

# BEAR ESSENTIALS

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## Dolores High School Students Celebrate Prom



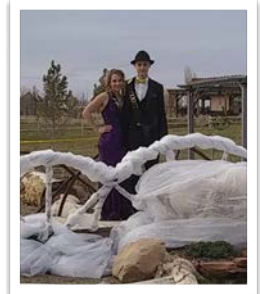
The Dolores High School students enjoyed their annual prom event after having it canceled in 2020. The junior class did an excellent job planning and preparing for the dance. The theme of the 2021 Prom was “Above the Clouds...Under the Stars.” The event took place at the West View RV Park in Cortez. This new park provided a beautiful indoor area and a perfect outdoor courtyard that suited as the dance floor. The park management allowed the students to use the mini-golf course, horse shoe pits and helped to serve students inside. It was a perfect venue to meet the requirements of COVID restrictions.



May 27 - Dismissal 1:00pm

### Prom Royalty

Hayden Tallmadege - King  
 Sam Castillo - Queen  
 (pictured left)  
 Senior Prom Court  
 Camden Malloy  
 Jenesis Shields  
 (pictured right)



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Junior Prince - Wyatt Koskie  
Junior Princess - Shiloh Burger  
(pictured left)  
Junior Prom Court  
Tyler Nowlin and Olivia  
Cosner

One of the highlights of the evening was the return of former Dolores Secondary music

teacher, Bently Monk. Mr. Monk participated as the DJ for the dance. The students enjoyed his work and had a great night of fun.

The Booster Club provided the punch and water and arranged for a mobile donut truck to provide sweet treats. This was great fun for the students!



The amazing prom committee



Donut time!



Special memories



Some corn hole fun too!



Some of our DHS students



## Dolores High School Graduates



- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Emil Becker</i>       | <i>Rubi Becker</i>        |
| <i>Justin Brunner</i>    | <i>Grace Burress</i>      |
| <i>Samantha Castillo</i> | <i>Taylor Chavez</i>      |
| <i>Ryan Eastman</i>      | <i>Akira Edwards</i>      |
| <i>David Enoah</i>       | <i>Kenya Escarcega</i>    |
| <i>Maelee Frasier</i>    | <i>Nina Huffman</i>       |
| <i>Camden Malloy</i>     | <i>Anaya Martinez</i>     |
| <i>Devon McHenry</i>     | <i>Samantha Minor</i>     |
| <i>Faith Myers</i>       | <i>Ryan Nowlin</i>        |
| <i>Baylon Noyes</i>      | <i>Kevin Purkat</i>       |
| <i>Kenneth Rhymes</i>    | <i>Jenesis Shields</i>    |
| <i>Summer Singleton</i>  | <i>Sydney Smith</i>       |
| <i>Keegan Spurlock</i>   | <i>Autumn Steinberger</i> |
| <i>Joseph Summers</i>    | <i>William Swagerty</i>   |
| <i>Hayden Tallmadge</i>  | <i>Ryley Welch</i>        |
| <i>Joseph Whited.</i>    | <i>Timothy Wyman</i>      |

**Congratulations!**

You survived coronavirus restrictions

You endured many detentions

You enjoyed momentous celebrations

Most of all you made it to graduation!

# 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 MAY:

May 13, 6:00 pm  
REGULAR  
MONTHLY  
MEETING

## April Meeting Update

The Dolores School Board met in April for their regular meeting. The items below are only highlights of the meeting. A full account may be read online on the district's website.

- Sheriff Nowlin presented to the Board. He stated that he receives the safe-to-tell reports for all schools in the county, and that since Jan 1, there have been 10 safe-to-tell reports that dealt with Dolores students. He expressed appreciation for the high level of coordination with administration and staff. Though SB 182 was not passed, Sheriff Nowlin stated that he wanted to address concerns and misconceptions that it had raised about school resource officers and student records. He stated that the concerns about incidents being reported to a student's permanent record were unfounded. The incidents are not reported to a permanent record because juveniles do not have one. Many other items were added by the Sheriff. Please see the minutes of the meeting.
- District Finance Director reported on the current state of the district in regard to finances. There are federal funds coming into the district and the board addressed some questions about this. Also, there were questions in regard to some of the many needed repairs on the facilities
- The District Accountability Committee Chair presented the results of the TLCC survey done by the staff of the district. There was a higher participation rate this year than last. The results were positive and listed the following points to consider for the future:
  - Would be helpful for district to focus on PD
  - UIP is every other year - hopefully more teachers will be involved and aware next time it comes around
  - Would be helpful to further develop a mentor program for new teachers and existing staff
- Discussion ensued on the annexing into the town. The district's current campus boundaries on part of the property are outside of the town limits and falls into the county. This has been the case for over 100 years. The board is continuing research and discussion on this issue and no decisions have been made.
- The board discussed the proper use of the "Talk to the Board Tab."
- Proposition EE Funds have been given to the district. This is from the newly passed tax on vape and tobacco products. Rural districts will receive money from this for two more years.
- The recommendations to hire were all passed unanimously.



# The Dolores Theater Troupe Presents THE JUNGLE BOOK



Show Times:  
May 7th at 7pm  
May 8th at 2pm & 7pm

Ticket Prices:  
\$5 for Adults  
\$3 for Students

**\*Please Wear A Mask!\***

By Joseph Robinette. Based on the Book by Rudyard Kipling.

### [Article in the Cortez Journal](#)

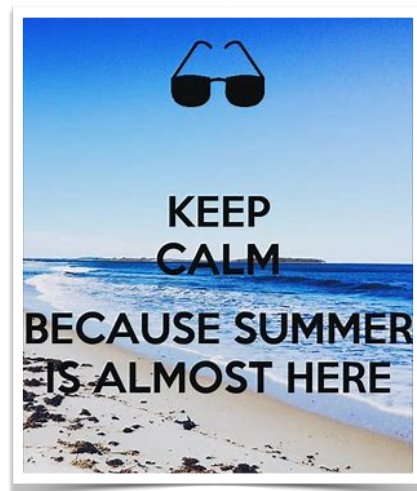
We want our performances to be our gift to the school and community. We hope it's a celebration for all of us as our troupe returns to the stage!

—The Troupe

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- May 3** Booster Club Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- May 4** HS NHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6** MS Wrestling Meet @ Ignacio
- May 7** Theater Troupe: *Jungle Book*, 7:00 p.m.
- May 8** Theater Troupe: *Jungle Book*, 2pm & 7pm
- May 10** 6th Grade Field Trip to Moab (Two overnights)
- May 11** CMAS Testing Window (May 11-13)  
MS Wrestling @ Dove Creek
- May 13** School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- May 14** No School - Friday off
- May 17** Senior Awards Night, 6:00 p.m.
- May 19** Preschool Graduation, 9:00 a.m.  
Seniors Last Day in School
- May 20** Senior Graduation Practice, 1:00 p.m.  
Graduates walk though campus, 2:00 p.m.  
Graduate Parade, 2:30 p.m.  
Senior Graduation, 6:00 p.m.
- May 21** Elementary School Dress Up Day
- May 24** MS Academic Awards Ceremony, 2:30 p.m.
- May 25** 8th Grade Reflections Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.  
8th Grade Reflections Dance, 7:00 p.m.
- May 26** 7th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip  
8th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip
- May 27** Last Day of School (Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.)
- May 28** Teacher Checkout Day



# SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM



**No regression! We want to help your student get the support they need.**

**Dates of Summer School:**

**June 14 - July 2** First Session

**July 12 - July 29** Second Session

**Times:**

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**What will be covered?**

- **Language Arts and Reading Skills**
- **Math Support**

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Call for more information

***Registration is due by May 14, 2021***

**Registration Form:**

Please fill this form out completely and turn it into the school office or to homeroom teacher.  
Registration Deadline: **May 14, 2021.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the sessions attending: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Session and \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Session

*We recommend that your student attends both sessions.*

# BEAR FACTS

Monthly Blog by Superintendent Lis Richard

## It Goes Both Ways

Have you ever heard of the arm chair quarterback or a back seat driver? These are expressions that are sometimes used when someone on the sidelines or observing from the outside tries to offer their expertise into a situation. There is nothing wrong with this unless the input is only expected to be received and no dialogue is welcome.

The players in a game or the driver of the vehicle often see the opponent or the dangers on the road much better than one that doesn't have the advantage of being in the game or in the front seat.

These are analogies used to draw some thoughts for all of us to ponder. As a principal and administrator, I have done hundreds of professional evaluations and observations of employees. It has become my practice to always begin this process with good will in my heart toward the individual as well as providing them the benefit of the doubt. When the process begins, this allows me to really focus on the purpose of being in the classroom. It is to be a tool in the process of encouraging and building the very best teacher or school leaders as possible.

In education, it is our goal to see others succeed. I had the privilege of teaching in the classroom for sixteen years and never tired of seeing students succeed in my classes. If they did not succeed, I knew that there was a part that I played in that. A good teacher or evaluator wants to see their students succeed!

There are some who have a "gotcha" mentality. It they can find wrong, point out error, and expound their own knowledge or perceived understanding they feel better about themselves but fail to see that the "gotcha" mentality only demoralizes and discourages

the one they are trying to teach or help. The only "gotcha" business we should be in is the "I got you and I will help you" business.

Input in our school district is so vital. I need input from our school board and our leaders. I value input from all of our stakeholders. It is important when providing input or attempting to point out an area that may need attention, that one does so with an attitude of openness. There should be a willingness to listen to explanations and clarification. Communication goes both ways.

So often, communication comes into the office or schools and it is anger, criticism, accusation, or simply wrong information. Many times it is delivered in a manner that is hurtful to the one receiving it. The true missing piece in this delivery is that the party transmitting in this manner will not listen or allow the teacher, principal, superintendent or other employee provide information. Communication and conflict resolution goes both ways.

I have been wrong so many times. It is often someone who works for me that comes into my office and points out something to me that needs my attention. The manner in which this is delivered definitely makes all the difference in the world. When I can ask questions and clarify meaning, it fosters change and growth in me and builds stronger relationship.

Let's work together to communicate openly. All leaders in Dolores School District are available to talk. They cherish times to clarify situations and provide information. Please do not assume one side of a situation has all of the information or perspective. Everyone has blind sides. We need each other and communication *works* both ways.

Lis Richard, Superintendent



# FIRST GRADE ASTRONOMY UNIT

## Sixth Grade Open House

Our fifth grade students and their families were invited to the middle school for an Open House event on April 23, 2021. The fifth graders were met with fun and celebration. A video of this year's middle school was presented. The teachers were all introduced as well. Following a fun time of competition, the students and their parents were divided into groups and taken through the middle school to view the classrooms, commons, and other spaces used by the middle school students.



PHOTO BOOTH SET UP FOR UPCOMING SIXTH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ENJOYED SOME GAMES TOGETHER

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First grade learned so many interesting facts and experienced many activities about astronomy. They read books, watched documentaries, listened to an astronaut read from the space station, wrote reports, designed their own space adventure, created planets and moons, made rockets, and explored our solar system. This will be an experience to remember.





## Guess what kindergarten is doing now?

It is so exciting to see the kindergarten students partner reading. Yes, kindergarteners can read! Some of our students are reading with excellent fluency and they are all reading.



## It is fun to be appreciated!

The elementary staff took time on Principal Appreciation Day (May 1, but celebrated Thursday, April 29) to recognize the great work of their principal. They had a banner at the front entrance, another one in the hall and special treats everywhere. The elementary school has enjoyed a wonderful year of unity and collaboration. Thank you for your hard work Principal McCormick.



## Check out the new welcome benches in the preschool!





# Join Us

## MONTEZUMA YOUTH FOREST FRIDAYS

Join us this Spring and Summer every other Friday to hike our public lands, learn about local ecosystems, engage in stewardship projects, and get experience for future careers in the field.



**For more information and to  
register find us at [SJMA.org](http://SJMA.org)**



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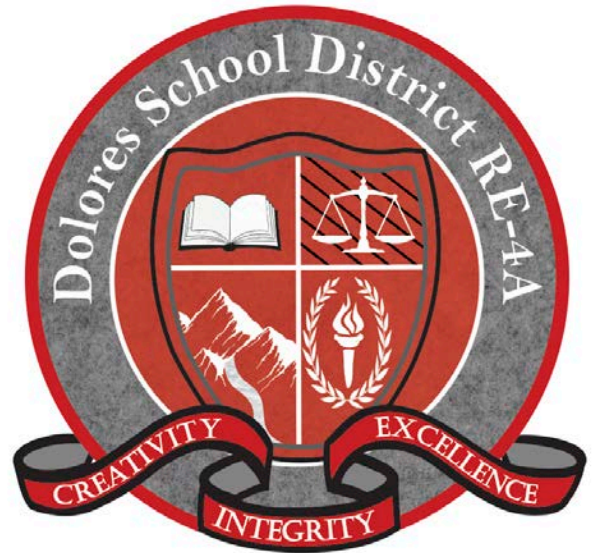
Suggestions and comments are welcome. Please email [larnett@dolores.k12.co.us](mailto:larnett@dolores.k12.co.us).



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# Academic Crest

for Dolores School District



## An Explanation of our Academic Crest:

- ◆ Books Represent Academic Focus
- ◆ Scale Represents a Balanced Approach to Education
- ◆ Mountain and River Symbolize the Appreciation and Integration of our Resources and Community
- ◆ Torch is Significant for Character Development, Scholarship, Leadership and Service
- ◆ The Three Words: **Creativity** Signifies honoring all students and their passions, **Integrity** was chosen as the pursuit of every facet of our district, and **Excellence** reminds one to never settle for less than the best in all we offer.

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# Classifieds

## *District Classifieds*

**Employment:**

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

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

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**Employment for 2021-22 School Year:**

**HS Football Coach:** Contact Athletic Director for more information. The district is desiring someone with experience in coaching 8-man.

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**MS Special Education Teacher:** Must have certification to teach with proper endorsements. Call the district office for more information.  
**www.doloresschools.org**

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**HS Spanish Teacher:** Must have a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Spanish endorsement.

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**MS Language Arts Teacher:** Must have a Colorado Teaching License with an endorsement in Secondary English. See the district website for more information.

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**Elementary Technology Teacher:** This is a full-time position with benefits. Call 970.882.7255

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**Friday Activity Coordinator:** The district is hiring an individual who will coordinate the Friday programming. This is a part-time position. This requires someone who is adept at collaborating with community groups and has excellent organizational skills. Call 970.882.7255 for more information.

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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.