

February 2025



Dolores School District

Newsletter

Superintendent Alesa Reed

Dolores School District RE-4A



Dear School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we move into the second semester of our academic year. February brings both new opportunities and continued progress in our ongoing initiatives.

Building Update

Exciting events are planned to bring the community up to speed on the building project. We will have an "Update Forum" on either February 19th or 20th, so stay tuned.



Upcoming Events

- NHS Blood Drive Feb 10
- Board Meeting Feb 10

Many Wrestling and Basketball games also; thank you for supporting our athletes.

Winter Weather Procedures

As we continue through the winter months, please remember to check our district website and social media channels for any weather-related announcements. Our decision-making process for school closures prioritizes student and staff safety.

Staff Spotlight

This month we are recognizing two staff members. Mr. Kenny Archuleta works in the cafeteria, where he consistently interacts positively with the students and builds personal relationships with many of them. He goes above and beyond in his role, providing support to students in both their cafeteria experience and their life skills.

Superintendent (continued)

We would like to recognize Mrs. Angie Lowe, who transitioned to teaching elementary art this year after being a valued member of the elementary grade-level teams for many years. Thursday evening January 30 Mrs. Lowe hosted an art show for parents and the community, providing an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their artwork. Additionally, the event raised funds for the Red Cross to support victims affected by the California wildfires.

Closing Thoughts

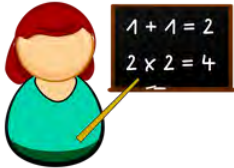
As we progress through this academic year, I continue to be inspired by our staff's dedication, our students' enthusiasm, and our community's support. Together, we are building a stronger educational foundation for every student in our district.



Director Valiena Rosenkrance Teddy Bear Preschool



Happy February!
Teddy Bear will be holding their Home Visits/PTC's on the evenings of February 19th & 20th, from 4:00-7:30. Your child's teacher should be in contact with you in the next week or two to schedule a time. This is a great opportunity for you and your child's teachers to communicate openly about your child's learning and overall well being at school.

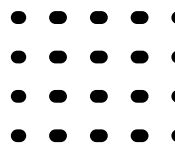


Teddy Bear Preschool Parent Group will be hosting a sock hop and silent auction on March 1st. This will be held at the Dolores High School main gym and the cafeteria. Doors will open at 5:00 and the **auction will begin at 6:00**. Dinner will be provided; BBQ pulled pork sandwiches. There will NOT be an admittance fee. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction it would be greatly appreciated.

So, bring your dancing shoes and have some fun with us!

Teddy Bear Preschool (continued)

Teddy Bear Preschool's next parent meeting is February 27th at 6:00. We provide FREE childcare and snacks. Please, come join us and help make plans for the remainder of the year!



Principal Amanda Hill

Dolores Elementary School



Happy February Families and Community!

WOW! Our Elementary Winter Art Show was a spectacular event brought together by the Student Council and our wonderful art teacher, Mrs. Lowe. The art was beautifully displayed down our hallways and showcased our students many talents.

The student council decided to sell the artwork and send the proceeds to the American Red Cross to help out the victims of the devastating wildfires in California. They set a goal to raise \$500 toward this cause. As always, our parents, families, and community stepped up to support the interests our students feel are worthy and at this time we have raised \$1,713 with more donations coming in! Thank you to everyone who donated money by purchasing fabulous artwork and helping our students reach their goals. [Here](#) is an article in the Cortez Journal that highlights this wonderful event.

Our wonderful PTA (parent teacher association) is always looking for volunteers to help with the many activities they hold at our school that benefit all students. Volunteers are a crucial part of a successful school. There are many benefits to your child, family and community when you volunteer:

- Shows your child you value education
- Helps your child grow by supporting their school and activities
- Spend more time with your child
- Contributes to the school environment
- Helps teachers

Please consider coming to their next meeting, emailing your interest to doloresbears.pta@gmail.com, or donating supplies to complete the construction of our soon to be new [outdoor play kitchen](#).

Dolores Elementary School (continued)

Upcoming events for February:

- Spirit Stick Sale and Valentine's Party on February 13th
- President's Day February 17th SCHOOL IN SESSION

Partners in Learning!

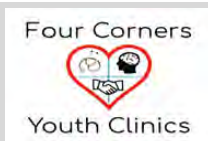
Amanda Hill- Elementary Principal

District Nurse Brandy Dunn Health and Wellness



It's that time of year when there are lots of illnesses going around, from strep, flu and COVID, to norovirus, etc. If you need to seek treatment from a provider, let me remind everyone about the 4 Corners Youth Clinic, right here on our campus. They have a nurse practitioner, a nurse and 2 counselors on our campus.

Please see below for more information and, as always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



General Information

Mission: Keep children and youth healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

Vision: All students have a right to access quality integrated health care in a caring and supportive environment that optimizes education, health, and well-being.

Facts:

- Services are available to all students in Montezuma County.
- For medical health services, insurance is accepted (Medicaid, CHP+ and private insurance).
- A sliding scale applies for uninsured patients.
- For behavioral health services, uninsured and private insured patients will be placed on a sliding fee scale.
- Additional charges might apply for laboratory tests.
- Each month, a patient statement indicating full charges, discounts and balance will be mailed to the home address
- **No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.**
- Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted (when available).

To Make Appointments:

- Southwest Open School campus: Please call 970-560-5056
- Dolores School District campus: Please call 970-560-4890

Registration forms may be dropped off at the clinics, emailed to 4CYC@everychildpediatrics.org, or faxed to 970-564-1654 (Cortez) or 970-459-3120 (Dolores).

Principal Mary Weiss Dolores Middle School



The middle school students signed a Thank You poster for the school board and community to say “Thank You” for the new school that is coming soon.

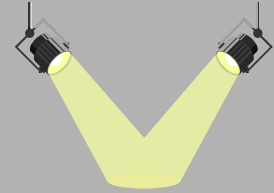
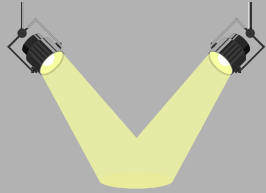


Hands-on Activities Classes

The middle school is adding new hands-on activity classes to enhance student engagement, improve retention, foster critical thinking and problem-solving skills, develop fine motor skills, encourage collaboration and communication, boost creativity, increase motivation, demonstrate real-world applications, build self-esteem, and encourage lifelong learning. These classes offer active learning experiences through experiments, projects, and demonstrations.



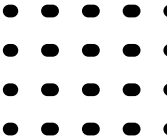
Dolores Middle School (continued)



Congratulations to our January Middle School Students Spotlights

Criteria to be selected for Student of the Month:

Academic Excellence, Positive Attitude, Good Behavior (active participation, responsibility, supportive to peers, personal growth, attendance and Punctuality



The 6th grade team is proud to acknowledge **Parker Pribble** for the 6th Grade student of the month. Parker is a phenomenal student. He is always answering questions and contributing to the discussions. Parker is also a student who will help other students and will maintain that positive attitude. In addition, Parker has earned the highest amount of PBIS points per quarter for the last 2 quarters. Keep up the great work Parker!



Kennedy Erault is our 7th grade student of the month!

Kindhearted
Energetic
Nifty
Noble
Eccentric
Dazzling
Youthful



The 8th grade team is proud to announce that our January Student of the Month is **Tommy Tunnell**! This student shows integrity in all aspects of his life. He is always ready to help someone in need with a compassionate manner. He has been excelling in all of his classes because of his attention to detail, staying up on assignments and having a positive attitude. Congratulations Tommy! Keep up the great work!

Dolores Middle School (continued)



Three new courses are being added:

Skills and Build: A hands-on elective exploring skills needed for various careers, with students creating projects using different materials and tools. It covers areas like engineering, art, carpentry, and design.

STEM 1: An introductory STEM course using fun, small-scale projects to explore coding, engineering design, robotics, and scientific experimentation.

STEM 2: A course building on STEM 1, with more challenging projects in coding, engineering, and scientific principles, designed to further develop technical skills and prepare students for advanced STEM learning.

Food Service Director Joshalynn Hicks Nutrition Services



Happy Valentine's Day!!! Stop by for great food!

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Principal Matt Walker

Dolores High School



DHS is excited to have our wrestling team competing at regionals in Ignacio February 7th and 8th. Boys and girls basketball continue to make strides as well. For more information please visit Doloresbears.com or see our Athletic Director's write up below. We are also proud of the knowledge bowl teams that competed at regionals in Durango February 1st

with the top team finishing 3rd and a potential trip to the state meet. The DHS debate team competed at the state competition February 1st with an outstanding performance by Sienna Parr who advanced to the semifinals in Informational Speech.

We celebrated Snowcoming February 1st with a dance. Royalty was announced at the home basketball game Friday vs Telluride.



The DHS Geometry for Trades class completed their fall project , a child's playhouse, and it is now for sale. It is presently in front of the High School, but you can find more information on the Doloresschools website.

Scholarship season is in full swing, with representatives from the American Legion, Chang Chavkin and the Dolores Masons. There is a scholarship wall nestled between the school's front entrance and front office that contain physical copies of scholarship applications. A more complete list along with information and links to applications may be found by going [here](#) and selecting the Scholarship link at the top of the page.



Student journalism is alive and well at Dolores High School! The Journalism class is an elective offered to all students. The purpose of the Journalism class is to allow students to have a voice on issues of students' interests in and outside of school. [Click here](#) to view High School Journalism articles.



Academic Achievement



Congratulations to the following students for their 1st semester academic achievements. The high school staff is honored to recognize these students.

Principal's Honor Roll - Students that have received all A's

12th Grade

Samantha Abate, Alexis Anderson, Elia Lowe, Maya Lowe, Siena Parr,
Isla Vaughn, Coralea Wright

11th Grade

Nicholas Abate, Adeline Detloff, Jadyne Gorsuch, Ava Gregory,
Liam Tarpey, Julianne Vega

10th Grade

Eleri Brown, Orin Samulski, Autumn Settles

9th Grade

Lavender Blacow, Addison Thompson, Gavin Veach, Matthew Vega,
Gracie Willden

A and B Honor Roll

12th Grade

Emma Kemp, Kiera LaRose, Kai'Lynn Lewis

11th Grade

Miles Anderson, Mikayla Eaton, Taylor Erault, Kale Gates, Suria Hogue,
Eflin Ozdil, Amelia Pym, Kacey Schmittel, Novay Siglin,
Ari Zimmerman-Bergin

10th Grade

Kendall Chavez, Justice Eubanks, Waylon Kiddoo, Evangeline Porter,
Augustus Vaughn, Grant Wright

9th Grade

Heidi Beyhan, Emily Coker, Jordyn Erault, Madisyn Gapp, Chloe Hanson,
Emilynn Hill, Mason Hill, Daniel Jacket, Lane Johnson, Ranger LaRose,
Branson Lee, Emmett MacMillan, Rylan Maloney, Samuel Morey, Dameon
Muff, Emma Nielson, Joseph Padilla, Bodhi Pattillo, Devlin Powell,
Corben Tallmadge

SECOND QUARTER STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS



ANIMAL SCIENCE - AVA PYEATT
ART 1 - DANNA HICKS
BIOLOGY 01 - JUSTICE EUBANKS
BIOLOGY 01 - MICHAEL ROOF
DRAWING - NATALYA CASTILLO
ENGLISH 1 - LAVENDAR BLACOW
ENGLISH 2/JOURNALISM - REILEY VRTATKO
ENGLISH 3 - ADDISON THOMPSON
ENGLISH 4 - KAI'LYNN LEWIS
ESS - KOBI WATTS
FOOD SCIENCE - ALEXIS BRACKETT
FORENSICS - AMELIA PYM
GEOLOGY & ASTRONOMY - MICHAEL RANTZ
GEOMETRY - BRANSON LEE
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - BRETT SPORE
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - BRYNLEY NICHOLS
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - CHEYANNE KEIM
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - LANE OTTESON
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - MICHAEL RANTZ
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - MICHAEL ROOF
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/WELDING - WYATT KIDDOO
INTEGRATED SCIENCE - GRACIE COKER
INTRO TO AGRICULTURE - MADISYN GAPP
JEWELRY - GRACIELA VAUGHN
PCC BIOLOGY 105 - LIAM TARPEY
PHYSICS - ORIN SAMULSKI
PRE-ALGEBRA - ISABELLA AKIN
PSYCHOLOGY - MICAH VRTATKO
SPANISH 1 - NATHAN GADDIS
SPANISH 2 - TAYLOR ERAUTT



Dolores Basketball Falls in Heartbreaker, Wrestling Claims San Juan Basin League Title

It was a night of highs and lows for Dolores High School athletics as the boys' and girls' basketball teams suffered heartbreaking losses to Ridgway, while the wrestling team emerged victorious as the San Juan Basin League Champions

Bears Basketball Teams Come Up Just Short Against Ridgway

Both the Dolores boys' and girls' basketball teams gave it their all on the hardwood but fell just short in tightly contested matchups against the Ridgway Demons.

The Lady Bears battled fiercely, keeping the game within reach throughout all four quarters. Strong defensive efforts and clutch shooting kept Dolores in the fight, but Ridgway managed to edge out a narrow victory in the closing moments. Despite the loss, the Lady Bears showcased resilience and determination, proving they are a force to be reckoned with as the season progresses.

The boys' team found themselves in a similar battle, going toe-to-toe with Ridgway in a thrilling contest that came down to the final possessions. The Bears had multiple opportunities to take control late in the game, but Ridgway capitalized on key plays in crunch time to escape with the win. Though disappointed with the outcome, the team showed heart and fight, setting the stage for a strong finish to the season.

Dolores Wrestling Dominates San Juan Basin League Championships

While the basketball teams endured tough losses, the Dolores Wrestling Team brought home championship glory, winning the San Juan Basin League title in dominant fashion. The Bears outperformed their competition with a combination of technical skill, endurance, and grit, securing multiple individual titles en route to the overall team victory.

Standout performances from key wrestlers helped propel Dolores to the top, with several athletes earning crucial points in hard-fought matches. The championship win serves as a testament to the team's dedication and preparation, as they now set their sights on upcoming regional and state competitions.

Looking Ahead

Despite the tough basketball losses, both teams remain motivated as they push toward postseason play. Meanwhile, the Dolores Wrestling Team looks to build on their league title as they continue their march toward state-level success.

With a mix of heartbreak and triumph, the Bears continue to prove that they are a program full of perseverance, passion, and potential.

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