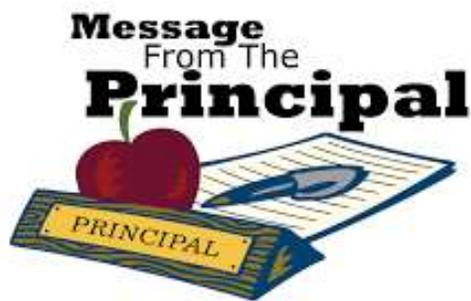


SEPTEMBER 2024

ELEMENTARY GOOSE

CAUTION! FUTURES UNDER CONSTRUCTION



MRS. HILL PRINCIPAL

Homecoming Spirit Week was AMAZING! It was so great to see the school spirit and school pride! Students had a blast showing "their inner stars". I am always amazed at their creativity and imagination. We even were able to show our "inner strength" during spirit week by staying focused and doing our best on our NWEA testing. The students always give their best effort and I love watching the concentration and confidence of our little bear learners.

Our end of quarter is quickly approaching! Can you believe it? This year just seems to be flying by at a very rapid pace. We will have our end of quarter assembly on October 10th at 8:15am. Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us. Please check in at the office, receive your RED sticker, and our student council members will escort you to the gym. We will be giving our attendance awards, honor roll awards, and character awards. For the character awards we have been focusing on character traits of Friendship and Teamwork. Talk with your child about the lessons they have learned and engaged with during Mrs. Domagata's visits to the classrooms.

Parent Teacher Conferences are also sneaking up on us. They will be on Thursday evening October 17th from 4-7 and Friday morning October 18th from 8-12. Please look for communication coming home in the next couple of weeks from your child's teacher.

Parent-teacher conferences are important for many reasons, including:

- Growing a partnership for success between parents, teacher, and student
- Understanding your child's progress
- Addressing concerns early
- Setting goals together
- Creating open communication
- Building a trusting and supportive relationship and community for your child as a learner

Lastly, I am looking for 2 parent volunteers that would like to be a part of a focus group for our SCAP (Student Centered Accountability Program) review in October. If you are interested please email me. If there are more than 2 volunteers, I will lottery draw from a hat and let you know! Thanks in advance for supporting our school through this new process.

As always, I am enjoying all the enthusiasm and learning that is happening each and every day here! These students amaze me at every turn. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Partners in Learning!
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MRS. DOMAGATA

This month I taught lessons about friendship and feelings. We discussed and practiced ways to be great friends. We also learned how to identify our feelings and tools we can use when big feelings distract us from learning.

In Kindergarten, first and second grade (K-2) we will use The Spots of Feelings Curriculum. This month we read the Little Spot of Belonging, where we learned the importance of being part of a community and new friendship skills.

In third, fourth and fifth grade (3-5) we will use The Zones of Regulation Curriculum. We made tool boxes containing coping tools we can use to help calm our minds and bodies to be ready to learn.

Next month our character word is teamwork. Grades K-2 will read a Little Spot of Teamwork and participate in activities to build our teamwork skills. In grades 3-5 we will talk about teamwork, conflict resolution and bullying prevention and reporting. Please note, The Dolores School District Bullying Plan is on the district website (also linked below). The plan includes The Dolores School District Procedure and ways to report concerns of bullying. We know that it is imperative for students to feel safe at school in order to learn. The Dolores School District has zero tolerance for bullying behavior. We will address bullying reports immediately.

As always, you contact myself or Mrs. Hill with any questions or concerns.

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Dolores School District Plan
<https://doloresschools.org/bullying-plan/>
<https://doloresschools.org/bully-reporting-forms/>

Curriculums
K-2
<https://www.dianealber.com/pages/research>
3-5
<https://zonesofregulation.com/research/>

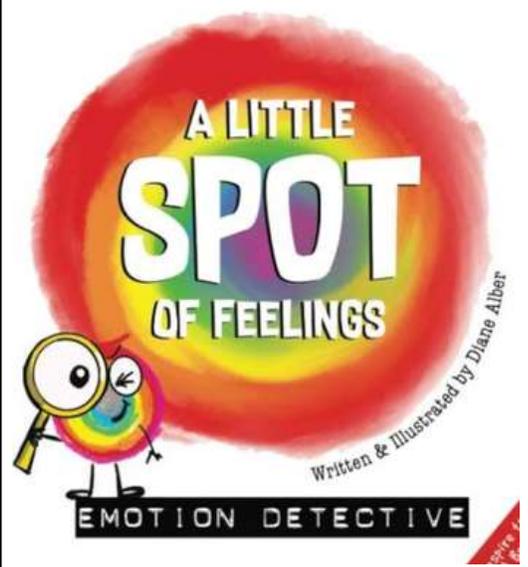


KINDERGARTEN
MRS. JABURG, MRS. PEJSA

In kindergarten we are doing well with all our new routines. We are learning how to sound out and blend words with two and three sounds. In math we are working on more than, less than and the same as.

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

We are "Rockin' and Rollin'" into our Study of the Earth in the CKLA-Knowledge. First grade is learning all about how the earth was formed, layers of the earth, rocks and minerals, volcanoes, and dinosaurs. Oh, My! We have all sorts of experiments and experiences planned to develop and enrich their learning about the earth. In CKLA-Skills, we are reading about a trip to the U.K. and learning all sorts of new things along with sounding out our words while thinking about what they say. The kids get lots of practice with their spelling while studying all the skills of phonics. The kids are writing in their journals and developing their "Team Complete" when writing sentences and connecting sentences to the topic. We are using CUPS/COPS for checking our sentences for capitals, organization and usage, punctuation, space, and spelling. Does it make sense and sound right when you read it out loud? There is lots to unpack with our new writing program, Write Now, Right Now. Math is a thinking activity! As we have been exploring addition and subtraction, we are finding multiple ways to make up to 10 with partners, use strategies like counting on and back, using addition to subtract, and being problem solvers and communicators. We are liking the new math program, i-Ready Classroom. You can help your child by playing dice and card games at home. Don't forget the valuable time during all those car trips! The kids love specials, recess, lunch, and snack time! Sending in a daily snack and their Go Home Folder is really important and some of our kids are needing more support to be consistent. Thank you so much for reading at home every night. Teamwork makes the Dream Work! We appreciate all you do to support school and learning at home.



2ND GRADE
MRS. LEIN, MRS. WADE

Dear Second-Grade Families:

We have finished with our series of stories about our curious and clever character, "The Cat Bandit" and have started a new skills unit and set of stories in reading called, "Bedtime Tales," that will prove to be equally engaging with a set of tricky hedgehogs.

In math, we are learning how to ask and answer questions about data as we construct picture graphs and bar graphs. We are using our skills with solving addition and subtraction word problems to help with determining quantities of "more than" and "less than" ("fewer than"). Please take any opportunity to help your child understand these concepts as you are out and about. The grocery store is a great place to ask questions about items involving "more than" and "fewer than" concepts.

We continue to focus on the skills of speaking and writing in complete sentences. Ask your child what the five components of a sentence are - be prepared to have them teach you a jingle that helps them to remember what a sentence needs! We will use these skills everyday in our writing.

We will be writing our own myths when we start our Greek Civilization unit soon. Currently, we are learning the importance of having a way to communicate ideas and share messages through a system of writing that early Asian civilizations used. Conveying thoughts in complete sentences orally leads to terrific written expression. We can't wait to see our young writers grow this year!

Thank you so much for your support at home - it makes a big difference!
The Second-Grade Team





3RD GRADE
MRS. CHRISTENSON,
MRS. WERNER

Third grade is wrapping up our first math and reading units! This week we were very impressed with our students effort on NWEA reading and math! Everyone improved on their continents and oceans assessment, with most of them showing 100% mastery. We introduced our animal classification unit this week and are impressed by what students retained from their first grade animal unit. Next week we are introducing multiplication as it relates to repeated addition.

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

We are really in the swing of things now. Our first field trip will be the first week of October. Please be looking for information to come home about that. 2 Parent chaperones from each class will be randomly selected to join us. If you are interested in chaperoning, please let us know on the permission slip when it comes home. Please sign and return your student's choice accountability weekly. It is a grade.



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

Greetings Parents and Guardians!

It has been a great first few weeks of 5th grade. The Fall is always such a busy, but fun time of year as we all work to get back into the swing of the school year.

In math, students have been working on geometry skills related to perimeter, area, and volume. We are also working on various methods of multiplication. Every 2 weeks we will be taking "Timer Tests" to assess students' knowledge over their math facts related to multiplication and division with digits 0-12. Students who need to study these may be tasked with bringing flash cards home for 10 minutes each night to study - ask your child if this information applies to them, as these students will need to get a slip signed each night from a parent confirming that they worked on these facts.

In Social Studies, we have just wrapped our unit on World Lakes and are about to dive into Geography of the United States next. Your students will study the US by region and learn interesting facts, the location of each state, as well as its capital city. In Science, we are almost through our unit on Investigating Matter including the differences between physical and chemical changes. We will wrap up the unit next week and then begin work on their 1st science project, which involves creating a chemical reaction for their classmates! As graded work comes home, I encourage you to help your students correct their errors and return the work for extra credit. I have explained my process to them all and at the end of the day just want them to learn the material.

In Reading, we are finishing up our personal narrative units. Students will be editing and revising their final drafts. We have been learning point of view, tone, and theme. Reminder, we took a week off of spelling, because of Labor Day, but we are back at it. Students will have words every week and a test every Thursday.

Please check to make sure your child is bringing their red folders to and from school each day - this is where we send home homework, paperwork, and any major announcements related to on-going activities at the school. In the next couple of weeks, we should get login information for Alma, our new system for keeping track of grades and student progress, so that students may see how they have been doing in terms of participation, academics, and attendance, which continues to be a big focus of Dolores Elementary.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if there are any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

The 5th Grade Team



FRIDAY FUNDAY
MRS. WERNER

Friday Fundays have been going great! We have spent time playing at Joe Rowell Park and Riverside Park, along with creating nature crafts. This Friday we are going to Boggy Draw to cheer on the middle school and high school cross country team at their home meet. What a perfect way to celebrate home coming week! Please send your student in Bear Wear this Friday. The full Friday Funday schedule and registration link can be found on the district website. Sign up here:

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

NURSE BRANDY

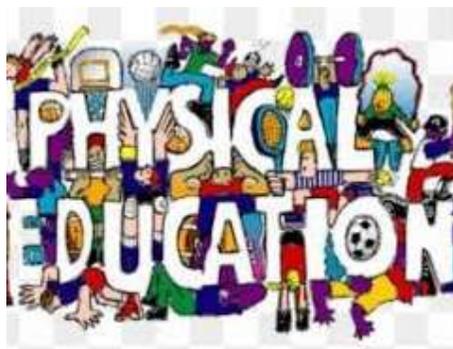


Health Reminders



— from the school nurse —

- *Make sure your child's immunizations are up to date*
- *Let's make sure we're spreading kindness not germs with good hygiene habits (washing hands, covering our coughs)*
- *Eat breakfast every day*
- *Establish a bedtime and wake-up routine to ensure adequate sleep*
- *Develop a routine for homework and after school activities*
- *Too sick for school? Fever >100.4, vomiting or diarrhea, not well enough to participate in class*
- *Please keep the nurse updated on any health concerns*



PE
MRS. ELDER

What a great fall it has been in PE with your kiddos! We've not only done beginning of the year fitness testing and goal setting with the older grades but worked on becoming more proficient with locomotor movements and proper throwing techniques with the younger grades (please encourage using the opposing foot). Plus, one of my favorite activities...all classes were able to go on a hike up the Black Goat Trail behind the football field within the last couple weeks! We brainstormed the benefits of doing things like hiking: cardio, muscular strength and endurance, fresh air, sunshine, becoming tougher, picking up trash, encouraging each other, enjoying nature, spotting wildlife, challenging yourself, and taking advantage of the wonderful area we live in! We hydrated a bunch in shady spots during these hot hikes with water bottles I brought to squirt into their faces...oops I mean mouths (I would never miss intentionally) haha. Thanks so much for sharing your students with me. Happy fall!



MUSIC
MS. DRAPER

Hello all of you amazing parents & guardians! October brings many wonderful things in the music world. We will begin rehearsals for Dolores Bears Got Talent as well as start preparing for the Christmas program. I will be sending out emails with more information throughout the next few months. Here's to wishing you all the best!

Carpe Diem,
Krista Draper
Dolores Elementary Music Teacher

MS. SPENCER
TECHNOLOGY

In Tech, we are working on how to write and send an email.

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

WOW! So much creativity is flowing through the art room! Kindergarten is finding everyday objects shaped like letters and using pictures of those objects to build their names. First grade students just finished observational drawings of teapots and vases and learned how to use light and dark values of contrasting colors in their artwork. Second graders are beginning abstract contour line drawings and will choose colors that show different emotions to fill in shapes. Third graders are learning how to make tints and add depth to landscape paintings. Fourth grade is using Claude Monet's Impressionist style to paint a still life using a variety of painting tools EXCEPT a paintbrush! Finally, fifth graders are using the artwork of Janet Fish as inspiration to create a still life of colored glass jars and vases that shows how light reflects off objects. You can always check out student artwork on display in the main hallway!



FLYERS

CLICKABLE LINKS

DOLORES ELEMENTAY
HANDBOOK

ONLINE ABSENCE FORM

FREE FRIDAY FUNDAYS

4TH GRADE DI TEAM

STABLE STRENGTHS

TOUR DE 4-H

PTA RENT A BEAR

BOYS BASKETBALL
REC CENTER

FUTURE DATES

10/2/24 PTA MEETING
2:00PM-3:30PM
10/9/24 PICTURE DAY
10/10/24 CHARACTER ASSEMBLY
8:15AM
10/14/24 BOARD MEETING
6:00PM
10/17/24 PTC 4:00PM-7:00PM
10/18/24 PTC 8:00AM-12:00PM

PTA SAVE THE DATE
OUT OF THIS WORLD

**“A friend is one of
the nicest things
you can have, and
one of the best
things you can be.”**

Douglas Pagels

PTA HAPPENINGS

"DOLORES LITTLE BEARS FAMILIES, HELP US CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENT'S SPECIAL DAY AND SUPPORT THE PTA FOR MORE FUN EVENTS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT!

THE PTA PURCHASED THE NEWLY INSTALLED SCHOOL MASCOT BEAR SCULPTURE THIS FALL TO CELEBRATE SEASONAL TRANSITIONS, SCHOOL SPIRIT, AND STUDENT BIRTHDAYS! WE'VE STARTED A RENT A BIRTHDAY BEAR FUNDRAISER TO HELP YOU CELEBRATE A SPECIAL DAY FOR YOUR STUDENT AND SUPPORT MORE FUN PTA EFFORTS. FOR \$10, FRIENDS OR FAMILY CAN RESERVE THE BEAR FROM 4PM TO 4PM AND DECORATE IT HOWEVER BEST CELEBRATES YOUR STUDENT'S BIRTHDAY. FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECORATING AND CLEANING UP WITHIN THE 24 HOUR WINDOW, FROM PICK-UP TO PICK-UP. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY ON SEPTEMBER 12, YOU CAN DECORATE THE BEAR STARTING AT 4PM ON SEPTEMBER 11; DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED BY 4PM ON SEPTEMBER 12. TO RESERVE YOUR BIRTHDAY BEAR, PLEASE SEE JENNIFER JOHNSTON IN THE FRONT OFFICE TO PAY AND RESERVE YOUR DATE ON THE CALENDAR. EMAIL DOLORESBEARS.PTA@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

*ANY DECORATIONS THAT ARE DEEMED OFFENSIVE OR INAPPROPRIATE MAY BE REMOVED AT THE SCHOOL'S DISCRETION. THE PTA AND DOLORES ELEMENTARY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED DECORATIVE ITEMS."

SEE BELOW FOR UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PUT ON. TO GET INVOLVED, REPLY TO DOLORESBEARS.PTA@GMAIL.COM

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 THEM 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