

BEAR ESSENTIALS

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It Is Summer Time!

During this time of the year, everyone wants to relax and enjoy their summer. Especially after the restrictive year faced through the COVID pandemic. This edition of the district newsletter is intended to be informational and provide resources to parents.

The school start up information and supplies for next year are also important resources contained in this edition. Please take the time to read through the pages of the *Bear Essentials*.

The Graduation Parade Becomes Tradition



Seniors on the parade route

Last year due to the pandemic, the graduates and their sponsors got creative and decided on a socially distanced parade through our community. It was so well received, the leadership decided to

make it a tradition. This year the community was out in full support and made the event so much more meaningful.



Preschool graduates in the parade



*High School Athletes need to watch for the first practice date.

August 5 - New Preschool and Elementary Staff Orientation 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., **District Office**

August 6 - New MS/HS Staff and Support Staff Orientation 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., **District Office**

August 9 - All Staff Returns

August 10 - Middle School **Parent and Student** Welcome Back - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

August 12 - High School **Parent and Student** Welcome Back - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 16

Preschool First Day of School

Elementary Back To School Open House/First Day of School

- **8:00-9:00** Parents take students to classrooms (put away supplies, introductions, say goodbyes)
- **9:00-10:30** Student orientation and school day begins in classrooms
 - Morning Parent Session begins: Parents go to meet & greet in Little Bear Gym
 - Introductions, snacks, tissues, FAQ/Q&A, Safety/Drop off/Pick up procedures, attendance policy review, Permission forms, CKLA information, registration tables for PTA, WatchDogs, Room Parents, Volunteers, Raptor system, etc.)
- **10:30-11:00** Parent School Tour - Office, Nurse's room, Adventure area, Bus area, playgrounds, Cafeteria, Technology room, Library, Clinic, Music room, and Dismiss (lunch with students or go home)
- **4:00-5:30** Afternoon Parent Session for those who could not make the morning

Middle School Starting Dates:

Monday, August 16 - 6th grade students *only* for orientation (classroom expectations, each class will review curriculum, handbook rules, sports, team building activities, and more)

- 4:00 p.m. - BBQ - 6th grade parent meeting

Tuesday, August 17 - 7th grade students only (same as above)

Wednesday, August 18 - 8th grade students only (same as above)

- 4:00 p.m. - BBQ and 7th and 8th grade parent meeting

Thursday, August 19 - All students

Monday, August 16 - All High School Grades Begin

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

Watch the website for the summer meeting schedule. The board typically has a workshop in July and no regular board meeting. There will be a regular meeting in August. Again, go to: www.doloresschools.org

Interested in Running for the Board?

Anyone is interested in running for the board, nomination petitions will be available August 4-19. Call the district office and speak to Laurie Arnett for more information (970) 882-7255.



- ◆ The 2021-22 Draft Budget is available for view in the district office. The board will vote to approve the budget on June 17, 2021.
- ◆ The board is now in an active search for an interim superintendent. They are fielding applications until July 2, 2021.
- ◆ 95% of all positions for next year are filled and approved.

BEAR FACTS

Monthly Blog by Superintendent Lis Richard

Sincere Goodbye



It has been a tremendous privilege and challenge to lead the Dolores School District. For two years, we have worked together to accomplish some wonderful things for our students.

I have come to realize that my educational and leadership strengths do not lie in the political realm of district leadership. I have tried to manage this

weakness but it has been to little avail. I made the difficult decision to leave the leadership of the district in May and resigned on June 1, 2021, effective June 30, 2021.

Once my decision was made, a wonderful opportunity opened at the Montezuma-Cortez School District as the Assistant Superintendent. I was thrilled to take a position that would enable me to help others succeed. I will start on July 1, 2021.

Leaving this school district is sad for me, but there is a sense of collective achievement as well. The achievements made in the last two years have been a tremendous team effort by the nine leaders in the district. We have together weathered COVID and all the restrictions while

continuing to provide a quality education for students. We have also implemented a nearly complete vertical alignment of all curriculum and instruction. We have purchased superior curriculum for our K-8 and the high school will see new purchases already complete for next year. We have worked diligently to protect direction and vision for all students. The morale of staff is at an all-time high as they appreciate their supportive and experienced leadership in each building and department.

The absolute most qualified and dedicated team of principals are staying with the district to continue the good work that has begun. Our preschool director, Valiena Rosenkrance, elementary principal, Lurleen McCormick, middle school principal, Mary Weiss, and the high school principal, Justin Schmitt are all excited to see their schools continue to grow and improve next year. Together we have spent countless hours planning for student programs, professional development plans, and schedules for a great 2021-22. Parents can rest assured that their students are attending a quality program with staff that truly loves their child(ren).

Our district is fiscally strong and under the watchful care of the school board.

Thank you for your support as we worked together over the last two years. It is my hope and prayer that the Dolores School District has a superior 2021-22 year.

Lis Richard, Superintendent

Elementary School Supply List 2021-22



ALL STUDENTS:

For PE: A pair of clean (new or used) rubber grippy sole (non-slip) gym shoes to keep at school.

For Art: All students- 2 pkgs baby wipes
5th Grade- Sharpie - Fine Tip
4th Grade - Sharpie - Extra Fine Tip
3rd Grade- Oil Pastel (25 pieces)
2nd Grade- Dry Pastel (12 pieces)
1st Grade- #2 Pencil (box of 10)
Kindergarten- Pink eraser (2 pack)

KINDERGARTEN:

2 box of tissues
Full size school pack (with child's name)
2 boxes small size crayons
2 packs of baby wipes 2
2 boxes Dixie cups
Healthy snack to share with class monthly

FIRST GRADE:

2 24 count boxes of crayons
1 x 4 pack dry erase markers - THICK
1 x 4 pack dry erase markers - THIN
1 x dozen #2 Ticonderoga pencils or USA all wood only
1 box of 3 oz paper cups
1 box of tissues
1 pkg. of baby wipes
1 set of headphones – comfortable

SECOND GRADE:

1 spiral notebook
2 Plastic Folders with brads
2 boxes of Tissue
1 box of crayons 24 count
Personal water bottle
1 package of baby wipes

THIRD GRADE:

One pair of earbuds
2 regular boxes of tissues
1 pencil bag NO box
4 plastic folders with pockets and brads
girls - 1 roll of paper towels
boys - 1 box of baby wipes
1- 1 inch binder
Pocket dividers
1 Spiral notebook
Mechanical Pencils (for communal supply)

FOURTH GRADE:

1 sm pencil box/bag
8 narrow dry erase markers
1 two pocket folder with prongs
1 box of tissues
2 container of Clorox or Lysol Wipes
1 3-subject spiral notebook
1 box of 8 markers
1 box of Ziploc bags or paper bags

FIFTH GRADE

2- 3 subject notebooks
1 Composition notebook
3 nylon pocket folders
1- 1" binder (**no** trapper keepers)
1 packet of 8 tab dividers
1 Pencil box/bag
1- 4 pack of dry erase markers
1 headphones/earbuds to leave in class
1 box of tissues Kleenex
1 baby wipes





DOLORES BOOSTER CLUB CELEBRATES THE DHS GRADUATES

Congratulations to our “Just Because” Scholarship Winners:

- Autumn Steinberger
- Jenesis Shields
- Hayden Tallmadge
- Nina Huffman
- Timothy Wyman

We would like to wish all of our Seniors the Best of Luck as they step into the next chapter in their lives. Congratulations!



DOLORES SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2021-2022 APPROVED CALENDAR

4 Independence Day
5-9 District Offices Closed
21 New Students Register

JULY '21						
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3 Staff In-service Day
4 Students Return
14 M.L. King Day (Celebrated)

9 Staff Returns (Pre-service 9-13)
10 MS Student/Parent Orientation
12 HS Student Orientation
16 First Day **PK-5, 9-12**
 Sixth Grade Only
17 Seventh Grade Only
18 Eighth Grade Only
19 All MS Students

AUGUST '21						
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18 Presidents' Day (Celebrated)

6 Labor Day

SEPTEMBER '21						
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3 End of Third Quarter
7-10 Parent/Teacher Conf.
28-31 Spring Break

11 Columbus Day
14 End of First Quarter
18-21 Parent/Teacher Conf.
31 Halloween

OCTOBER '21						
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15 Good Friday
17 Easter Sunday

11 Veterans Day
22-25 Thanksgiving Break
25 Thanksgiving Day

**Principal discretion for Friday teacher work day.*

NOVEMBER '21						
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MAY '22						
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08 Mother's Day
19 Senior Graduation
26 Last Day of School
30 Memorial's Day

16 End Second Qtr.
20 - Jan 3 Winter Break
25 Christmas Day

**Principal discretion for Friday teacher work day.*

DECEMBER '22						
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<p>Student Days</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Teacher Work Days</p> <p>148 Student Days</p> <p>Secondary: 7:45 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.</p> <p>Elementary: 8:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home of the Bears</p>	<p>Dolores School District 100 N. 6th Street Dolores, CO 81323 (970) 882-7255</p> 
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The Cortez Public Library is once again hosting our summer reading program. The theme this year is: Tails and Tales. It runs from June 1st to July 15th and is open to ages 0 - 18.

Read 4 books, then collect your first prize.

Read 4 more and collect your second prize and enter to win a Grand Prize!

Three virtual performance/events will be posted on our Facebook page.

Virtual Program Schedule:

June 1st - June 13th | Tall Tales of the Lost Temple with ventriloquist Meghan Casey of Rocky Mountain Puppets - link posted on

cityofcortez.com/141/Library

facebook.com/CortezLibrary

June 16th @ 6 pm | Mythology of Constellations with Fiske Planetarium CU Boulder - Ages 8-12 - call the Library to register for this Zoom event - limited spaces available

June 13th -June 28th | Steve Weeks Music - link posted on

cityofcortez.com/141/Library

facebook.com/CortezLibrary

Registration is required. It's easy. Drop in and pick up a reading log or download a log from our website or Facebook page. Join the fun!

The Library is located at 202 N. Park St., Cortez, CO. and may be reached by calling 970-565-8117.

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**



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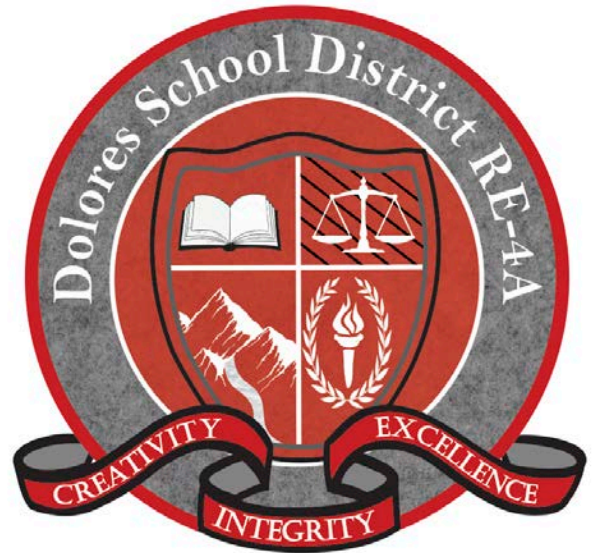
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Suggestions and comments are welcome. Please email larnett@dolores.k12.co.us.



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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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