



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...

Calendar Items:

March 8th- 6:00 to 8:00pm -**Parent Information Night** in the Commons with Counselors, Bobby Sitton (State Patrol Officer), and Deputy Kaylee Green (our SRO). We will have informational booths, a keynote speaker, and **free dinner and prizes**. Booths will have information on Bullying, Drug Awareness, Suicide Prevention, Mental Health, Books for Parents, Child Mental Health Screeners, Brain Research, and more. Please make plans to join us! Door prizes include: Bikes, Deep Tissue Massager, Exercise Kits, Relaxation baskets, books, and more!

March 9th and 10th- PTC (Parent/Teacher Conferences) 4:00 to 7:00 PM .

March 10th- Report cards sent home

March 11th- Deadline for DAC's School Climate Survey

March 14th - Monday: Leprechaun hair day

March 15th- Tuesday: Shamrocks on cheeks or hands

March 16th- Wednesday: Trick Leprechauns day- dress in gold or rainbow colors

March 17th- Thursday: Wear green and/or silly hat day for St. Patrick's Day; 5th Grade's Core Knowledge Day- Renaissance Fair; and End of Quarter Awards handed out in classrooms

March 23rd- 1st Grade's Core Knowledge Day- American Revolution

March 24th- Career Fair for Grades 3-5

March 28th-31st- Spring Break



Principal's Message

Dear Little Bear Families,

We are so thrilled to see parents back in the buildings on a more regular basis! Thank you for joining us for our field trips, Core Knowledge activities, helping students on the playground during recess, and joining us for holiday celebrations when possible! We are looking forward to seeing most of you during our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences, too! If your child's teacher wasn't able to verify your appointment, please reach out to them asap to get that scheduled.

We are ready to accept applications for enrollment for our upcoming **2022-2023 Kindergarten** classes. If you know anyone with children who are turning 5 years old before September, please let them know to **reserve their space with us asap!** This will not obligate them to attend our school, but it reserves a space for them in case they do decide to attend.

A huge shout out to our PBIS team members who put together a character building Kindness fundraiser for our students! We are also very grateful for those of **you** who sponsored students for their Acts of Kindness fundraiser activities! I loved seeing all the acts of service being done around the community and that our Little Bear Trading Post has funding to add more incentives for Bear Paw tickets! Thank you so much for your support and participation!

Please remember to save your metal tabs from sodas, soup cans, or other products to help us beat our current record of 620 pounds! Tell your students to give them to classroom teachers, and then the class can add them to the R2-D2 collection can in the lobby. All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado which supports families of children facing serious illness. We are honored to support an organization that has helped so many of our local families and appreciate your help!

Warmly,
Principal McCormick



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Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The District Accountability Committee (DAC) wants to hear about your experience with your student's education. We invite you to participate in completing the School Climate Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11CutJy1uX7qu1pKPvvygMHtCGK3iQ29QOvWiYClSj_0U/viewform?usp=sharing_eil_m&ts=621541ed&edit_requested=true

*The survey is completely anonymous and brief; it contains 23 questions and takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. Please **submit your responses by 03/11/2022**.*

Email dac@dolores.k12.co.us if you have any questions. Each school's total survey results will be used to inform and develop appropriate strategies, procedures, and/or programs to enhance our school climate. Please fill out one survey per child you have attending the Dolores School District.

We will have computers available for you to use during Parent Teacher conferences if needed. Thank you for your time and participation!

Staci Cost

District Accountability Committee Chair



Hello Little Bear Families!

We have two Career Fairs coming up. On March 24th from 9 - 11:30 will be the career fair for 3rd - 5th graders. It will be in the big gym by the cafeteria. We are still in need of volunteers. If any of you would like to volunteer or if you know anyone else who might be willing, please let us know.

On April 14 from 8:30 - 11 will be our "Vehicle" Career fair for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. We also are in need of volunteers for this Fair as well. Let us know if you or anyone you know has a cool or interesting "vehicle" they use for their career.

Our Guidance lessons have been focusing on Empowerment skills as well as Refusal Skills for negative Peer Pressure. Practice tempting your kids to do something that is against your/their moral values. They should follow these steps in response to you:

1. Name the wrong
2. Name the consequence
3. Name an alternative activity (something ELSE that is BEST to do)
4. Say No. (They can say as they walk away, "I hope you change your mind!")
5. Is it a Safety issue? Say No. Then Go Report .(Younger students say No and Go Tell.)

Example: 1. That's stealing. 2. We'll get in trouble. 3. Let's go to my house and make cookies instead. If you're still being pressed to steal . . . 4. Say No. I hope you change your mind. If it is an issue of safety: 5. Say "No. I have to go home now." Then report to a trusted adult right away.

Make sure your children know NOT to explain their reasons for refusing. Make sure they DON'T "Preach" to you or tell you you "shouldn't" do it or why. And finally make sure they report in private. This will help them overcome their fear of refusing because they are not giving the perpetrator anything that could be interpreted as a put down. It helps them stay safe as well.

Sincerely,
Susan Leavitt Miller



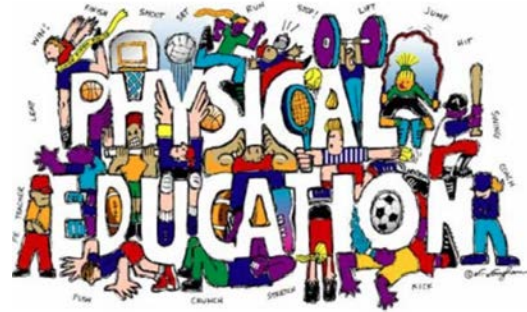
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IMPORTANT!

Read below if your child needs early access to Kindergarten or 1st grade in the 2022-23 school year:

Colorado has a process to accelerate highly advanced, gifted children into kindergarten under the age 5 and/or under age 6 for first grade. Please contact Nisia Patalan, our San Juan BOCES Gifted Ed Coordinator, at npatalan@sjboces.org for application details.

Applications for next school year are due by April 1st, 2022.



Please check out the videos from PE class that Ms. Elder shared with your children's teachers. Here's how to access them:

1. On a personal device (preferably a laptop or home computer) have students sign in to their school account.
2. Access Google classroom and go to the correct classroom and then your post (materials/assignment).
3. Open the video and then click the download icon.
4. The file should now be downloaded to their computer and stored locally on their "downloads" folder.

Features include:

Kindergarten:

"Snowman Freeze Dance"

First Grade:

Christenson and Lien "Body Boogie Dance"

Tourjee "Get Funky Dance"

Second Grade:

"Call Me Maybe Workout"

Third Grade:

Johnson and Lowe "Whip Nae Nae Cardio Workout"

Maloney "Call Me Maybe Workout"

Fourth Grade:

11 Steps to Archery Success Archery Practice

Fifth Grade:

Colorado State Virtual Archery Tournament Competition

FREE DINNER

DOOR PRIZES:
2 BIKES - GAMES
WELNESS BASKETS
FITNESS BASKETS

PASSPORT TO YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

FREE DINNER, KEYNOTE PRESENTATION, DOOR PRIZES, DRAWINGS, INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS ON - BULLYING, DRUG AWARENESS, SUICIDE PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH. BOOK SELECTIONS FOR PARENTS. CHILD MENTAL HEALTH SCREENERS. BRAIN RESEARCH, ETC.

March 8th, 6:00-8:00 pm
Dolores Schools Commons Area
Parents K-12
Childcare offered



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Registration for the 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Ski Passport Program is open (but not for much longer) for the 2021-22 winter season!

What is the Passport Program?

The CSCUSA Ski Passport Program offers 4th through 6th graders up to 84 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.

Parents or guardians do not need the registration brochure to register their student as in year's past. Full program details are available any time by visiting coloradoski.com/passport.

Thank you for your assistance in helping Colorado Ski Country promote this great product. Please contact us at support@passes.coloradoski.com or by calling 303.866.9707 with any questions or comments.

See you on the slopes!



Dear Parents,

Montezuma County Smile Makers Dental Program will be offering preventive dental services for Dolores Schools. The dental services will be delivered at the Four Corners Youth Clinics location. Dates will be April 20-21 and April 27-28, 2022.

Preventive services will be offered to all children with a signed consent form (provided below). If your child has been seen by a Dentist or Hygienist in the last 6 months, he/she may not need this service.

MCSM accepts children's Medicaid and CHP+ (delta dental), as well as cash payments. If your child has Medicaid or CHP+, there is no cost to you if it has been over 6 months since last cleaning. If your child does not have Medicaid or CHP+, you may pay with cash or check. (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCSM) Please see price chart below.

PREVENTATIVE SERVICES

- Dental screening/Oral hygiene instructions by a registered Hygienist (**Donated by MCSM**)
- Prophylaxis (cleaning) \$35
UNDER 12YRS \$45 OVER 12YRS
- X-RAYS (BITE WINGS) \$25
UNDER 12YRS \$35 OVER 12YRS
- Fluoride Varnish \$25
- Sealants (as needed) \$35 per sealant
- Referrals to a Dentist (If decay/cavities or other concerns are evident)

Dental sealants are thin, plastic coatings painted on the chewing surfaces of the back



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NOW ACCEPTING:

2022-2023 Kindergarten
Registration



Dolores
School District RE-4A

Dolores Elementary School
"Home of the Little Bears"

Kindergarten Registration

NOW OPEN

**Call 970-882-4688 or
stop by DES at 12th and
Hillside, Dolores CO**

teeth in order to keep out the germs and food that cause cavities. It is recommended that children receive sealants on their permanent molars as soon as the teeth come in. If your child is between 5-7 years old, or between 11-14 years old, he/she may be eligible to have sealants placed on their 6 or 12 year molars.

Results of screening will be sent home with your child the day of the services. If you have any further questions or would like to schedule a restorative appointment we can be reached at 970-564-4764.

Sincerely,
Sheila Castillo
Dental Receptionist
Montezuma County Smile Makers Dental Program
106 W North St.
Cortez, Co. 81321
970-564-4764

Dolores School District RE-4A does not unlawfully discriminate against otherwise qualified students, employees, applicants for employment, or members of the public on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services. Discrimination against employees and applicants for employment based on age, genetic information and conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth, is also prohibited in accordance with state and/or federal law.



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Students Name: _____ DOB: _____ Medicaid# _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CHP+# _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

I give consent for my student to receive the following dental services from Montezuma County Smile Makers:
Please CHECK MARK services requested.

- Dental Screening and Oral Hygiene Free (Service provided by MCSM)
- X-RAYS (BITE WINGS) \$25 UNDER 12YRS \$35 OVER 12YRS
- Prophylaxis (Cleaning) \$35 UNDER 12YRS \$45 OVER 12YRS
- Fluoride Varnish \$25 (paid 100% by Medicaid and CHP+/ Delta Dental)
- Sealant(s) as needed \$35 each (paid 100% by Medicaid and CHP+/ Delta Dental)

REMEMBER MEDICAID AND DELTA DENTAL (CHP+) COVERS 100% ONLY IF IT HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE LAST DENTAL CLEANING.

PLEASE CHECK MARK PAYMENT METHOD

* Medicaid * CHP+ Check included (payable to MCSM): \$ _____

Does your student have any health concerns to consider before these services are completed (heart problems, allergies- latex/food/other, currently taking any medications, other serious health problems)? Please list:

Is there any additional information about your student or comments you would like to mention before services are administered?

Please list: _____

Race: Native American/Alaskan Latino/Hispanic African American Asian
 Caucasian Other: _____

A copy of Montezuma County Health Dept. (MCPHD) Notice of Privacy Practices is available from your student's school health office or MCPHD: 106 W North St., Cortez Co.81321 970-564-4764. By signing below, I give consent for the above services and have had the opportunity to review a copy of this notice.

*MEDICAID AND CHP LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLEANINGS AND FLUORIDE TREATMENTS ALLOWED PER YEAR. IF YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED THIS TREATMENT *IN ANY OTHER OFFICE* LESS THAN 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF TREATMENT AT THE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM, YOU MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT.