



## 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...

#### Kindergarten round-up:



**Enroll Your Kindergartener In Dolores Elementary School**  
**April 22 - 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.**  
Giddy up for the most exciting program in the West!

For more information:

Dolores Elementary School  
12th and Hillside in Dolores  
Call - 970.892.4688

[www.doloreschools.org](http://www.doloreschools.org)



- Meet the Teachers!
- See our Amazing Curriculum [www.coreknowledge.com](http://www.coreknowledge.com)
- Meet the Principal!
- Meet some Furry Friends!
- Have some Snacks!

(Parents: Please bring birth certificate, proof of residency and immunization record.)



Each child receives a cowboy hat!



**PTA Meeting Thursday, April 29th at 4:00 PM.** Location to be determined and virtual invitation to be sent out closer to the date. 5th grade celebration will be held on May 13th at 5:30 PM. Please be looking for more information to come out.

Please Look below for the Accelerated Reader Shout out for March 19th!

#### Upcoming events:

- April 16th- Teacher work day; No school
- April 22nd- Kindergarten Registration Event; Round-up from noon to 6:00 pm.
- April 23- Lost & Found items get donated
- April 26- District Accountability Committee meeting 5:30-6:30 pm. Virtual meeting: <https://meet.google.com/dqu-rsmh-dgv?hs=224>
- April 29th- PTA meeting at 4:00pm
- April 30th- No school

### Principal's Corner

Dear Little Bear Families,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break and are as grateful as we are to return to school! it's wonderful having our halls so full of life! We have a lot to celebrate, and I hope you enjoy a few pictures from events we've held!

Please join us in congratulating our **March Star Staff Members:** Amanda Hill, Wendy Moore, David Krumwiede, and Ellen Hanson! Winners were elected by their colleagues for exceeding expectations and reaching students, and each will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local merchant!

Our students were so *egg-cited* and grateful that the High School Student Council did an Easter Egg Project for them before break! High School Students handed each Elementary Student an egg filled with treats and notes of encouragement. Gina Hollen also gave each teacher a bag of candy to hand out to the students later in the day. It was so great seeing the smiles and hearing how much our students enjoyed the notes from High Schoolers! We really appreciated their thoughtfulness!

We also want to congratulate Tyler Nielson and his HS Knowledge Bowl team for taking 3rd place in the state tournament! We are so proud of you all!


We were excited to enjoy a small award ceremony for our 5th grade archery winners, as well, and I'll share pictures of all our State Archery Champions with their awards below!

And, finally, if you want your soon-to-be Kindergartener to join our team of winners, please join us for our Kindergarten Round Up on April 22! This fun-filled western themed event will be from noon to 6:00 p.m. with activities for children and information for parents. Please wear your best western attire and gallop on over to join us! We will give every future Kindergartener a free hat, and celebrate their registration with bubbles, treats, and maybe a few furry feet! If your child is entering kindergarten next fall, this is a great opportunity to meet our team, learn about our program, and register early! Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of your residency, and immunization records to ensure a quick registration for your child into our program! Please tell your friends, too, and we hope to see you in our Little Bear gym on the 22nd!

Warmly,  
Principal McCormick



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**March 19th AR Reading Stars**

**10 Points**  
 Paisley A. -2nd Kaybree B. -2nd Zander R. -2nd  
 Rowan S. -2nd Hadley T. -2nd Xander C. -2nd  
 Dudley M. -2nd Josie N. -2nd Violet P. -2nd Avery S. -2nd  
 Mackenzie S. -2nd Jackson S. -3rd Hunter S. -3rd Sophie H. -4th  
 Adam H. -4th Fiona M. -4th Bishop T. -4th Dorian W. -4th Madelyn G. -4th  
 Stella R. -4th JJ R. -4th Brayson T. -4th Marshal W. -4th Dahlia A. -6th Myles A. -6th  
 Peyton B. -6th Brooke B. -6th Reagan B. -6th Levi H. -6th Jozlyn J. -6th Waylon K. -6th  
 Jaydon L. -6th Damian N. -6th Alex N. -6th Ava P. -6th Teagan S. -6th Corvin S. -6th  
 Gus V. -6th River W. -6th Jaida W. -6th Rylee W. -6th

**25 Points**  
 Lay T. -2nd Aylan W. -2nd Jax R. -2nd Atticus S. -3rd Dusty J. -4th Kaylee M. -4th  
 Kamigan T. -4th Asher M. -4th Judah M. -6th Natalia M. -6th Katy M. -6th Tyrus P. -6th  
 Rachel P. -6th

**50 Points**  
 Makayla B. -2nd Art L. -4th Tanner T. -4th Kyah C. -6th Owen L. -6th  
 Brynley N. -6th Orrin S. -6th

**100 Points**      **150 Points**  
 Kaydence B. -5th Autumn S. -6th      Joseph P. -5th

**200 Points**  
 Isaac S. -4th Levi R. -5th

**Class with the most students to get on or move up the wall - Dr. Garlick with 9 students  
 2nd Place - Mrs. Hill with 8 students and 3rd Place - Mrs. Margeson with 6 students!**

### Congratulations to the HS Knowledge Bowl team and Coach Tyler Nielson for taking 3rd place in the State Tournament!



### IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- Our lost & Found area is full! Please ask your children to look over items and claim anything that belongs to them. We will donate any remaining items on April 23rd.
- The next District Accountability Committee meeting will be April 26 5:30-6:30 pm. Meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 PM currently using Google Meet due to COVID-19. Link for Google Meet virtual meeting <https://meet.google.com/dqu-rsmh-dgv?hs=224>
- MSTFPKids Weekly Updates: Find out what is new on our website this week! We have been very busy the past month teaching garden classes again, and getting seeds started for the growing season! This next month will bring lots of new growth and exciting developments in our gardens. But we are still excited to announce a few new lessons are now published on [MSTFPKids.org](http://MSTFPKids.org).

HS Students handing out eggs with treats and notes...





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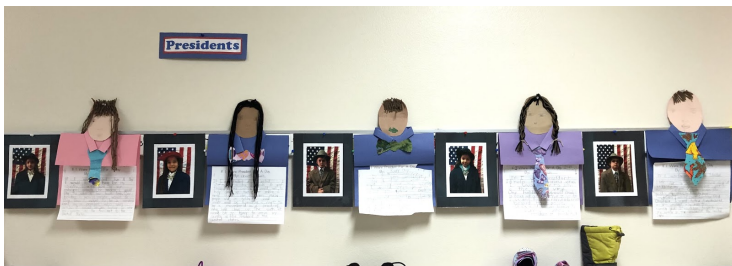
## Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!  
 Listening is one of the most complicated and difficult skills we need to develop to succeed. Why is that when it seems so simple? The kindergartners learn, "Eyes are watching, ears are listening, mouth is quiet, body still." But for children whose executive functions are still developing, this is so much easier said than done. If you add genetically inherited deficits in attention or hyperactivity into the mix, let alone accidents or traumas in the child's past, it can become a gargantuan task. Our current lesson is on teaching the students that it's not their fault when listening is hard, but it is their responsibility to do what it takes to be a better listener. It will help them with friendships, teachers, and family relationships, not to mention the upcoming testing. I will be teaching them some listening tricks that will make it easier to pay attention; and we will be learning that listening involves more than what you hear, but a lot of what you see as well. One fun aspect of the lesson will be to introduce them to Morse Code. They can come home with an easy guide of how to learn Morse Code. It makes for a fun activity that will help them become intensely good listeners and they will be learning a dying skill that very few others know. Ask them about it!



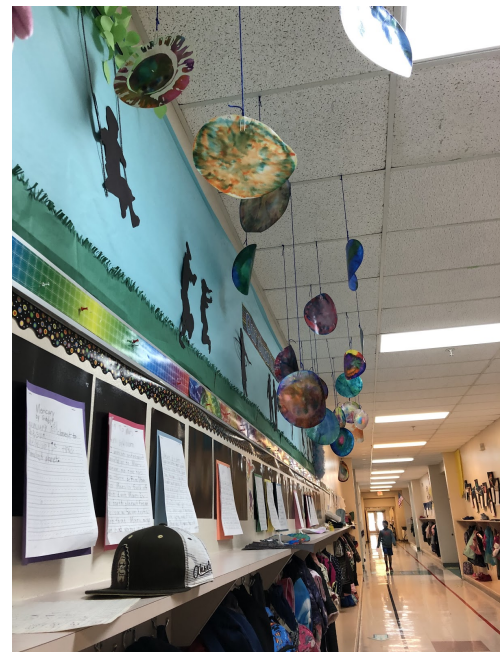
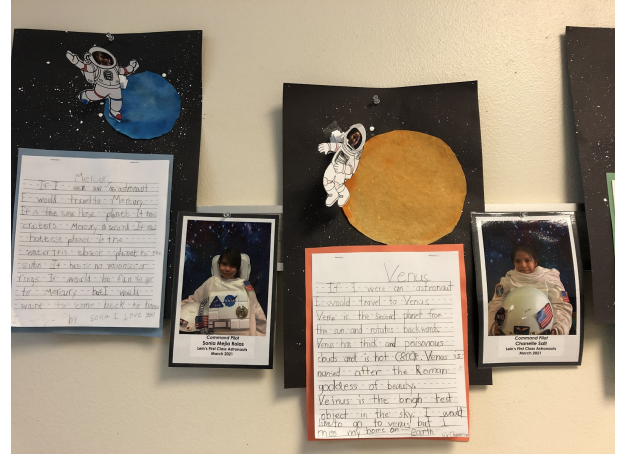
Sincerely,  
 Susan Leavitt Miller

### Our wall of Presidents:



## Other Announcements

### First grade astronauts





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## International Morse Code Guide

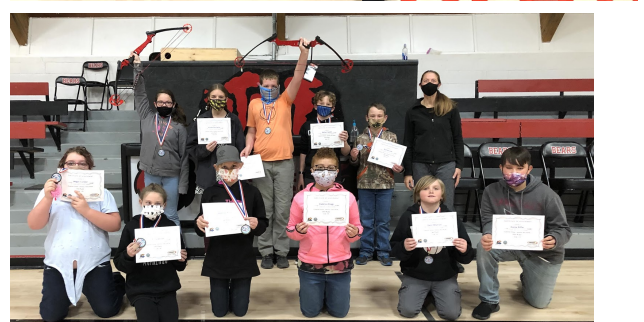
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B	-...-	<u>Bin</u> oculars	Y	-.-.-	<u>Yester</u> day's News
C	-.-.-	<u>Char</u> lie <u>Char</u> lie	Z	-.-.-	<u>Zebra</u> Runner
D	-..	<u>Dad</u> did it			
E	.	Egg			
F	..-	Fetch a <u>Fire</u> man			
G	---	<u>Ger</u> many			
H	....	Happy Hippo			
I	..	Itchy			
J	.-.-.-	A <u>Jub</u> ilee			
K	-.-	<u>Kang</u> aroo			
L	-..-	A <u>Lamp</u> is Lit			
M	--	<u>Ma</u> <u>Ma</u>			
N	-.	<u>Na</u> tive			
O	---	<u>Oh</u> <u>Oh</u> <u>Oh</u>			
P	.-.-	<u>Pen</u> elope			
Q	-.-.-	<u>Quar</u> terly <u>Pay</u>			
R	.-.	I <u>Read</u> it			
S	...	Sausages			
T	-	<u>Tall</u>			
U	..-	Under <u>stood</u>			
V	...-	Victory <u>Vee</u>			
W	.-	A <u>Walrus</u>			

The words are only there to make it easier to memorize the code.

Underlined syllables are long sounds, or a dash. Syllables that are not underlined are short, or a dot.



## Archery winners with awards:



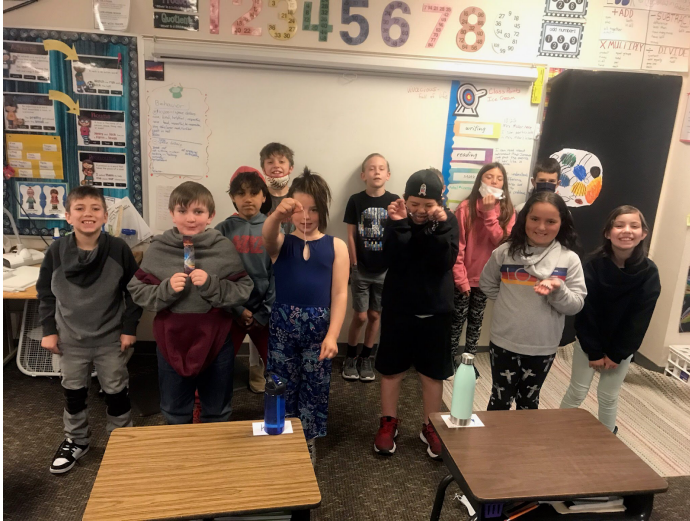
## Mr. Kelvington's Keyboarders...



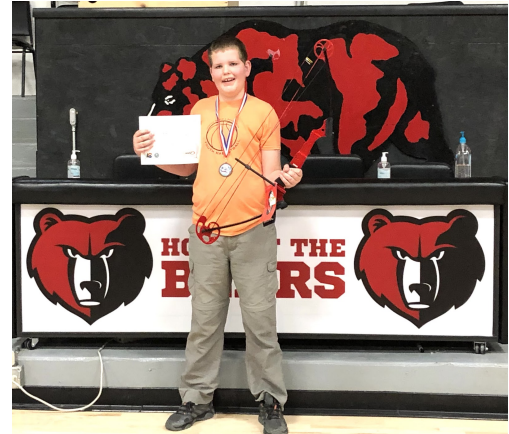
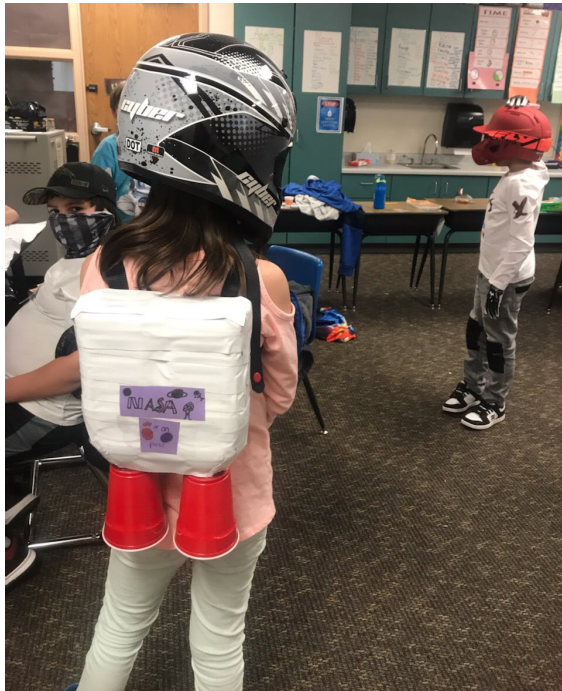


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**3rd grade dressed for backwards day displaying the prototypes they made to earn a virtual trip to space.**



**3rd grade walking around in astronaut uniforms around the space shuttle...**



**3rd grade in front of the Dolores library embarking on the beginning of a space walk from the Sun to Pluto. Plaques with information about each planet were provided on the walk by Dolores Elementary students in 2015-2016.**





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**3rd grade in astronaut apparel next to a space sleeping bag and controls for the space mission.**



**Whole school cheered and welcomed the 3rd grade astronauts back to Earth as they paraded through the halls...**





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