



## 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...

#### Important Dates for December:

**Dec. 13-16th** Student Council Spirit Week

*Monday the 13th:* Dress as Multiples Day (twins, triplets, etc.)

*Tuesday the 14th:* Wear Christmas Colored Clothes and/or Hats

*Wednesday the 15th:* Dress as your favorite Christmas Character!

*Thursday the 14th:* Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest with Prizes for the staff and one student per grade level!

**Dec. 16th-** 2nd Quarter Report cards will be sent home; 3rd grade- has their Core Knowledge Day- Viking Age; 5th grade will be building Gingerbread Houses- Classes will have Christmas/Holiday/Winter Classroom parties- Teachers will send home information; and

2nd Quarter Awards will be presented to students in classrooms (we will not have staff available for an assembly due to all the other events, but we hope to have parents join for 4th quarter and year end awards in May).

**Dec. 20 - Jan. 2-** Winter Break

#### Get to Know the Principal:

Parents are welcome to schedule appointments to come into the school to meet Lurleen anytime. She would love to meet you and get to know you better! She also has a Therapy puppy in training that she would love to introduce to you!

#### Lost and Found:

Parents are welcome to have students look through the lost and found section by our front office for belongings. We will also allow parents (one or two at a time) to come in and look through the pile between now and Christmas Break. During the break, everything left will be donated to charity, so please stop by if you can. Thank you!

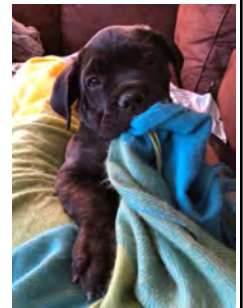
### Principal's Message

Dear Little Bear Families,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! We have hit the ground running with some very engaging learning opportunities for our Little Bears. I love visiting classrooms to see them and their love of learning. In over 17 years in education, I have never seen students so grateful to be in school, and it's truly heartwarming! Thank you again to all the parents who are assisting and supporting those opportunities and hope you can continue to join us for more!

Girls on the Run participants were celebrated with our Board of Education Members last month, and we are very proud of their participation and the support of our staff members, Jennifer Gaddis, Kate Lien, and Tom Schaper, who volunteered their time after school to coordinate and run this positive self-esteem building program.

I love those of you who come to my office to visit, and I want to encourage others to do the same! Please make an appointment or stop by if I'm available to help me get to know you better and introduce our therapy puppy, Floffy!



As we wrap up 2021, all I can say is that I'm super excited to start 2022! Our theme 2020 was "the adventure begins" and this year's is "Everything is Paw-some!" I have to say that both themes rang true. Let me know if you have ideas for themes for our 2022-2023 year, and I hope all of you enjoy a very Merry Christmas (and/or other Holidays) and have a Happy Blessed 2022 New Year!!!



Warmly,  
Lurleen McCormick



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## Winter Concerts:

Our Music Classes are excited to hold Concerts that will hopefully start on time as scheduled in the chart below, but some classes may end earlier then ending time posted. Please join us as close to the starting time as possible in order to not miss anything!

Students are looking forward to showing their parents what they have been working on in music this year and showing some Christmas spirit! They are welcome to dress in formal wear, Christmas attire, or nice casual clothes on the day of their concert, but it's not required! We hope you enjoy tuning in with us via Google Meets when your child's class is performing! Here is the link: <https://meet.google.com/nnj-wcba-vxz>

Thank you!

Mrs. Donna

	Monday 12/13	Tuesday 12/14	Wed. 12/15	Thursday 12/16
5th 8:20- 9:10	None	Furse	Mr. Werner	Jones
3rd 9:30- 10:20	Maloney	Lowe	Johnson	None
4th 10:35- 11:25	Kleinman	None	Schrage	Mrs. Werner
K 12:40- 1:10	Wade	Hutchins	Pejsa	None
1st 1:30- 2:20	None	Tourjee	Lein	Christenson
2nd 2:40- 3:30	Knight	Hill	None	Margeson

## Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!

We recently hosted an all school live stream event called *NED's Kindness Adventure*. We hope students were inspired by the show which taught about choosing **kindness, respect** and **acceptance**. Here are a couple of our favorite follow up home resources from the Kindness Adventure website. You may want to use these with your child as they are designed to go hand in hand with the program. **Friendship Cards** and **Friendship Soup Activity**. If you'd like additional resources, they are available at:

<http://www.kindnessadventure.com>.

If you'd like to purchase a handcrafted kindness item for your child they are still available at school. And don't forget to ask your student what they learned in the show about including others, caring is cool, and that "different" can be good!

Sincerely,  
Susan Leavitt Miller



**THE GIVING TREE**  
ANGEL TREE GIFT PROGRAM

1. Pick up an Angel Card on the Tree at the Ponderosa Restaurant or order one online at [visitdolores.com](http://visitdolores.com).
2. Register your Card # and contact info. \*Online orders will receive a card #.
3. Buy your gift(s)
4. Bring gift(s) back to the Ponderosa by Sunday, Dec. 19th
5. Smile :) - someone will be smiling too this Christmas, thanks to YOU!

Rotary Club of Dolores



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### BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER DEC 12TH

DOLORES HIGH SCHOOL

Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction and dessert Auction to benefit Axel who is fighting leukemia and his family.

Suggested donation of 5\$ per person or 20\$ for family. Dinner starts at 5pm. Silent auction ends at 7pm and dessert auction begins at 7pm.



Giving Tuesday  
Schedule your donation today for  
December 7, 2021

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## HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
**10 AM – 4 PM**  
**AT THE LIBRARY**

- ★ Affordable, gently-used books for all ages
- ★ Unique holiday cards
- ★ Framed and unframed art prints

*Proceeds go toward supporting library programs & services*



**4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADE**  
**SKI PASSPORTS AVAILABLE NOW**

Ski season is open in Colorado Ski Country, and there is no better way to get your students on the mountain this year than the Ski Passport Program.

**What is the Ski Passport Program?** The CSCUSA Ski Passport Program offers 4th through 6th graders up to **88 days of skiing or riding at 21** of Colorado's mountains (starting at \$59). Passport holders also receive 2 free ski or snowboard rentals from [Christy Sports](#).

*The quickest and easiest way to learn about the program and sign up for the Passport Program is online at [coloradoski.com/passport](http://coloradoski.com/passport)*