



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:

April 7th- Kindergarten 2022-23 registration event from 12:00 to 6:00 in Little Bear gym (any child who will be 5 before September can reserve their space for next year's kindergarten classes).

Mon. 4/11- 5th grade CMAS: 8:15- 9:45 Science Unit 1

Tues. 4/12- 5th grade CMAS: 8:15- 9:45 Science Unit 2

Thur. 4/14- 5th grade CMAS: 8:15- 9:45 Science Unit 3

April 14th - Career Fair for K-2

Tues. 4/19- 3-5th grade CMAS 8:15-10:20 ELA Unit 1 then 12:30-2:00 MATH Unit 1 (No specials for all students)

Wed. 4/20- 3-5th grade CMAS 8:15-10:20 ELA Unit 2 then 12:30-2:00 MATH Unit 2 (No specials for all students)

Thurs. 4/21- 3-5th grade CMAS 8:15-10:20 ELA Unit 3 then 12:30-2:00 MATH Unit 3 (No specials for all students)

Mon.-Thur. 4/25-4/29- CMAS Make-up tests for anyone absent

No Specials 4/19-21- because our Specials teachers will be test proctors for CMAS

April 26th- 6:00 pm -Elementary music performance (tentatively)




NOW ACCEPTING:
2022-2023 Kindergarten
Registration



Principal's Message

Dear Little Bear Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break, and we are so grateful to have our Little Bears back in the building! Our theme this year is building community, and we often play Lego's theme song "Everything is Awesome" to remind us that it's "Paw-some" being part of our team! We have the best teachers I could hope for, all under one roof; and I'm thrilled that we are getting to know more of you who are volunteering to help in classrooms and still with outdoor events! Thank you for contributing to our Little Bears' success as parents, mentors, and volunteers!

We start our end of the year assessments this month with 5 days of CMAS testing for 5th grade students, 3 days of CMAS testing for 3-4th grade students (see schedule under Calendar Items), two mornings of NWEA/MAPs testing for all students (60 minutes each day), and quick end of the year Dibels assessments for all students. Please make sure that your children are getting lots of rest and get to school by 8:00 am daily to test with classmates. We appreciate your support!

Our school would love to have a Spring Fling Parent/Child Formal Dance in May. We cannot do this without help from volunteers. Please email me at lmccormick@dolores.k12.co.us if you're able to head up and organize this event!

We appreciate all the people who completed the DAC school survey and shared comments of encouragement and ways to improve! We want our school to keep improving and your time and voice are greatly valued! THANK YOU!!!

Warmly,
Lorleen McCormick



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Counselor's Corner

Hello Little Bear Families!

We are so blessed to have such great parents, it's so great to see more of you in the building. Thank you again for supporting our fundraiser and the 3rd through 5th grade career fair. They were both big successes, thanks to all your support.

Coming up on the 14th, we have the career fair for kindergarten through 2nd grade. This will be an outdoor fair focusing on vehicles. It should be lots of fun.

We will also start a passive fundraiser that should prevent us from having to do an active fundraiser next year. It's one where you simply register with them online and then shop at the stores you normally shop at (there are over 400 online stores). We receive a kickback percentage for our school! Heads up, this company will market their own office supply store heavily to our kids. The prizes they offer the kids are for this store only. Still, their prices are comparable, so if it's something you would buy anyway, no harm done.

As for guidance lessons, we'll do a little test taking skills and then hit the review lessons hard through the end of the year.

Sincerely,
Susan Leavitt Miller



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

Four fast facts about **I Matter Colorado**

The I Matter program provides up to **six free therapy sessions for youth in Colorado ages 18 and younger** (or ages 21 and younger if receiving special education services). A two year extension of the program is in [House Bill 22-1243](#) under consideration in the current session of the State Legislature. Funding is set to expire Thursday, June 30. Visit [IMatterColorado.org](#) or [YoImportoColorado.org](#) to sign up for services. Contact Laura.Gabbay@state.co.us with questions.

SAN JUAN BOCES & THE COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE TEACHERS
ARE VERY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE

LISA BAER

K-12 GT/ ELL COORDINATOR FROM DOLORES
AS OUR SAN JUAN BASIN INSPIRE INNOVATION

TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Lisa Baer jumped into her new role with Dolores Schools last fall ready to go - helping her students and teachers take advantage of everything we had to offer! From planning, hosting, and recording Science Fair and Destination Imagination (DI) mini-workshops in the fall, to arranging for an Inspire Innovation table during parent-teacher conference week, to serving at the last minute as local tournament host when our Regional DI Tournament changed format, Ms. Baer has gone above and beyond to serve her students, teachers and DI Team Managers. Under Ms. Baer's leadership, Dolores Schools were able to create, sustain and support 5 Destination Imagination Teams. And Mr Hopcia's high school researchers mark the first time in memory Dolores High School has as sent any students to the San Juan Basin Regional and Colorado State Science Fairs! By supporting all students in these pursuits, not limiting to only identified students assigned to her care, Ms. Baer's efforts and accomplishments have benefited all Dolores students and teachers.



We are very fortunate and very grateful to have her in the family! Congratulations!

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