

August 2024



*Dolores School District*

## Newsletter

Superintendent Alesa Reed

### Dolores School District RE-4A



Dear Dolores District RE-4A, Home of the Bears!

I hope you are doing well and had a rejuvenating summer break. As the new school year gets underway, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all our students, families, and staff. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the Dolores School District RE-4A as Interim Superintendent this year. We are off to a great start. Staff have attended pre-service

meetings all week in preparation for students and families. The district open house and orientations were a big success. Thank you to all who attended.

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, I am optimistic and excited. Our dedicated educators and staff have been hard at work preparing for a successful year ahead, focusing on academic excellence, student well-being, and fostering a positive and inclusive school community. Our commitment to excellence is unwavering, and we are confident that this year will be a great one.

Please stay connected with us throughout the year. Last year, we added this Newsletter, which has been well received. We have the [DSD Events Calendar](#) on the school website, FaceBook posts by building, and other building communications. Communication between home and school is vital to your child's academic progress and overall well-being. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers, counselors, or our administrative team if you have any questions or concerns.

I am formally introducing and welcoming Amanda Hill as our new elementary principal. She has worked in our district for ten years in various capacities, and we are thrilled to have her. Matt Walker has also transitioned to the high school principal position. Mary Weiss will continue as the middle school principal. These are three competent individuals. Please welcome them and introduce yourselves as you see them in the halls.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and partnership. Your contributions are invaluable to us. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Thank you,  
Alesa Reed

## Director Valiena Rosenkrance

# Teddy Bear Preschool



Welcome Back families!

Our first day back is August 12th. We are hosting Open House on Thursday, August 8th 12:30-6 pm. Please bring your child so they can meet their teacher and see the classroom. This is also a great time to bring your child's school supplies. No appointments needed, but if it's more convenient please contact the preschool office, (970) 882-7277.

We are excited to meet our families and children. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Valiena or Pam.

## Principal Amanda Hill

# Dolores Elementary School



We are thrilled to announce our new Elementary Principal: Amanda Hill.

Amanda has worked at Dolores Elementary in various positions since 2015. Her family is established in Dolores and deeply ingrained through employment, school, athletics and service.

She comes to us with a wealth of experience in education and a deep commitment to fostering a supportive learning environment, Amanda brings a passion for student success and innovative teaching methods. Her dedication to nurturing the growth of every child aligns perfectly with our school's values and vision for the future.

We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly make as we strive for excellence in education.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead under Amanda Hill's leadership!

## Principal Mary Weiss

# Dolores Middle School



Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff at the Dolores Middle School, we welcome you back. School resumes the week of August 12th at 7:45 AM and ends at 3:55 PM.

We will be having only the 6th graders start school on August 12th to help them get familiar with the campus, get to know their teachers, and understand the middle school expectations. On August 13th all students will return to school.

# Dolores Middle School (continued)

Here is the Welcome Back Schedule for the first week of school:

Monday, August 12th is set for our Super Sixth Graders' FIRST DAY- At 7:45 AM, 6th grade students will meet in the Auxiliary Gym for a short welcome and to prepare for the rest of the day.

Tuesday, August 13th, all middle school students will return to school. - At 7:45 AM, 7th and 8th grade students will meet in the Auxiliary Gym for a short welcome and to prepare for the rest of the day.

We look forward to seeing you! We expect this year to be a great time to renew friendships, achieve great academic success and get to know the amazing staff. Please contact the school office at (970) 882-7288 if you have any questions or concerns.



**back to school**

 **OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for open house at Dolores Middle School  
**\*ALL 6-8 STUDENTS\***

August 8, 2024  
4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Presentation at 4:00 pm  
**\*ALL 6-8 MS STUDENTS AND PARENTS\***

At open house you can visit your child's classrooms, meet their teachers, and fill out any requires paperwork.

 **SPORTS INFO**

Dolores Athletes:

If your student(s) are playing sports this year, we have a new way to fill out paperwork. Go to <https://doloresbears.com> and click on Athletic registration. If you have any questions, please call the office at 970-882-7288. Payments will still be made in the office.

 **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**6TH GRADE:**

- 3 3 Prong (with pockets) Folder
- 1 10-pack Sheet Protectors
- 2 Composition books (Science & Social Studies)
- 2 15 inch 3 ring binders (Science & Math)
- 1 1 Subject Notebook (Math)
- 2 3 Subject Notebooks (Reading & Language Arts)
- 2 pkg. PENCILS
- Colored pencils
- Clorox Wipes
- Box of Kleenex

 **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**7TH AND 8TH GRADE:**

- 3-ring fabric binder with ZIPPER
- 2 pkg. Loose-leaf College paper
- Pencil pouch
- 2 pkg. PENCILS
- Colored Pencils
- Dividers
- Box of Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes

All Grades PE: **\*Updated\***  
Students will need t-shirt , shorts, and PE shoes

## Principal Matt Walker

# Dolores High School



There are very few annual events that give rise to feelings that going back to school does. For myself, each of the past 18 back-to-schools stir up feelings of excitement, apprehension, hope, insecurity, and inspiration, to name a few. These feelings come and go and seemingly occupy my thoughts simultaneously, but the emotion this year that

seems to dominate is exhilaration. This opportunity is a professional challenge that I am ready to take on enthusiastically. I do my best each day to be grateful for the opportunity to lead our students and staff and build relationships with our community.

I enter the job with 18 years of experience in rural, urban and suburban locales in both Texas and Colorado, including time in each of the elementary, middle and high school settings. These diverse experiences have allowed me to observe the social, behavioral, and academic transitions from kindergarten through high school senior year. I have had the opportunity these last 2 years to serve Dolores as the elementary school principal, and as a high school teacher and athletic director. Previously, I have served as an assistant principal, an instructional coach, an online school director, a middle school and high school teacher, adjunct faculty at a university, and an athletics coach both at the high school and collegiate levels.

In the coming weeks I look forward to speaking with parents, students, staff, and community members to hear ideas, share concerns, and find ways to strengthen our partnerships. My door is always open but there are upcoming events next week where I will be available: August 7th from 4-6 is our Freshman Orientation and Open House is August 8th from 12-6. Let's get our students exhilarated about the school year. Go Bears!

## Transportation Director Curt Haun

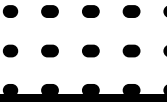
# Dolores School District



Students who rode the bus last school year, and will be riding the same bus route this school year, **do not** have to contact the transportation department

# Contact the Dolores School District

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[Events Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 Yearly Calendar](#)

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