

June 2025



Dolores School District

Newsletter

Superintendent Alesa Reed

Dolores School District RE-4A



Dear Dolores Families and Community Members,

As we close another remarkable school year, I express my deepest gratitude for your continued support and partnership. The 2024-2025 academic year has been filled with tremendous growth, inspiring achievements, and meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Our district has demonstrated resilience and commitment to educational excellence throughout this year. Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to ensure every student receives the highest quality education, while our families have remained steadfast partners in this important work.

As we approach summer, I encourage our students to embrace opportunities for rest, exploration, and continued learning. Summer can be a time to pursue interests, read widely, and engage with our community.

This newsletter includes important updates, summer information, and a preview of exciting developments for the upcoming school year. Thank you for being part of our Dolores community and for your ongoing education commitment.

Warmest regards,

Alesa Reed
Superintendent of Schools

Dolores School District Important Dates

- June 16:** New High School - Ground Breaking Ceremony, 5:00 p.m.
- June 16:** Dolores School Board Meeting, District Office, 6:00 p.m.
- June 23:** Dolores School Board Meeting (Special Meeting and Budget Meeting), District Office 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent (continued)

End-of-Year Events

- Graduation was spectacular, our students and staff created a memorable experience for each graduate.

Summer School

- Academic support and credit recovery programs will run from May 27th to the end of July. Please contact your child's building secretary for more information
- Keep an eye out for upcoming FFA events, athletic camps, and travel opportunities.

Facilities Updates

This summer, we'll be undertaking several important facilities projects:

- Foundation for the new high school is starting this June!
- New and safe concrete at the district office
- Concrete stanchions redone in the high school's main gym
- Painting of trim on sheds and buildings
- The Aux gym is getting a facelift

Some of these projects are funded through our capital improvement program, which was approved last year. We appreciate your patience with any inconvenience during construction. The new building work is funded through the BEST grant and bonds from our community support.

2025-2026 New Initiatives

- Extended Learning Opportunities: New after-school programming at all schools
- Character First Implementation- Character First will be taught 3-12, with an emphasis on leadership for 9-12
- Diversity Training—Dolores will partner with Make It Plain for student and staff diversity training and conflict resolution in the school
- Drop-off and pick-up—We have a new website, [Doloresschools.org/build](https://doloresschools.org/build), where you can find up-to-date information on traffic patterns and construction information. Thank you to Mr Baxter, our technology director, for implementing this important communication feature.

Superintendent (continued)

Community Partnerships

Thank you to our community partners who have supported our schools this year:

- Dolores Rotary for leadership and scholarship opportunities for our students
- Community Health Center for providing wellness resources
- Public Library for collaborative literacy programs
- Montezuma County Sheriff's Department

We're always seeking new partnerships. If your organization is interested in collaborating with our schools, please contact our District Office or building principals.

Parent Resources

Summer Learning Resources

Visit our district website for:

- New building website
- SCAP accountability website
- Summer events and notices

Back-to-School Information

Look for our comprehensive back-to-school guide in early August, which will include:

- School Supply Lists
- Registration Information
- Sports Physicals
- Health and immunization requirements

Director Valiena Rosenkrance

Teddy Bear Preschool



Teddy Bear Families,

We sincerely appreciate you entrusting us with your children this year. It is always so exciting to see the confidence and growth of the children from the beginning to the end of school. Remembering back in the fall with the nervous and apprehensive little ones that we took from your arms at drop

off and pick up times to the confident and strong children walking by themselves (p.s. As always, we had a visual on each child) to and from their classrooms without adult support. As must happen, each spring we lose a part of our family because all children must grow up and move on to the next

Teddy Bear Preschool (continued)

adventure waiting for them in the fall. We are confident that each child is prepared for this transition and we are very proud of each and every one. We sincerely wish everyone a fun, safe and adventurous summer!

We will be contacting each returning family the last week of July to touch base for any needed information and/or paperwork. I will be back in the office starting July 21, 2025. Before then, you can email me and I will do my best to return your email, vrosenkrance@dolores.k12.co.us

Important dates to know:

August 8, 2025- Open House Orientation at Teddy Bear, 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. sessions. **To attend Teddy Bear, you are required to attend one of these meeting times.** This is when you will learn what our schedule is, how drop-off and pick-up work, what meal times look like, rules and expectations, etc,... and of course a question and answer session.

August 11, 2025- First Day of School

Watch the Dolores Schools website late July or Early August for a school supply list and any other announcements. doloresschools.org

See you soon

Valiena Rosenkrance
Program Director

Teddy Bear Preschool Important Dates

To Attend Teddy Bear Preschool you are required to attend one of the Open House Orientations

August 8: Open House Orientation, Teddy Bear Preschool 10:00 a.m

August 8: Open House Orientation, Teddy Bear Preschool 6:00 p.m.

August 11: First Day of School

Principal Amanda Hill

Dolores Elementary School



Dear Dolores Elementary Families,

As we close the chapter on another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished together—and to look ahead to the sunny days and exciting opportunities that summer brings.

Dolores Elementary School (continued)

A Year to Celebrate

This year has been one of growth, learning, and community. From classroom achievements and creative projects to field trips and school events, our students have continued to amaze us with their curiosity, resilience, and kindness. Thank you to our teachers, staff, and families for your unwavering support and partnership in creating a positive learning environment.

Summer Break Begins!

We hope your family enjoys this time to relax, recharge, and make memories together. Whether you're traveling, attending camps, or simply enjoying quiet moments at home, summer is a perfect time to explore and learn in new ways.

Keep the Learning Going

Even during summer vacation, it's important to keep those young minds active! Encourage your child to read daily, write stories or journals, and engage in hands-on activities like cooking, building, or exploring nature. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program at the Dolores Public Library!

Construction Update – Stay Informed!

As many of you know, construction is underway for our **new high school building**, and we're excited about the improvements it will bring for our students and staff. However, with this progress comes some temporary changes to traffic patterns around the school.

Please stay tuned to your email over the summer for important updates regarding traffic flow, drop-off and pick-up procedures, and other construction-related changes. We'll be sharing maps, directions, and tips to help ensure a safe and smooth start to the new school year. Your patience and cooperation during this transition are greatly appreciated!

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars! The first day of the 2025–2026 school year is scheduled for Monday, August 11th at 8am. We'll be sharing information about back-to-school events and supply lists in late July/early August.

You can see your student's new class/teacher at back to school night, noon-6pm on August 7th. Please be sure your contact information is up to date so you don't miss any important messages.

Wishing all of our BEAR families a safe, joyful, and restful summer break. We can't wait to welcome everyone back in the fall!

Partners in Learning,

Amanda Hill- Elementary Principal

Dolores Elementary School (continued)

Dolores Elementary School Important Dates

August 7: Back to School Night, Dolores Elementary, 12:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m.

August 11: First Day of School, 8:00 a.m.

Principal Mary Weiss

Dolores Middle School



☀ Wrapping Up a Wonderful Year! ☀

Middle school is such a formative time filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable experiences. As we reflect on the past year, it's truly inspiring to see how much everyone has accomplished. From academic milestones to personal growth and the lasting friendships formed, there's so much to celebrate!

Thank you to everyone for a memorable year and I'm looking forward to another great year. Take a moment to reflect on your favorite memories and proudest achievements from this school year.

☀ Enjoy Your Summer Break!

We hope you take time to relax, recharge, and make the most of your summer. When we return in August, we'll be ready to hit the ground running!

Until then, take care and have a fantastic summer! We can't wait to see you in August.

Dolores Middle School Important Dates

August 7: Parent Meeting 5:15

August 7: Open House 12:00 p.m -6:00 p.m.

August 11: First Day of School 6th Grade only, 7:45 a.m.

August 12: First Day of School 7th and 8th Grades, 7:45 a.m.

Principal Matt Walker

Dolores High School



See below for a comprehensive list of Dolores High School Awards and Scholarship Winners!

*not all scholarships have been awarded or reported.

Scholarships

Alexis Anderson - Empire Electric

Alexis Anderson - Onward

Coralea Wright - Four Corners Board of Realtors Dean Hanson Scholarship

Coralea Wright - Onward

Coralea Wright - Chamber

Dolores High School (continued)

Scholarships (continued).

Elia Lowe - Kiwanis Club Scholarship
Elia Lowe - Mason's Benevolent Scholarship
Elia Lowe - Sheriff's Scholarship
Emma Kemp - Chamber
Emma Kemp - Rotary
Halee Kibel - Onward
Isla Vaughn - Empire Electric
Isla Vaughn - Onward
Keira LaRose - Empire Electric
Keira LaRose - Four Corners Board of Realtors Dean Hanson Scholarship
Keira LaRose - PEO Chapter EV Cortez
Keira LaRose - DHS All School Reunion Scholarship
Maya Lowe - Onward
Michael Nielson - Rotary
Sam Abate - inquiring Minds
Sam Abate - Empire Electric
Sam Abate - Four Corners Board of Realtors Dean Hanson Scholarship
Sam Abate - Rodney Ems Memorial Scholarship
Siena Parr - Empire Electric
Siena Parr - Kiwanis Club Scholarship
Siena Parr - PEO Chapter EV Cortez
Siena Parr - Rodney Ems Memorial Scholarship
Siena Parr - Onward
Wyatt Kiddoo - Southwest Colorado Livestock Association
Wyatt Kiddoo - Chamber
Wyatt Kiddoo - Tim Cooper Memorial Scholarship
Wyatt Kiddoo - DHS All School Reunion Scholarship

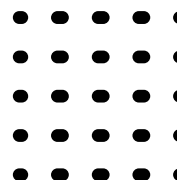
Student Government members - Red/White/Blue Chords

Isla - President
Tray - President
Mikey - Senior Class Rep
Siena - Senior Class Pres
Emma - Senior Class Rep

Dolores High School (continued)

Degrees/Awards/Achievements

Alexis Anderson - Associate's Degree
Elia Lowe - Associate's Degree
Maya Lowe - Associate's Degree
Keira LaRose - Associate's Degree
Emma Kemp - Nurse Aide Certificate
Coralea Wright - Nurse Aide Certificate
Siena Parr - Associate's Degree



Siena Parr - Darwin Cooper Award- Speech and Debate
Michael Nielson - 1500 Pound Club 605 Squat 585 Deadlift 345 Bench Press
1535 total max

Coralea Wright - Adam's State Pin
Brett Spore - Introductory Structural Welding Cert
Davien Pawlicki - Introductory Structural Welding Cert
Wyatt Kiddoo - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)

Morgan Chaffee - Blue and Gold Cords (State Degree FFA)
Kai' Lynn Lewis - Blue Cords (Chapter Degree FFA)

Tray Traweek - PCC English
Isla Vaughn - PCC English

Siena Parr - Honorary PhD of Biology Dolores High School
Samantha Abate - Psychology
Emma Kemp - Nursing
Everlea Heaton - Psychology

Alexis Brackett - LearnedToLearn
Levi Porter - LearnedToLearn
Danna Hicks - LearnedToLearn

Alexis Brackett - Future Voice-Over Star Award
Danna Hicks - Band Letter
Noe Leon - John Phillip Sousa Award & Louis Armstrong Award
Micah Vrtako - Rockstar Award

Alexis Brackett - Timothy Wyman "Newcomer to Theater" Award & Award of Distinction for Performance

Dolores High School (continued)

Degrees/Awards/Achievements

Trayton Traweek - Building Trades - 'Woodworking Excellence'
Wyatt Kiddoo - Building Trades - 'Woodworking Leadership'
Levi Porter - Design - 'Computer-Aided-Design Excellence'

Brett Spore - Welding
Davien Pawlicki - Welding
Wyatt Kiddoo - Welding
Danna Hicks - Welding

Emma Kemp - Red Blood Cords
Everlee Heaton - Red Blood Cords
Keira LaRose - Red Blood Cords
Elia Lowe - Red Blood Cords
Maya Lowe - Red Blood Cords
Coralea Wright - Red Blood Cords
Samantha Abate - Red Blood Cords
Siena Parr - Red Blood Cords
Isla Vaughn - Red Blood Cords
Ava Gregory - Red Blood Cords
Millie Pym - Red Blood Cords
Emma Kemp - NHS Inductee pin, patch
Michael Nielson - NHS Inductee pin, patch
Samantha Abate - NHS President

Isla Vaughn - Outstanding Yearbook on Senior Pages
Levi Porter - Outstanding Yearbook on Graphic Artwork-Senior Program
Siena Parr - Outstanding Yearbook on Graphic Artwork on Senior Program
Ben Carpenter - Pinhead Pinternship
Nick Abate - Colorado School of Mines Medal of Achievement in Math and Science
Owen Lowe - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Dylan Archibeque - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Bridger Beyhan - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Kale Gates - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Thomas Huston - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Waylon Kiddoo - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Tierney Marsell - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
Logan Mikkelson - Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)
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Dolores High School (continued)

Degrees/Awards/Achievements

Kacey Schmittel – Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)

Ari Zimmerman-Bergin – Introductory Structural Welding Cert (PCC)

Ava Gregory – RYLA Leadership Award

Aidan Sweat – RYLA Leadership Award

Amelia Pym – RYLA Leadership Award

Will Nielson – RYLA Leadership Award

Aaron Nielson – Welding Certifications

Aiden Sweat – Welding Certifications

Corben Tallmadge – Welding Certifications

Dameon Muff – Welding Certifications

Kacey Schmittel – Welding Certifications

Levi Hampton – Welding Certifications

Mason Hill – Welding Certifications

Michael Rantz – Welding Certifications

Thomas Huston – Welding Certifications

Lili Williams – Welding Certifications

Tierney Marsell – Welding Certifications

Wyatt Williford – Welding Certifications

Zaiden Suhr – Welding Certifications

Corvin Smith – Welding Certifications

Aiden Claycomb – Billy la Bufanda Excellence in Spanish award

Matthew Vega – Billy la Bufanda Excellence in Spanish award

Reiley Vrtatko – Excellence in Journalism

Adeline Dettloff – Excellence in Journalism

Ava Pyeatt – Natural Poet English II

Waylon Kiddoo – Natural Poet English II

Isabelle Bedker – Nurse Aid Certificate (PCC)

Louis Nielson – Nurse Aid Certificate (PCC)

Rachel Plubell – Nurse Aid Certificate (PCC)

Jadyn Gorsuch – Serv Safe Certification

Easton Goforth – Serv Safe Certification

Cheyenne Kiem – Rooted in Leadership Award

Samuel Morey – Cultivating Success Award

Landon Whitten – The Grit & Growth Award

Dolores High School (continued)

Degrees/Awards/Achievements

Jadyn Sutherland – Modern Band Letter
Riley Shubert – Modern Band Letter
Massiah Rodriguez – Modern Band Letter
Levi Rantz – Modern Band Letter
Evangeline Porter – Modern Band Letter
Rachel Plubell – Modern Band Bar/ Pin
Bryley Paul – Modern Band Letter (bar)
Joseph Padilla – Modern Band Letter
Alex Neilson – Modern Band Bar/ Pin (bar)
Riley Bullock – Modern Band Letter
Hunter Buchanan – Modern Band Letter
Lavendar Blacow – Modern Band Letter
Kaiana Ashmore – Modern Band Bar/ Pin (bar)
Rylan Maloney – Guitar Letter
Eli Heaton – Guitar Letter
Levi Rantz – Choir Letter
Devlin Powell – Choir Letter
Harley Jeter – Choir Pin/ Bar (bar)
Jocelyn Hoffman – Choir Letter
Easton Gofforth – Choir Letter
Justice Eubanks – Choir Letter
Megyn Condon – Choir Letter
Lelani Clah – Choir Pin/ Bar
Mia Burris – Choir Pin/ Bar
Isabell Bedker – Choir Pin/ Bar
Liam Tarpey – Band Pin/ Bar
Bodhi Patillo – Band Letter
Louis Neilson – Band Pin/ Bar
Isabella Meyers – Band Letter
Judah Marty – Band Pin/ Bar
Savannah Johnston – Band Pin/ Bar
Jocelyn Hoffman – Band Letter
Mason Hill – Band Letter
Nathan Gaddis – Band Letter
Justice Eubanks – Band Letter
Kaiana Ashmore – Audio Production Year 1 Award/ Pin
Nevaeh Lopez – Audio Production Year 1 Award/ Pin
Naayah Holiday – Audio Production Year 1 Award/ Pin
Massiah Rodriguez – Audio Production Future Hit Maker Award/ Pin
Damian Rodriguez – Audio Production Future Hit Maker Award/ Pin

Dolores High School (continued)

Degrees/Awards/Achievements

Naayah Holiday - Excellence in P.E.

Eflin Ozdil - Excellence in P.E.

Kale Gates - Excellence in Weight Room

Tironn Dance - Most Focused in the Weight Room

Levi Rantz - Timothy Wyman "Newcomer to Theater" Award

Gracie Coker - Integrated Science Student

Orin Samulski - Physics Student

Adeline Dettloff - Geology / Astronomy Student

Michael Rantz - Geology / Astronomy Student

Sam Morey - Integrated Science Student

Joseph Padilla - Integrated Science Student

Hunter Buchanan - Integrated Science Student

Amelia Pym - Woodworking - 'Woodworking Creativity & Spirit'

Scott Gee - Woodworking - 'Woodworking Craftsmanship'

Eli Heaton - Woodworking - 'Woodworking Excellence'

Lane Johnson - Woodworking - 'Woodworking Excellence'

Nick Abate - Design - 'Computer-Aided-Design Excellence'

Ava Gregory - Psychology

Addison Thompson - Biology

Amelia Pym - Forensics

Grant Wright - Biology

Justice Eubanks - Biology

Matthew Vega - Biology

Liam Tarpey - PCC 105

Riley Bullock - Mindset Growth

Addy Thompson - Katherine Johnson Award for Geometry

Lane Johnson - Euclid of Alexandria Award for Geometry

Dameon Muff - Euclid of Alexandria Award for Geometry

Chloe Hanson - Emmy Noether Award for Algebra

Hailey Lindt - Emmy Noether Award for Algebra

Naayah Holiday - Achieving Artist Award- Exhibiting artistic determination while being a gracious human

Shanty Campos - Achieving Artist Award

Nick Abate - Achieving Artist Award

Mikayla Eaton - Achieving Artist Award

Logan Nelson - Achieving Artist Award

Dolores High School (continued)

Degrees/Awards/Achievements

Jadyn Gorsuch – Darwin Cooper award
Liam Tarpey – Darwin Cooper award
Julianne Vega – Darwin Cooper award
Gracie Coker – Doris Kearns Goodwin Award for World History
Liam Tarpey – Thomas Sowell Award for Economics

Julianne Vega-pres – Student Council Gavel Pin
Amelia Pym – Student Council Gavel Pin
Benjamin Carpenter – Student Council Gavel Pin
William Nielson – Student Council Gavel Pin
Ava Gregory – Student Council Gavel Pin
Eleri Brown – Student Council Gavel Pin
Louis Nielsonc – Student Council Gavel Pin
Emilynn Hill – Student Council Gavel Pin

Eleri Brown – Academic Excellence HIS 1210/1220
Orin Samulski – Academic Excellence HIS 1210/1220
Autumn Settles – Academic Excellence HIS 1210/1220
Grant Wright – Academic Excellence HIS 1220
Michael Roof – Tenacity Award
Reiley Vrtako – Historian at Work

Emma Nielson – Academic Excellence English 1
Gavin Veach – Academic Excellence English 1
Jadyn Sutherland – Academic Excellence English 3
Tierney Marsell – Academic Excellence English 3

Aidan Sweat – Yearbook- outstanding design, layout, photography and the Graduation Insert
Jadyn Gorsuch – Yearbook- outstanding design, layout
Taylor Erautt – Yearbook- outstanding work on page layout and Senior Slideshow
Aaron Nielson – Yearbook- outstanding work & responsibility on sports programs and work on senior slideshow
Nathan Schrage – Yearbook Photography – events and editing

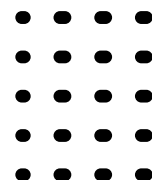
District Nurse Brandy Dunn

Health and Wellness



Dear Dolores Families,

Thank you for a wonderful school year! It has been my pleasure to care for and support your children's health and well-being.



Wishing all our students and families a safe, healthy, and happy summer break — I look forward to seeing you all next year!

Brandy Dunn, RN
District Nurse



End-of-Year Reminders

- Schedule any required immunizations for the next school year
 - School Required Vaccines
 - Exemptions
 - Schedule summer sports physicals if needed: (2 possible options)
 - 4 Corners Youth Clinic, Dolores (970) 560-4890
 - Wednesdays from 8-4
 - 4 Corners Youth Clinic, Cortez (970) 560-5056
 - Wednesdays from 8-4
 - AFC Urgent Care in Cortez (970) 516-5500
- *4 Corners Youth Clinic will be offering physicals at the Dolores location during the week before school starts

High School Journalism

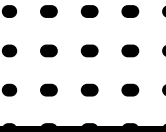
The Journalism class is an elective offered to all students. The purpose of the Journalism class is to allow students to have a voice on issues of students' interests in and outside of school. [CLICK HERE](#) to view High School Journalism articles.

Nutrition

Glad we had an amazing school year. Trying new foods is always great. Have a great summer. Hope to see you all in August.

Contact the Dolores School District

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[2024-2025 Yearly Calendar](#)

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