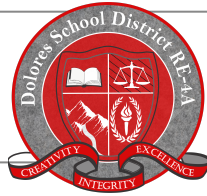


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August 4, 2021

Dear Little Bear Families,

I am thrilled that so many of you are eager to have your children return to Dolores Elementary this year! We are honored by your trust and are committed to providing another safe year of in-person academic excellence! After careful consideration with our district leaders and administrators, I do have some information to share; but please keep in mind that it can change instantly due to updated directives. So, please continue to monitor your email, voicemail, and our App for announcements.

As of today, we intend to open our doors like we did last year with a staggered schedule for our Open house on August 13th. Please see the next page for details and times. We are asking that everyone stay home if you are sick, that adults continue to wear masks while inside our building, and everyone sanitize as you are entering and exiting the building. Elementary students will not be expected to wear masks in classrooms, but they will be encouraged to wear them in congested areas. Students will be cohorted by grade level instead of by classrooms this year, but they may possibly mix with other grade levels during outdoor events. Masks will be required in order to ride buses. Please contact our **Transportation Department at 970-882-2649 as soon as possible** if you want to schedule bus usage this year for your student.

Classlists with teacher assignments will be posted on our front windows August 10th, and our School Office will be open Monday–Thursday from 8:00 to 3:45 pm. **Our school start and end times are from 8:00 am to 3:40 pm Monday–Thursday this year**, and our dismissal procedures will be changing due to several very unsafe situations occurring last year. Please see the details on school supplies, school times, arrival, and dismissal procedures on the next couple of pages and know that we will be tweaking the dismissal approach as we see it in action.

We will have **volunteer opportunities available for all outdoor events again this year**, and masks will not be expected to be worn for outdoor activities. Teachers will give you more information for volunteering when you meet them Friday. We highly encourage your involvement in our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) because we value your input and want you to be an active part of our school community. We will have a PTA and other tables set up in our lobby on the 13th with other information and opportunities, as well. To prevent increased exposure for our staff and students, **we are limiting adult access inside the building during the school day to that of a critical nature only**. Please contact me directly for access due to special circumstances. Thank you in advance for helping us remain open for in-person learning, and I'll look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm Regards,

Lurleen McCormick

Dolores Elementary School Principal

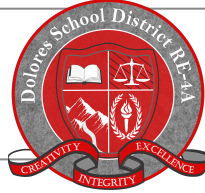
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Elementary Back-to-School/Open House Staggered Schedule – August 13th

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Kindergarten and Third Grade
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: First and Fourth Grade
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Second and Fifth Grade
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All Elementary grade levels K-5 welcomed

School Supply List is below and linked here: [DES 2021/2022 School Supply List](#)

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

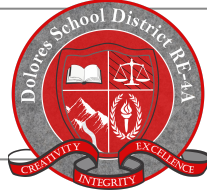
1 box of tissues

1 pkg. of baby wipes

1 set of headphones – comfortable

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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:

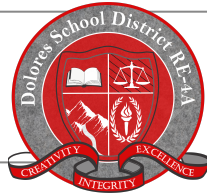
- 1 sm pencil box/bag
- 8 narrow dry erase markers
- 1 two pocket folder with prongs
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 container of Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- 1 3-subject spiral notebook
- 1 box of 8 markers
- 1 box of Ziploc bags or paper bags

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

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SCHOOL HOURS ARE Monday through Thursday FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:40 PM:

- The first bell rings at 7:50 am.
- The tardy bell rings at 8:00 am.
- Dismissal bell rings at 3:40 pm.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DISMISSALS, OR DELAYED STARTS

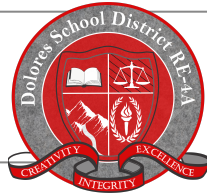
- Weather or other emergencies may make school closings, early dismissals, or delayed starts necessary.
- Information will be communicated through:
 - The District website: www.dolores.k12.co.us
 - The District App
 - Local radio stations
 - The district auto dialer. A voicemail will be sent to your phone.
 - For accuracy, please make sure changes in contact information are communicated to the school as soon as possible.

Regular Daily ARRIVAL Procedures:

- Students may arrive at school, beginning at 7:45 AM.
- We do not provide supervision for children before 7:45 AM. Parents will need to stay with them if they arrive any earlier.
- Students eating breakfast at school may be dropped off at the cafeteria between 7:45 and 7:50 AM.
- All other students may be dropped off in front of the elementary school in our yellow "Hug and Go Zone."
- Please help us ensure a safe and smooth flow of traffic during this busy time by staying in your vehicle while your child unloads.
- For those occasions when you need to come into the school with your student, please park in the parking lot across from the school.
- We will have a crosswalk monitor who will assist anyone who is crossing the street.
- Students arriving at the front of the building may proceed to the playground. They can ask an adult if they need breakfast.
- Students arriving by bus who will be eating breakfast at school will meet at a designated location on the playground and be accompanied through the building by personnel.
- All other students will line up at their designated area on the playground when the bell rings and personnel will assist them in entering the building.
- Tardy students, arriving after 8:00 am, will need to enter through the front of the building to check in with the office.

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Regular daily DISMISSAL procedures:

- Students leaving before 3:25 PM will be considered Tardy, and we ask that you refrain from picking students up prior to the designated dismissal time if at all possible. Remember, teachers teach until the end of the day, and they will be using every possible minute with our four day week.
- After-school plans should be arranged with the school Secretary well ahead of time.
- For unexpected changes in after school plans, please inform the school Secretary by 3:00 pm, so that students and personnel can be notified.
- At 3:40 PM Bus students will be escorted to the buses.
- At 3:40 PM Walking students will be escorted out of the building and dismissed by school personnel
- At 3:40 PM All other students will be escorted to the Little Bear Gym and grouped by families and/or pre-arranged car-pool groups.
- Parents who parked can pick up their students from the school front doors.
- Parents of car-riders will receive a name card to be displayed on their car dash.
- Traffic will flow along 12th Street in front of the building and along the curb to the yellow "Hug and Go Zone."
- As each car comes into view, school personnel, reading the name card on the dash, will call for the children from the gym and send them out the exterior gym doors to awaiting school personnel who will take them to their vehicle, as it approaches, and help them load and buckle.
- The traffic may back up further onto Central, so please stay in your vehicles in order for the line to move quicker as the students are brought out and loaded into the waiting vehicles.
- School personnel will assist students in loading quickly into the waiting front 4-5 vehicles.
- Waiting for secondary students or parking cannot be allowed in the hug and go zone.
- You may park in the parking lot and cross in the crosswalk to pick up your student/s should you prefer. Still, carry your name sign and school personnel will call for your student/s as soon as they see you.
- We do not have supervision for children after dismissal, so remaining on campus cannot be permitted. All staff members should leave at 4:00 PM at the latest.

Please review all other school information, rules, and regulations in our Student Handbook linked here and on our District website: [DES Student Handbook](#)

***Thank you and
Welcome Back Little Bears!!!***