



Dr. Blincoe's Blog



**What is a community?**

What is a community? Is it simply a group of people that live in the same area or vicinity? Is it a city or a county? I don't believe so!

A community is a group of people that look out for one another. They work through tough issues for the good of the community. They vote on issues to try and determine what's in the best interest for all. They grow (or shrink) their area together through decisions made. A community volunteers for one another: they fill sandbags and shovel snow together, they keep an eye out for each other's kids and dogs!

Most of all, Communities care for and love one another. They are there in good times and bad. And they lift up and support those that are in need.

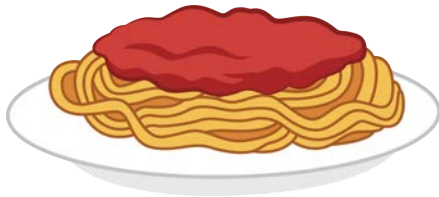
As most of you know by now, we recently lost a member of our school community and our larger community. It was a true tragedy and one that we are still trying to overcome. While my heart is heavy for the family and all of those grieving, I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of support for this family. Not only has Dolores come together for support, others in Mancos, Cortez, Dove Creek, and other close communities have reached out and made significant donations to help. The support and love has been staggering and brings a tear to my eye just as this tragedy did.

The words "Thank you" do not do my gratitude justice. My pride swells for the "community" that has been shown these past two weeks!

# Director Rosenkrance Teddy Bear Preschool



**February 9th at 5:00** we will be hosting a “Space” dance. We will serve a meal of spaghetti at 5:00 and immediately afterwards the dance will start. Everybody is invited. The more the merrier. :)



Teddy Bear will be hosting Home Visits/PTC’s the week of February 12th. Your child's teacher will be contacting you shortly.

We will be celebrating Dr Seuss starting the week of the 12th. We are sending reading logs with your child home on the 8th. Please record each book that you read into the log. Bring the logs back when they are filled and your child receives a small prize each day that they return a log(s). You may, of course, also ask for more logs and continue reading and your child will receive more prizes. Also, when they bring the logs in we will have your child place the strips on Dr Seuss’s head to build his hat..

Teddy Bear is selling Rocky Mountain Chocolate to raise money to host our Family Nights and other events that we do. You can email, call, or come over anytime for chocolate bars. Right now we only have dark chocolate and milk chocolate bars. Also, we have Rocky Mountain Chocolate discount cards we are selling for \$10.00 each. Thank you for your support.



## Counselor's Corner



### Counselors Corner: Rumors and Gossip

One of the results from last year's anti-bullying survey was that gossip came up as a bigger problem than anything else! So we are using our new anti-bullying policy and squabbles curriculum to combat this pervasive issue. Gossip spreads like wildfire and with the advent of cell phones and the internet, the negative weight that gossip puts on its targets is magnified exponentially. We hope you will help us reinforce the following strategies. Helping your children practice their responses will increase their confidence in being kind and firm:

- Understand the damage that gossip does to it's targets
- When you hear another person being gossiped about
  - respond softly but firmly with the following responses or something similar:
    - "It's okay, we don't know the truth about that." or
    - "It's okay, we don't need to talk about that."
  - Move the conversation to something else that is positive and productive
- If someone comes to you asking if a rumor about you is true, simply ask, "Do you believe it?"
  - If they say yes, respond with, "I'm sorry you believe the gossip." And move on to safer friends.
  - If they say no, thank them for not believing the gossip.

If our students remain calm and convey the attitude that they don't care about the gossip, it is much more likely to be boring and die down and go away. Their reputation will be restored or remain intact. But if they try to defend themselves it comes across as a counter attack, even though it is not meant to be. If they deny the rumors it conveys an attitude of weakness and fear and the gossip will continue to spread because it will continue to be exciting and "scandalous." Thank you so much for your support in combating this pernicious problem!

The Dolores School Counselors

## Jennifer Gaddis

# Health and Wellness



### Did You Know...

Four Corners Youth Clinics is located on campus of the Dolores School District. Our mission is to keep children and youth healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. We offer services such as well child exams (that include a sports physical upon request), nutritional guidance, care for flu and cold symptoms, headaches, urinary tract infections, skin issues, as well as mental health assessments and therapy.

Our nurse practitioner is in the clinic Tuesdays and Thursdays, and our behavioral health professionals are on-site Monday through Thursday. If you need a registration packet to fill out for your child or to schedule an appointment, please send us an email at [4CYC@everychildpediatrics.org](mailto:4CYC@everychildpediatrics.org) or call 970-560-4890. We are open from 8 am - 4 pm Monday through Thursday when the school is open.

## Principal Walker

# Dolores Elementary School



### Dolores Elementary School Attendance

Attendance is up this year! The staff at Dolores Elementary would like to thank you for your commitment to education in our public schools.

From the beginning of school until last week we have only 14% of our elementary student population that have missed 10% or more days of school. During the same time period last year we had 20% of our students that had missed 10% or more days of school. When our students are healthy and attending class consistently it gives our teachers a huge boost as it minimizes them having to teach multiple lessons to those that were out.

# Dolores Elementary School (continued)

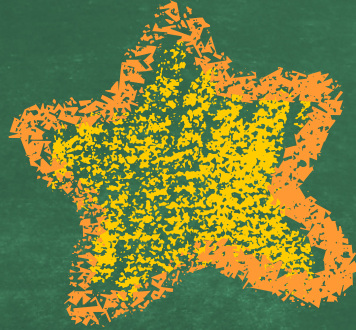
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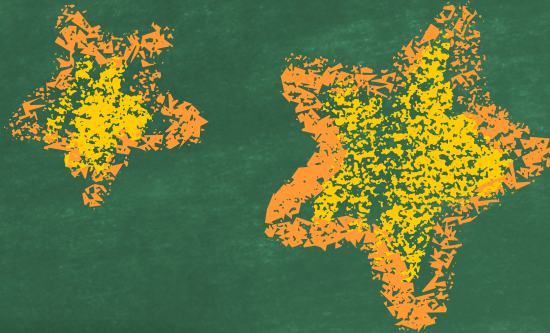
Awards



Accelerated Reader  
Quarter 2



Mileage Club Winners



Principal Weiss

## Dolores Middle School



### World-Class Speaker Visits Secondary Students:

The secondary students had the opportunity to have world-class speaker Donovan Tolbert visit last week. Donovan had a very powerful message about setting goals, working hard and never giving up. If you would like to watch a short video of his presentation visit the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH DONOVAN'S "ZERO TO HERO" TOUR Video \(4 MIN\)](#)

# Dolores Middle School (continued)



## Congratulations to our January Middle School Students Spotlights

We look for the following to be chosen for Students Spotlight:

Effort - work hard and is persistent ● Character - displays initiative, honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, optimism ● Behavior - no referrals ● Social Relationships - leadership, willingness to help peers, show respect ● Attendance - good daily attendance and no excessive tardies.



**Harlie Nielson** is always positive, never complains, and she does every task to the best of her abilities. She is kind and compassionate towards everyone. We have never seen Harlie in a bad mood. As a result of her growth mindset and worth ethic, she has shown great academic growth this year. Her character and academic integrity is exactly what we love to see in our Dolores Middle School students. We are so proud of Harlie and thankful that she is a student at our school!



The 7th grade spotlight is shining bright this month on **Everly Young**. The 7th grade teachers are proud to have Everly in our classes. She is committed to earning top grades and is also committed to being a good human. We are happy to spend our school days with her.



This month, the eighth grade team is eager to nominate Miss **Calli Barber**. Calli is such a bright and caring girl who is really starting to step out of her shell and make her mark within the school. Miss Barber is an exceptional student, even taking high school leveled classes. Everything that she does, has her expertise and skillful touch applied to it. We look forward to seeing where this bright mind will go in her future. Congratulations, Calli!

# Dolores Middle School (continued)

**New hands on elective classes offered this semester for the middle school students:**

New STEM and I CAN classes are being offered as additional electives at Dolores Middle School this semester. As the year flies by, the STEM class has hovered bubbles on gases, studied potential and kinetic energy by building marshmallow shooters, raised tables, books and other classroom items with class-made air jacks along with experimenting with index card bridges exploring different designs and which of these have more strength and durability. The I CAN class has planted an herb garden in our class Aerogarden, hand sewed a Tic Tac Toe board, tried their hand with a sewing machine (aka: power tool with thread) and is currently authoring a pre-illustrated book that will be bound by the students after it is written. Both classes had a guest instructor, Chris LaRose, from PCC who brought his drones along with wonderful information about future STEM careers. All students were able to pilot the drones and we hope to have Mr. LaRose back for a drone programming class. Mrs. Kiddoo is very excited to introduce new projects and tie them to different educational areas such as math and science.



# Dolores Middle School (continued)

Congratulations to the following students for their academic achievements. The middle school staff is honored to recognize these students.



## Principal's Honor Roll

These students received all A's for the 2nd nine weeks.

Calliope Barber, Addison Thompson, Matthew Vega, Zane Brown, Arthur Lein, Stella Reininger, Isaac Samulski, Bryson Schmitt, Brody Conrad, Randon Hooper, Cedar Hunt, Isaac Marty, Odin Mikkelsen, Hayes Robinson, Leif Rowan, Abigail Schmitt

## A and B Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks

Ansel Barber, Nathan Gaddis, Chloe Hanson, Emilyynn Hill, Branson Lee, Emmett MacMillan, Rylan Maloney, Emma Nielson, Bodhi Patillo, Kyndall Schmitt, Ayion Stresen-Reuter, Corben Tallmadge, Gavin Veach, Traevan Collom-Yoder, Trenton Gofforth, Haylee Hanson, True Loomis, Nevada Schoonover, Kyler Shoopman, Brayson Trevino, Marshal Wickstrom, Adriana Dorsey, Zoey Easterday, Kennedy Erautt, Ellie Gregory, Bryson Higman, Gabriella Hollen, Keara Keene, Isaiah Perez, Lorelei Rantz, Atticus Smith, Callista Vaughn, Ayden Winter



## Perfect Attendance

Lavender Blacow, Evan Elder, Olivia Elder, Brody Gabel, Gabriella Hollen, Arthur Lein, Odin Mikkelsen, Chasen Stone, Ayden Winter



# Principal Schmitt

## Dolores High School



In an effort to continue to improve students' attendance at Dolores Schools the school and district administration have collaborated with the board of education to implement a new attendance policy regulation. This policy regulation will go into immediate effect for the Spring 2024 semester.

### **New Attendance Policy Regulation - JH-R**

**High School** - After students miss 20% of the school days (excused or unexcused) for the term they will have to make up the hours missed at a rate of 1 hour for every hour missed in order to earn credit for courses that were successfully completed with a grade of 60% or higher. If the hours are not made up prior to the start of the next school year the course(s) will remain coded on the student transcript as NC (No Credit).

**Middle School** - Students that miss 20% or more of the school days for the school year will be referred to the building leadership team for possible retention, summer school or alternative academic interventions.

**Elementary School** - Students that miss 20% or more of the school days for the school year will be referred to the building leadership team for possible retention, summer school or alternative academic interventions.

### **Out of District Students**

Students who miss 20% of the school days for the year or more may not be readmitted for the following school year.

Out of district students who wish to enroll in the Dolores School District may not be admitted if they have had an absenteeism rate of 20% or more.

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### **From the Technology Department:**

Do you have questions about student Chromebooks in the Dolores School District? Click below for details about student access to Chromebooks, repairs, getting new power cords, etc.

<https://doloresschools.org/chromebooks>

# Contact the Dolores School District

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[2023-2024 Yearly Calendar](#)

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