

GALLOPING GOOSE

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PRINCIPAL WALKER

Greetings Little Bear Families,

Our school just completed our mid year NWEA testing and the hard work of our students, teachers, and student support we had many students see a lot of growth. Our student attendance is on pace to cut last years chronic absence rate in half.

Spring is quickly approaching and opportunities and activities to participate in are beginning to start their registrations. Along with those, there are other opportunities for students to participate with their peers. PTA will be hosting an event this Friday in the commons themed **Candyland**. Students must be accompanied by an adult but all families are welcome to attend. Find out about more about these activities at the end of this newsletter.

The graphic features the words "LEVEL UP" in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font. Each letter is filled with a different color: 'L' is blue, 'E' is yellow, 'V' is red, 'E' is green, 'L' is yellow, 'U' is green, and 'P' is yellow. The letters have a thick black outline and are set against a white background.

KINDERGARTEN: MRS. LINDSAY MRS. JABURG MS. PEJSA

Kindergarten completed their Native American Unit last week. It finished with some of the classes creating a Native American shelter. Our students learned about some of the hardships that were faced in the early years of humans in North America. Students also learned about the unique cultural aspects of those and traditions that still exist today. Thank you to all the parents that helped out with this project.

FIRST GRADE: MRS. CHRISTENSON MRS. TOURJEE

.Please enjoy a couple of Photos from the Winter Performance courtesy of Ms. Spencer.



SECOND GRADE: MRS. LEIN MRS. WADE

WE ARE FINISHING UP OUR WESTWARD EXPANSION UNIT. THE STUDENTS BUILT A COVERED WAGON AND WROTE A LETTER TO GRANDPARENTS PRETENDING TO BE PIONEERS ON THE OREGON TRAIL. WE WILL BE STARTING OUR CIVIL WAR UNIT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AMERICAN HEROES. THEN, THE WEEK BEFORE SPRING BREAK, STUDENTS WILL BE CHOOSING A PERSON WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THIS YEAR TO COMPLETE A REPORT FOR "THE SECOND GRADE WAX MUSEUM."

FREE FUN FRIDAY UPDATE

FRIDAY FUNDAYS HAVE BEEN OFF TO A GREAT START THIS SEMESTER! THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, WE ARE STAYING AT SCHOOL FOR A FUN STEM DAY! WE WILL ALSO HAVE TIME TO RUN AROUND AND PLAY. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH IS AN AFTERNOON PROGRAM DAY FROM 12-4PM. WE WILL BE SWIMMING AT THE CORTEZ REC CENTER! PLEASE COME WITH YOUR SWIM GEAR. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

THIRD GRADE: MRS. FURSE MRS. LOWE MRS. WERNER

.Please enjoy a few Photos from the Winter Performance courtesy of Ms. Spencer.



FOURTH GRADE: MRS. SCHRAGE MRS. KNIGHT

The fourth grade kicked off their Geology Unit with a visit to the Powerhouse Museum in Durango. Students learned about different types of rocks and how they are formed. Our students continue to study about our earth and natural processes and they are working on the Theory of Plate Tectonics. Your student should be able to tell you how certain formations, such as mountains, trenches and rifts are formed as well as volcanic activity. We have had a blast studying Colorado History and those that have contributed to where we are today.

FIFTH GRADE: MRS. THORNBRUGH MR. KRUNWIEDE MR. WERNER

Greetings All!

The 3rd Quarter is always a busy time in 5th grade. In Math, we are smack-dab in the middle of our unit over operations related to fractions, mixed numbers, and decimals. In Science, we are starting our unit over Astronomy and Space. In Language Arts, we are working on studying the Renaissance and Reformation - these units will culminate in our annual Renaissance Fair on March 14th (this is the Thursday before Spring Break). It will be held from approximately 1:00 to 3:00 in the auxiliary gym, and parents and community members are encouraged to come see the results of our hard work!

A couple of additional reminders for the coming weeks:

- Book Fair will be held from Monday, February 19th to Thursday, February 22nd - it will NOT be during Parent-Teacher Conferences like it normally is
- Watch out for Parent-Teacher Conference information coming home in the next couple of weeks - they will be held Monday, March 11th and Wednesday, March 13th.
- Spring Break will be the week of March 18th-21st

Sincerely,
The 5th Grade Team

STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT COUNCIL IS ALWAYS HELPING AROUND DES. STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING UP THE FLAGS EVERY MORNING. THEY ARE LEADERS ON CAMPUS AND CONTRIBUTE BY PURCHASING ITEMS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO ENJOY. THEY RECENTLY PURCHASED TETHER BALLS FOR STUDENTS TO PLAY WITH ON THE PLAYGROUND.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: MRS. MILLER

WE HAVE BEEN PRACTICING HOW TO RESPOND "SOFTLY" TO AGGRESSION, WHETHER IT IS MEAN WORDS OR ACTIONS (NOT PHYSICAL AGGRESSION THAT CAUSES PAIN, WHICH IS A SAFE SCHOOL VIOLATION AND NEEDS TO OF COURSE BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY). BY SOFT I DO NOT MEAN QUIET OR WEAK. BUT TO RESPOND IN SUCH A WAY THAT MANAGES THE AGGRESSIVE PERSON AND KEEPS THEM FROM ESCALATING FURTHER. BEGINNING WITH "IT'S OKAY" OR "I'M SORRY" IS NOT ADMITTING FAULT, BUT INSTEAD SIGNALS TO THE AGGRESSOR THAT THIS IS NOT A BULLY-BACK, OR RETALIATION. THE KIDS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO ASK THEM TO PLEASE STOP OR TO TELL THEM WHAT THEY ARE DOING WRONG, BUT WE HAD THEM RATE THOSE TYPE OF RESPONSES: DID THEY FEEL IT WOULD GET BETTER OR WORSE AND INVARIABLY, THEY INSTINCTIVELY KNOW IT WILL MOST LIKELY GET WORSE. CHECK OUT MY HANDOUT ON HOW TO HANDLE BULLYING. ON THE BACK SIDE ARE LOTS OF IDEAS OF HOW TO RESPOND TO PUT DOWNS IN A SOFTER, MORE PRODUCTIVE WAY. THE KIDS NEED HELP PRACTICING AND IT HELPS THEM FEEL EMPOWERED.

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SPECIALS: DRAPER ELDER SPENCER VAUGHN

Mrs. Elder PE: 5th Grade is shooting for the Colorado State Archery Tournament! Let's wish them luck as they move on from practice time to tournament shooting through February! LET'S GO DOLORES BEARS ARCHERY TEAM!!!

Ms. Draper Music: The final rounds of Dolores Bears Got Talent Show will be 2/28/24.

Ms. Spencer Technology: Students in technology are adventuring in google docs, all about email, and continuing our pursuit to become a great Digital Citizen.

Mr. Vaughn Art: [Artist Pallet Link](#)

NURSE'S NOTES: NURSE GADDIS

I would like to share the "[How Sick is too Sick](#)" to come to school from the CDE. The CDE has specific guidelines requiring children to stay home with certain illness and symptoms. Although, mild cough and cold symptoms do occur and if your child can maintain hygiene at school while covering coughs and sneezes, they are welcome to attend.

EXTRA NEWS

Online Absence Form You can fill out this form online for when our child will be absent.

<https://doloresschools.org/absence-form-elementary/>

Super readers level up! This is the link to Accelerated Reader, a site where your student can take tests on books that they have read, earn points and earn a spot on our AR Wall!

<https://global-zone51.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/248287>

Dolores Family Project If you are needing some extra food for the weekend Dolores Family Project can help.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hci-7DqzqNa5cmb3fViKlePnQPwOuKxc/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hci-7DqzqNa5cmb3fViKlePnQPwOuKxc/view?usp=drive_link)

Free Friday Fundays Find more information about the Free Friday Fundays for everyone K-12!

<https://doloresschools.org/free-friday-fundays/>

Board and Card Game Club Join your friends for board/card games or bring sport/collectable cards to trade! For more information click the link.

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KiDs Beach Club

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Dolores Club Volleyball Registration

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Tri-City Soccer Registration

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Dolores Youth Baseball

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Elemental Strength

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PTA NEWS
MEETING MINUTES

2/14/24- PTA MEETING
2/19/24-2/22/24- BOOK FAIR DURING SCHOOL ON 2/20 AND 2/21.
2/23/24- CANDYLAND FAMILY NIGHT