

GALLOPING GOOSE

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PRINCIPAL WALKER

Greetings Little Bear Families,

You can feel it in the halls and inside of busy classrooms; there is electricity in the air that vibrates and hums as we approach summer break. Over this school year many of our scholars have had huge growth both academically and emotionally. They have indicated this in their behavior on and off campus as well as recent achievement on normed tests.

Our teachers at DES are the BEST! Thank you, thank you, to all the PTA and parent volunteers that contributed to all of the gifts, food, and thoughtful letters. When I ask our teachers why they stay at DES I usually hear in order 1. Our Students and 2. The support for our community (I guess I have some work to do to move up on the list).

Please check out the flyers located at the end of the newsletter as we have events going on this weekend. We look forward to finishing this year strong!



LEVEL UP

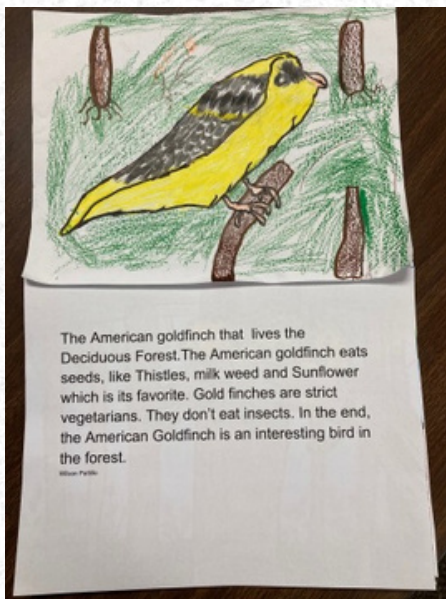
KINDERGARTEN: MRS. LINDSAY MRS. JABURG MS. PEJSA

SUMMERTIME is right around the corner. Please stay tuned for communication from your student's teacher about the end of the school year. Thank you for sharing your child with us this year. They have been such a blessing to our school and we look forward to a bright and successful career in the Dolores School District.

FIRST GRADE: MRS. CHRISTENSON MRS. TOURJEE

FIRST-GRADERS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD WITH THEIR ANIMAL RESEARCH PROJECT. AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THE ARCTIC, SONORAN DESERT, EAST AFRICAN SAVANNA, THE AMAZON RAINFOREST, THE TEMPERATE DECIDUOUS FOREST, AND THE FRESH AND SALTWATER HABITATS, STUDENTS CHOSE AN ANIMAL TO RESEARCH. THANK YOU PARENTS FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE RESEARCH AT HOME! FROM THE FACTS STUDENTS LEARNED THEY ARE WRITING A PARAGRAPH AND CREATING AN ILLUSTRATION.

PARENTS, WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FIELD DAY ON MAY 20TH (ONLY 6 OF 20 SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED AS OF 5/7). YOU'RE ALSO INVITED TO PICNIC WITH US ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. TO HELP PREVENT THAT SUMMER SLIDE REMEMBER TO KEEP READING, WRITING (ESPECIALLY IN CURSIVE), AND PRACTICING MATH. IT'S BEEN A HUGE YEAR OF GROWTH FOR THESE KIDDOS, AND WE ARE SO PROUD!



SECOND GRADE: MRS. LEIN MRS. WADE

THE SECOND GRADERS WILL BE VISITING THE DURANGO POWERHOUSE ON MAY 22ND AS PART OF OUR INSECT UNIT. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING WHY AN INSECT IS AN INSECT AND HAVE ENJOYED ILLUSTRATING PICTURES OF VARIOUS INSECTS TO MAKE AN INSECT BOOK. THEY HAVE ALSO WATCHED METAMORPHOSIS AS A CATERPILLAR MADE A CHRYSALIS AND THEN TRANSFORMED INTO A BUTTERFLY.

FREE FUN FRIDAY UPDATE

THIS MONTH WE HAVE TIME IN THE LIBRARY, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH PRESENTATIONS, AS WELL AS FUN WITH BOARD GAMES.

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

Third grade has wrapped up spring testing and is proud of how hard our students worked and the growth they made! We are ending the school year with our ecology unit. This will include a field trip to the Fish Hatchery in Durango. To wrap math up for the year, we will be solidifying skills that we have worked on all year long. We are excited to spend these last few weeks of their Grade making memories together!



FOURTH GRADE: MRS. SCHRAGE MRS. KNIGHT MRS. LEWIS

Wow, what an amazing year we have had! We will be finishing strong and love to have every student in attendance, every day. We have started our Treasure Island unit and are finishing our science & Colorado History lessons.

We are proud of the students for working hard on the CMAS tests and their NWEA tests.

Mrs. Lewis's & Ms. Knight's classes will be going on their Mesa Verde field trips. Ms. Schrage's class had a fantastic time last week.

We want to thank you for all your support this year and for sharing your amazing kids with us! Have a great summer and we can't wait to see them as 5th graders!



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

Greetings Everyone!

We have had a fantastic year and cannot wait to celebrate all of our students at the Fifth Grade Promotion. We hope to see everyone there. We are looking forward to our field trip next week to Fort Lewis for the water festival where our students will engage with topics such as water conservation, water chemistry, the water cycle, local water systems, species habitats, weather, water quality and ecology.

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

IF YOUR STUDENT IS STRUGGLING IN ONE OR A FEW AREAS OF THEIR LIFE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE FRONT OFFICE SO THAT WE MAY HELP FIND THE RIGHT RESOURCE FOR THEM.

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: Mark your calendars for Field Day, May 20th!

Field Day Information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lxdEovQGxso5i1ZUyHWrhW1LMUGFKWkT/view?usp=sharing>

Ms. Draper Music:

Ms. Spencer Technology:

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

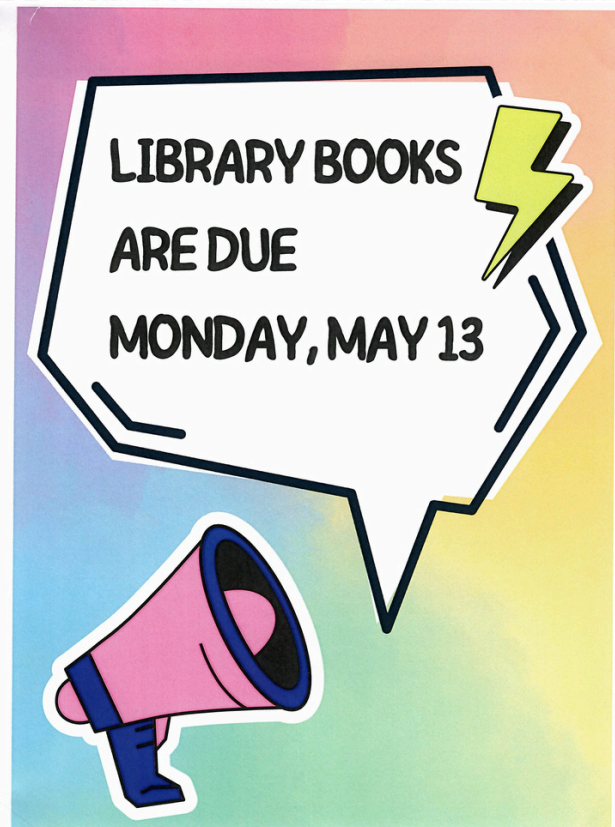
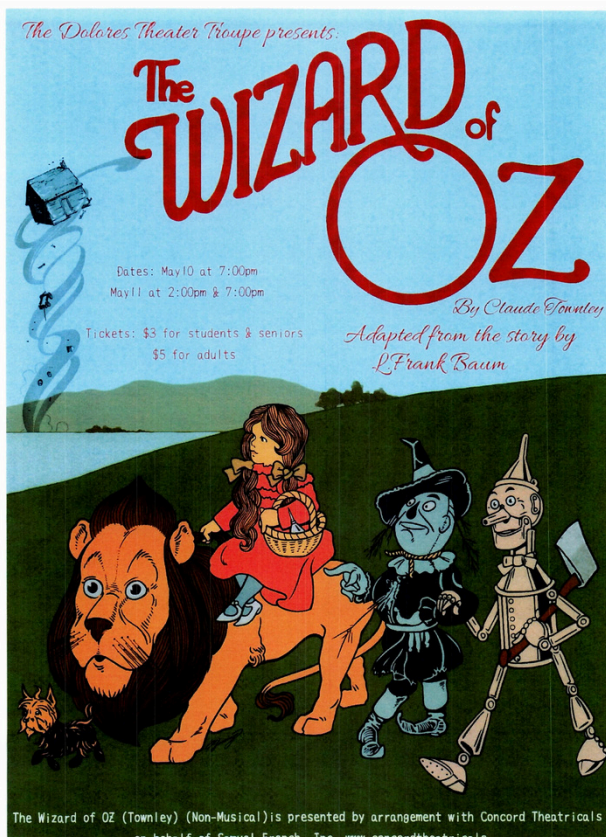
Elemental Strength

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PTA Garden Party!

Bake Sale, Tool Bring cash for treats!

YOU'RE INVITED!
Come help refresh the front garden and beautify our school.

MAY 11, 10AM-1PM

Bring the family, work gloves, and a shovel or hand tools.
 Snacks and drinks provided.

Questions? Email doloresbears.pta@gmail.com

DOLORES ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

3-5th 9am-11am
 K-2 12:30-2:30pm
 (volunteers needed 30 minutes early please)

MAY 20

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD!

- Snack Shack
- Little Bear Ninja Course
- Water Game
- Races
- Tag
- Games
- Music
- Tug-O-War and much more!

Email Mrs. Elder now for volunteer sign-up!
belder@dolores.k12.co.us

DOLORES ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Summer Learning!

BUILDING BLOCKS

Elementary: The Building Blocks of the Earth
 Current grades 2nd - 4th

Middle: The Building Blocks of Innovation
 Current grades 5th - 7th

Tues. 5/28 - Thurs. 5/30	7:45 - 8:00 drop off
Mon. 6/3 - Thurs. 6/6	12:00 - 12:15 pickup
Mon. 6/10 - Thurs. 6/13	Tentative field trips Thursdays
Mon. 6/17 - Thurs. 6/20	No Fridays
Mon. 6/24 - Thurs. 6/27	

Your teacher believes YOU would benefit by attending this opportunity.

Please RSVP YES/NO to Ibaer@dolores.k12.co.us
 If YES, please complete the permission slip and return to the school secretary.

PREORDER NOW
 LIMITED SUPPLY!
2024 YEARBOOK
\$20
 Arrives last week of school!
 DOLORES ELEMENTARY AND PRESCHOOL

Slip Must Be Delivered with Payment to Order:

Student Name(s) Grade Level _____

Parent Name: _____

Quantity of Books: _____ x \$20 = _____ (total enclosed)

Books arrive May 20-23rd, Limited Supply

FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION



DOLORES ELEMENTARY

JOIN US TO PROMOTE THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS
TO MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE LITTLE BEAR GYM!



WEDNESDAY, MAY
22, 2024

STARTS AT
1:30PM

