is needed due to sporting events being cancelled from the pandemic.

If you are able, please consider purchasing a quality item or two from our online shop. It will be shipped directly to your door. You may go directly to this link: <https://fancloth.shop/SGXHT>, or scan the QR code below.

As always, stay safe and GO BEARS!

Mr. Witte

**SCAN ME**



# BEAR FACTS

## Monthly Blog by Superintendent Lis Richard

February is Black History Month when we set aside a special time to learn about famous black Americans. It gives us a chance to celebrate African-American culture and honor those who have made our country a better place. When we learn more about each other, we find that we have many things in common. Together, we all make America strong.

Famous African-American poet Maya Angelou once wrote this:

*"...diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what color it is."*

The same is true with people of every race. We can all join together to create a better future for America. Each of us brings something important to our country, just like each thread in a beautiful tapestry.

Take some time this month to learn more about some of the great black heroes that have helped to make our country great.

I would hate to think of a world where everyone was the same! How boring and awful that would be. Differences are beautiful. We need to teach our children to love and understand that difference really does make us stronger.

What has happened to the love and acceptance of each individual difference? It is up to us to foster this in our children. It begins with each one of us doing our part. There is no room for hate and violence. We often focus on race but it is also a difference of thought and philosophy. Let's be the adults in the room...

Committed to our district,  
Mrs. Lis Richard  
Superintendent

Students designed and created quilt squares in Geometry. Pictures below is a tessellation from another Geometry unit.



Home Economic students learned to sew and created cosmetic bags, scrunchies and Christmas stockings. The new class is learning Financial Literacy and getting ready to become chefs and gourmet cooks, in our cooking unit.





## Elementary Highlights



We are loving our "Bear Paw" positive behavior incentive program here at Dolores Elementary School! At our Little Bear Trading Post, we have small prizes up to some really big ones like lunch at the Depot with Mrs. McCormick, complete fishing sets (seen above with some of our recipients and donated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife), and even Pokemon Go Hunts! It is so fun to see who prefers the smaller prizes and who chooses to save their Paws towards bigger ones. Two girls recently cashed in 10 Paws each to earn some private archery range time with Mrs. Elder! Way to go Little Bears!

Home of the Bears



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Membership Drive for Elementary PTA. Please look for a membership form to come home with your student. A gift basket drawing will be made in February for all members.
- Our next PTA Meeting is Thursday, February 18th at 4:00 PM. Location to be determined and virtual invitation to be sent out closer to the date.
- Virtual Book Fair is coming to Dolores Elementary March 1st-5th. Please look for more information to come home with your student.
- PTA Book Swap is COMING March 25! Disinfection guidelines of quarantining books for no less than 14 days in a plastic bag will be strictly enforced. Students may bring up to 3 gently used books to trade. BOOKS MUST BE TURNED IN ON OR BEFORE March 10, 2021, to be eligible to trade. Book swap will happen on March 25 for Spring Break reading. Chapter books are needed.



**Fun to  
see  
students  
enjoying  
the snow  
outside!**





**Dolores Bears Booster Club**  
**Proudly Supporting Our Bears**

**Bear Backer Support      2020-2021**

<u>Level</u>	<u>Cost</u>	
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b><i>Gym Sign and Business Card Ad in Athletic Programs</i></b> <small>Sign (\$250 Level): YES or NO (Circle whether sign is requested and if so, attach business card with information wanted on sign. This will also be used for ad Program.</small>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b><i>Business Card Size Ad in Athletic/Activity Programs</i></b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b><i>Recognition in Athletic/Activity Programs</i></b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b><i>Recognition in Athletic/Activity Programs</i></b>
<b>Be A Bear</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b><i>Recognition in Athletic/Activity Programs</i></b>

**“Active” Membership**

\$30 - Sign up to help with various needs. This is a way to share your time and skills in ways that work for you! (Includes T-shirt)

**Please make sure to add Phone number and email below**

Volunteer to help specifically with the following: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (cash or check #)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bear Backer Membership - Receipt Tax ID: 30-0350968**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (cash or check #)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

**“Dolores Bears Booster Club”.**  
**PO Box 2286, Dolores, CO 81323**

**Proceeds benefit the academic, athletic, and all other activities and programs of Dolores High School and Middle School. Thank you!!**

**\*Bringing back tradition and bear spirit \***



## Dolores Bears Booster Club Proudly Supporting Our Bears

The Dolores Bears Booster Club is a Colorado non-profit corporation that was developed to support academic **and** athletic activities at the Dolores High School and Middle School students by seeking donations, financial support, and volunteers from individuals, businesses, and community organizations. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides financial assistance for students to have opportunities beyond what our local school can supply.

### School Organizations receiving contributions 2019-2020:

- \* Operation Graduation - Financial Support
- \* Teacher Appreciation- PTC snacks
- \* Staff Meal for Parent Teacher Conferences
- \* Homecoming Week Spirit Contest
- \* Knowledge Bowl (HS & MS) Tournament Food Support
- \* Sports Banquets (HS & MS) (Drinks, Dinnerware)
- \* High School Baseball Warm Ups
- \* High School Football - Travelling Team Food
- \* High School Football - Dinner for players
- \* High School Volleyball - State Patches/Shirt gift
- \* Pep Assembly Support
- \* Track and Field (HS & MS)- New uniforms
- \* Sponsor of the "Just Because" scholarship given to graduating seniors
- \* Senior Gift cards for graduation
- \* Concessions: 19/20 total to participating groups - \$9,847.70

The Dolores Booster Club can do all this because of **YOU**, our Bear Backer supporters!

### New This Year:

Please consider a Dolores Bears Booster Club "Active" Membership! By joining as an "active" member, we will call on you to help with various Booster events and needs. **You don't have to hold an office to help!** We need help with the following: Baking, cooking, organizing, concessions, community outreach, and parent outreach, just to name a few!

Together we can accomplish so much. Even the smallest of donations can help build our funds to help serve our kids.

For more information contact: Shelly Purkat 970-759-3101, Brenda Spurlock 970-739-1925, Pam Wilderson 970-111-1111, Kim Parr 970-111-111 or Laurel Schafer 970-318-1341.



Some of our sweet  
preschool children  
playing in the snow and  
building a snowman  
together!





Picture



DAY



WRESTLE

HS Boys/Girls Basketball and HS Wrestling will have their Sports Pictures on **February 8** at 3:35 p.m. All ordering will be done online, there will not be any mail in envelopes available.



## Classifieds

### *District Classifieds*

#### **Employment:**

**Bus Drivers Needed:** Training is available. If interested, please call 970-882-7255.

**Substitute Teachers Needed:** If interested, please call 970-882-7255.

**District Accountability Committee:** Look on the district website under the "About Us" tab for more information on the DAC.

**Booster Club** is seeking volunteers for concessions and other activities. For more information contact: Shelly Purkat 970-759-3101, Brenda Spurlock 970-739-1925

**PTA** - Do you want to be involved in your child's education and provide support to the school? Call the elementary school office for more information.

Make a Call. Make a Difference.

**1-877-542-7233**  
**safe2tell.org**

Students SAFE2TELL COLORADO is designed to help YOU anonymously report any threatening behavior that endangers you, your friends, your family, or your community. The Student Section is meant for you - the

students. It is intended to be a place where you can find information that you are interested in and provide ways to get help for a friend who might be struggling.

Safe2Tell CO is for students who need to report threats to themselves or others in a way that keeps them SAFE.

Safe2Tell CO is ANONYMOUS - this means your identity is UNKNOWN.

The Toll-Free number is: 1-877-542-7233 (SAFE). Save the number as a contact in your cell phone, in case you ever need it!

Anonymous web reports can be made by clicking the Submit a Tip Button.

Reports also may be made using the anonymous Safe2Tell Colorado mobile app available on the Apple Store and Google Play.

Safe2Tell CO is for serious reports only. It is NOT for pranks or hang-up calls.

### **Is your child struggling?**

We have resources and ideas available for you. Please refer to this link on the website:

[Click Here](#)

