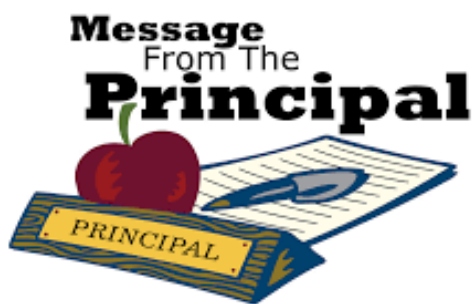


AUGUST

ELEMENTARY GOOSE

CAUTION! FUTURES UNDER CONSTRUCTION



MRS. HILL PRINCIPAL

Greetings Students and Families,

I am so excited for this school year. We are off to a great start with many engaging activities, high expectations for all students, and lots of fun while learning. The teachers have worked tirelessly these past few weeks to implement a new math curriculum, a new computer program, a new writing curriculum, and a new platform (ALMA) for attendance and grades. Please give them a shout out if you haven't already.

My door is always open for questions, comments, or concerns and I encourage you to reach out to me at any time. I will always answer emails/voicemails within 48 hours. By partnering together we will achieve great things this year and many more to come. I can only grow with your help and feedback.

Parents have the right to request teacher qualifications under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). If you have questions regarding this, please reach out to the district office for more information.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you and partnering with you this year. Go Little Bears!

Educationally Yours,
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MRS. DOMAGATA

Hello, my name is Mrs. Domagata. I am the new elementary school counselor. I have a Master degree in Mental Health Counseling and a background in School Counseling and Community Mental Health. I am excited to be at Dolores Elementary School! I will be teaching lessons in the classroom, running lunch groups and meeting with students one on one as needed. Each quarter we will have a list of character words the students will be learning about and practicing. At the end of the quarter we will hold an assembly honoring students portraying that trait. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns.

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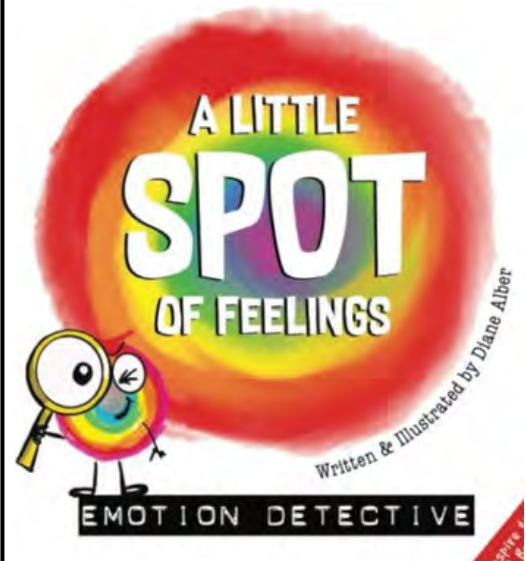
KINDERGARTEN
MRS. JABURG, MRS. PEJSA

Both kindergarten teachers read the story Chicka Chicka BOOM BOOM and are participating in activities to introduce the letters of the alphabet.



1ST GRADE
MRS. MYERS, MRS. TOURJEE,
MRS. WHITE

First Grade has had a great start! The first weeks are the longest-fastest days ever! We have lots of new experiences this year. We have two new teachers in First Grade! Mrs. Myers and Mrs. White have joined Mrs. Tourjee to share in the excitement of working with these wonderful kids! First Grade is implementing A Little Spot of Feelings and Emotions and Take Action Life Skills! We are already learning to be a Feelings Detective! Dolores Elementary has a new math program, i-Ready Math. It has lots of hands-on experience and develops great problem solving and thinking skills. We also have a new writing program called 'Write Now, Right Now' developed by Colorado teachers. This will grow our writers with more tools for writing and communicating their ideas. In CKLA, we started out with short vowel words, nouns, and studying Astronomy. Look for information coming soon for a family night of stargazing. Remember to read most every night, send a daily snack, and send back the Go Home Folders every day. Thanks for sending in PE shoes! And Thank You for sharing your littles, not so littles, with us at Dolores Elementary.



2ND GRADE
MRS. LEIN, MRS. WADE

Greetings Second-Grade Families:

Welcome to week two of school! We continue to work on routines and procedures to make our learning environment the best it can be. As we settle in, we have started our new math curriculum, "I-Ready" in conjunction with ideas from "Building Thinking Classrooms." We are so lucky to have so many knowledgeable teachers in our building trained in this program (Thank you, Mrs. Wade, for your time this summer!) to help second graders build their thinking brains. It has been fun to see this in action with the thinking boards where partners share ideas and strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems within 20 right now. It will be exciting to see their thinking stretch as we dive into place value and operations with three-digit numbers in the future.

We are getting ready to jump into a favorite collection of stories called, "The Cat Bandit" and have also been enjoying a unit that has focused on characteristics of fairy tales and tall tales. We just hit the trail with stories and legends from the American frontier during the 1800's. Thank you for your support with providing needed supplies for your student to start the year. Please help your child to remember to bring a healthy snack each day and a water bottle at the start of each week - the days are still hot and young minds get thirsty!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at all. We look forward to a great year!





3RD GRADE
MRS. CHRISTENSON,
MRS. WERNER

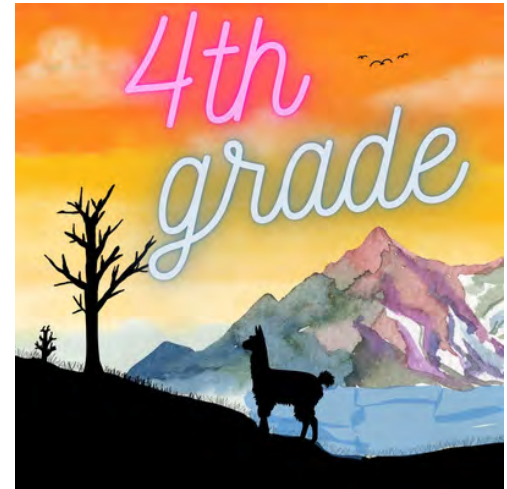
Welcome back Third-Grade Students and Families! We are off to a strong start in Mrs. Christenson and Mrs. Werner's class. The first week was spent getting to know each other and building our community. Check out the self-portraits and 'I Am' poems in the hallway. They are very cute! In math, we are using teaching strategies to build thinking classrooms which focus on collaboration and problem solving. Homework will start today, August 22 with spelling lists being sent home on the weekend to study for our weekly tests every Thursday. Our first Social Studies unit is a focus on maps from identifying the continents, oceans, major mountain ranges, and rivers of the world, to reading maps. We will be reading the classic novel *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame which will tie into our science unit on rivers.

4TH GRADE
MRS. COPENHAVER,
MRS. LINDSAY, MRS. SCHRAGE

Wow, we are really enjoying your students this year! We have started all of the content areas. With us switching classes, when your student leaves early, they miss essential instruction in a core class. We understand that occasionally things come up and they will need to leave. Please remind your students to bring a healthy snack and water bottle daily.

In ELA, we are doing our unit on personal narratives, in math we are working with whole numbers and learning place value, rounding, and addition & subtraction of whole numbers up to a million. In science we are working on energy in the world around us. In social studies we are learning about maps and all the features of them.

We want to thank you for all your support so far this year! Looking forward to a great year.



5TH GRADE
MR. KRUMWIEDE,
MRS. THORNBRUGH,
MR. WERNER

Greetings!

We here in 5th grade are ready for another outstanding school year! We have enjoyed getting to know our students over the past couple of weeks and are excited to continue working with them! This year, we are trying something new in 5th grade - each of the 3 teachers will have their own specialization (Mr Werner will teach math, Mrs.

Thornbrugh will teach Language Arts / Reading, and Mr. Krumwiede will teach Science / Social Studies). We will try to do most of our communication with parents on Class Dojo, so if you have questions about your child's performance in a specific topic, send a DM to the corresponding teacher.

In Math, we are starting the year studying various methods of multiplication and division, as well as geometry topics such as perimeter, area and volume. Please try and make time each week to help your child study their math facts, particularly times tables 0-12. Students each have a set of flash cards and are aware of some online resources that can help develop these skills.

In Language Arts, we are learning about personal narratives. Students have begun to write a personal story about a happy memory they have. We have also been focusing on adjectives and verbs. On Monday, the 19th, the students' first spelling list will come home. Please help your child study in the evenings. Tests will be on Thursday!

In Science, we are conducting experiments and investigating the matter all around us. There will also be an opportunity for your students to complete their first science project of 5th grade, which will involve them creating and presenting their very own chemical change/reaction. More exciting details to follow! Social sStudies in the first quarter will be focused on maps, world lakes, and the geography of the United States. They will also be required to learn the location of all 50 states on a map, as well as each state's capital city. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you as always for your continued support!



FRIDAY FUNDAY
MRS. WERNER

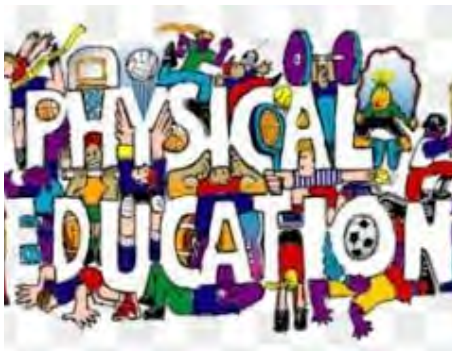
Friday Fundays are back! We kicked the year off with Friday Funday Olympics. We do not have Friday Funday this Friday, August 23rd, due to a teacher work day. Our next Friday is August 30th. We will be walking to Joe Rowell Park to play. Please send your student with tennis shoes and a water bottle. All Fridays are from 8am to noon. Drop off and pick up are in the cafeteria. Sign up here: <https://doloresschools.org/free-friday-fundays/>

I hope to see you all on August 30th!

NURSE BRANDY

Hi! My name is Brandy Dunn, your new school nurse. I am very excited to be here and meet all of you! My goal is to keep everyone healthy and happy this year so please don't hesitate to reach out with any needs or concerns you may have; my door is always open.

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PE
MRS. ELDER

Welcome back to PE Little Bears-I am looking forward to a year filled with movement, skills work, and nutrition studies all through the use of games and activities! Our overall PE curriculum is based on the Five Components of Fitness: muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardio-respiratory endurance, flexibility, and body composition. Not only are these concepts part of our Colorado State Physical Education Standards, but I figure if kids get in the habit of working all five of these concepts into their lives in fun ways, we'll be seeing some pretty healthy and happy adults someday! Grades K-2 will start their year out learning and improving their "locomotor movements" (any movement that gets you from here to there) through many engaging games. These are the building blocks to so many skills in the future. Grades 3-5 start their beginning of the year (BOY) fitness testing and goal setting for the end of the year (EOY) testing in April. Third grade learns how to test while 4-5 officially tests and records results. The goal is always to improve your own scores by the end of the year. (a personal record or "PR") Our tests are the PACER cardio respiratory run, Curl-Ups abdominal endurance test, and the Sit and Reach flexibility test. This helps kids know if they are doing what they need to be doing in their lives to keep improving! Let's get moving-Coach Elder



MUSIC
MS. DRAPER

Hello all of you wonderful parents & guardians! I am ecstatic to start another year with these amazing students! The first few weeks in music we will be exploring rhythms, beats, the value of notes and instruments. I look forward to seeing what these fabulous kiddos create and the knowledge they bring into the classroom to share with their peers.

Carpe Diem,
Krista Draper
Dolores Elementary Music Teacher

MS. SPENCER
TECHNOLOGY

This week's Adventures in Technology will focus on familiarizing students with login procedures, using Google Classroom, and learning the parts of a computer. We are also getting to know each other! If parents would like to be invited to our Google Classroom, please email me at bspencer@dolores.k12.co.us

Brenna Spencer
Elementary Technology
Teacher



ART
MRS. LOWE

Welcome back, everyone! I am so excited to be teaching art this year! I began my teaching career in an elementary art room and am so thrilled to be back. Our young artists have had a busy start to the school year! Kindergarten and First graders are learning about different types of lines and exploring various drawing tools. Second and third graders are creating textures in paint to show movement. Fourth graders are exploring pattern, shape, and color and a variety of drawing techniques to show who they are as an individual. Fifth graders are working on a collaborative art project to create a mixed media modern day Mona Lisa. I am really looking forward to the year ahead!



FLYERS

CLICKABLE LINKS

DOLORES ELEMENTARY
HANDBOOK

ONLINE ABSENCE FORM

FREE FRIDAY FUNDAYS

ROBOBEARS- LEGO ROBOTICS

STABLE STRENGTHS

FUTURE DATES

- 9/2/24 NO SCHOOL
9/4/24 PTA MEETING
2:00PM-3:30PM
9/9/20 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:00PM

“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen” — Denise Witmer.

PTA HAPPENINGS

WE KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL BUSY AS PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS OF OUR STUDENTS AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS MANY FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS ARE INVOLVED AS MUCH AS THEY ARE ABLE. IF YOU SIMPLY WANT TO GET UPDATES, YOU CAN DO SO BY EMAILING

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OR IF YOU WANT TO BE A VOTING MEMBER, SIMPLY SEE JENNIFER JOHNSTON IN THE OFFICE AND SHE CAN GET YOU SET UP (IT'S A \$10 ANNUAL FEE/YEAR). WE WILL ALSO HAVE ROLLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH EVENTS OR VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND EXPERTISE.

SEE BELOW FOR UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PUT ON. TO GET INVOLVED, REPLY TO

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OUT OF THIS WORLD-FALL FAMILY EVENT, PENDING DATE 11/8/2024, 5P-8P- NEEDS: SET-UP, TAKE DOWN, PLANNING

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR, TBD FALL DATE- NEEDS: CASHIERS, SET-UP, TAKE-DOWN

TEACHER MEALS FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ON OCTOBER 17 & 18- NEEDS: DISH FOR POTLUCK WHEN THEME DETERMINED, SET-UP, TAKE DOWN

THANKS FOR READING AND SIGNING UP TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR STUDENT(S)'S EXPERIENCE AT DOLORES ELEMENTARY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH YOU!

PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM