

August 2025



*Dolores School District*

## Newsletter

Superintendent Alesa Reed

**Dolores School District RE-4A**



**Welcome Back, Dolores Community!**



### **Dear Dolores Families and Community Members,**

As we begin another exciting school year, I am filled with anticipation for the incredible learning journey ahead. The energy and enthusiasm surrounding our schools is palpable, and I want to share some important updates that will help make this transition smooth and successful for everyone.

### **Building for Our Future**

Our district construction project continues to move forward with remarkable progress. This investment in our students' future represents our unwavering commitment to providing exceptional educational facilities. While we navigate this exciting phase of growth, I ask for your patience and understanding as we work together to maintain a positive learning environment during construction activities.

### **New Traffic Patterns and Safety Protocols**

With our building improvements underway, we have implemented updated traffic patterns and enhanced safety protocols to ensure the well-being of our students, staff, and families. These changes are designed to accommodate increased foot traffic while maintaining the highest safety standards. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the new routes and procedures, which will be clearly marked and communicated through additional district channels. Our commitment to safety remains our top priority, and these temporary adjustments will help us create secure pathways for everyone as we continue building for tomorrow.



# Superintendent (continued)

## Entrance and Parking Map



# Superintendent (continued)

## Welcome New Team Members

We are thrilled to welcome exceptional new staff members to the Dolores District family this year. These talented educators and support professionals bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a shared dedication to student success. Their expertise will enhance our already outstanding team and contribute to the rich educational experience we provide.

## New Language Arts Program

This year marks an exciting milestone with the introduction of our new comprehensive language arts program for grades 6-12. This carefully selected curriculum will strengthen our students' reading, writing, and communication skills, preparing them for future academic and career success. Our dedicated teachers have been working diligently to implement this program, ensuring a seamless transition that will benefit every student.

## A Call for Flexibility and Kindness

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage our entire community to embrace flexibility and extend kindness to one another. Change, while exciting, can sometimes present unexpected challenges. By approaching each situation with understanding and compassion, we create an environment where everyone can thrive.

Whether you're a returning family or new to our district, remember that we are all working toward the same goal: providing the best possible education for our children. Your patience during construction activities, your understanding as we adjust to new procedures, and your kindness toward staff and fellow community members make all the difference.

## Looking Ahead

The improvements we're making today are investments in our students' tomorrow. Each challenge we navigate together strengthens our community, and every enhancement we make brings us closer to our vision of educational excellence.

Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and commitment to the Dolores School District. Together, we will make this school year extraordinary. Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and success!

With gratitude and excitement,

Alesa Reed Superintendent  
Dolores School District RE-4A



# Superintendent (continued)

## Dolores School District Important Dates

- August 7:** Back to School Night (Open House), 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**August 11:** First Day of School!!! All students except 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
**August 12:** First Day of School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

## Director Valiena Rosenkrance Teddy Bear Preschool



Dear Families,

Woo hoo! We are so excited to be starting back to school. Our first day of school is August 11th. Please have your child at school BEFORE 8:00 a.m.. We will be in the parking lot at 7:30 to begin accepting children. Teachers will come to you at your vehicle to walk with your child into the building. Our

parking lot does not have the space and therefore we cannot have you park and come into the building.

Don't forget, Parent Orientation is on August 8th. You can choose to attend at either 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your child, we will have staff watch them on the playground. This is a great time for you and your child to meet the teacher!

See you there!!!

## Teddy Bear Preschool Important Dates

- August 8:** Parent Orientation, Teddy Bear Preschool 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.  
**August 11:** First Day of School!



Principal Amanda Hill

# Dolores Elementary School



Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome you and your children to a brand-new school year! We hope your summer was full of fun, rest, and great memories. Our teachers and staff are ready to help every student grow, learn, and shine this year! ✨

 Important Dates to Remember:

✦ Back to School Night

August 7th | ⌚ 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

👤 Come meet the teachers, tour the classrooms, bring your school supplies, and get ready for a great year!

✦ First Day of School

August 11th– Breakfast and/or recess at 7:30, First Bell 7:50, Tardy Bell 8:00

🎒 Get your backpacks ready – we can't wait to see everyone!

✦ DIBELS Testing

August 18th – 28th

📝 This helps us learn how best to support your child's reading growth.

✦ NWEA Testing

August 26th & 27th

📊 A great way to check student progress in math and reading.

We can't wait to work together to make this a fun, safe, and successful year for every student! Please keep an eye on your email and our school website [doloresschools.org](http://doloresschools.org) for more updates and events.

Partners in Learning,

Amanda Hill – Principal

## Dolores Elementary School Important Dates

**August 7:** Back to School Night 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**August 11:** First Day of School!

Breakfast or recess 7:30 a.m.

First Bell 7:50 a.m., Tardy Bell 8:00 a.m.,

Release 3:50 a.m. - Car line only, no parking

**August 18 - 28:** Dibels Testing

**August 26 - 27:** NWEA Testing

# Principal Mary Weiss

## Dolores Middle School



### Welcome to the New School Year!

I am delighted to welcome both new and returning families to our magical middle school community! It is with great enthusiasm that I anticipate a year filled with growth, learning, and discovery for your student.

Our dedicated middle school team is committed to creating a nurturing and stimulating environment where every student can thrive academically and personally. We believe in fostering a strong partnership with you to support your student's educational journey.

Thank you for entrusting my team with your student's education. I'm confident that, together, we can make this school year a memorable and enriching experience for all.

### ☀️ You're Invited! Middle School Open House

Middle School Open House, taking place Thursday, August 7, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This open format gives you the freedom to arrive at your convenience and spend quality time exploring our classrooms and connecting with teachers and staff. We will also be having a parent meeting to discuss some of our expectations for middle school. I look forward to seeing everyone on Aug. 7th.

### Important Dates to remember for starting school.

Monday, August 11th is set for our Super Sixth Graders' FIRST DAY 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 12th, all middle school students will return to school. 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, while the 6th graders will report to their classrooms.

### • Please Remember: No Cell Phones During the School Day in the Middle School

• Cell phones are not allowed at any point during the school day for all middle school students.

Students in grades 6–8 must power off and store personal devices in lockers or backpacks upon arriving at school.

# Dolores Middle School (continued)

## OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our open house  
back to school night  
August 7<sup>th</sup>  
12-6

Parent Meeting 5:15 Aux Gym

Come and meet your child's  
teacher, join the parent  
meeting, find your classes,  
and fill out your paperwork.

WMS  
BACK TO SCHOOL



## 6TH GRADE SUPPLIES

- 1, 3 pronged folder with pockets
- 2 composition books (SS and science)
- 1, 1.5 inch 3 ring binder science)
- 1, 1 subject notebook (math)
- 1, 3 subject notebook (Language Arts)
- 3 pks of pencils in the fall, 3 pks of pencils in the spring
- colored pencils
- 1 package of loose leaf paper
- box of clorox wipes
- box of kleenex

## 7TH/ 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUPPLIES

- 1, 1.5, 3 ring binder for English
- 2 pkgs. loose- leaf College- ruled paper
- 1 pkg of colored dividers
- Pencil Pouch
- 2 pkg. pencils
- Colored pencils
- 1 composition notebook for science
- Kleenex box
- Clorox wipes

## Dolores Middle School Important Dates

**August 7:** Back to School Night 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**August 7:** Parent Meeting, Aux Gym 5:15 p.m.

**August 11:** First Day of School! **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Only**, Tardy Bell 7:45 a.m.

**August 12:** First Day of School **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**, Tardy Bell 7:45 a.m.



## Principal Matt Walker

# Dolores High School



### **Welcome back Bears,**

The start of the school year is always exciting—catching up with friends, meeting teachers, choosing activities to join, and this year... figuring out how to deal with the construction. While there are definitely more distractions, our high school staff is focused on making sure our students still get a great education.

The construction might affect students in different ways, so I encourage you to check in with your student and talk about how they're handling it. Having those conversations—and staying connected with the school—can really help set them up for a successful year.

Please see the Superintendent's message that gives more in depth information on the impact of construction on campus.

Schedule Update: We anticipate schedules being done by the first day of class. We did something new and used an algorithm to create a schedule that maximizes students' choices for electives and completion of graduation requirements. There will still be adjustments the first week of school and we ask for your patience. There was a lot of learning over the summer and we are confident that this use of technology will enhance scheduling for our students in the coming years.

Excited for the amazing opportunities that await this year!

Matt Walker  
Principal – Dolores High School

## District Nurse Brandy Dunn

# Health and Wellness



### **Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,**

A warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer. I'm excited to be back and ready to support the health and well-being of all our students as we begin a new year.





# Health and Wellness (continued)

Important Health Reminders for a Healthy School Year

- **Immunizations:** Please ensure your child's immunizations are up-to-date.  
[School-required Vaccines](#)
- **Exemptions:** Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted each year.  
[Vaccine Exemptions](#)
- **Medication at School:** If your child requires medication during school hours (prescription or over-the-counter), please remember that all medications must be on file in the health office with proper physician orders and parent/guardian consent forms. Students are not permitted to carry medication on their person, with the exception of emergency medications like inhalers, which also require specific paperwork.
- **Emergency action plans:** Students with asthma, diabetes or life threatening allergies **must have** an EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN with doctor's orders on file with the nurse each year at the start of school. We need to have the most current information and action plans in place to ensure their safety and well-being.
- **How sick is too sick?:** Please keep your child home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness such as cough, fever (100.4°F or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, or a new, unexplained rash. They should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school. [How Sick is too Sick?](#)

## A Note on Handwashing and Hygiene

With cold and flu season just around the corner, good hand hygiene remains one of our best defenses. We'll be reinforcing proper handwashing techniques at school, and I encourage you to do the same at home. Covering coughs and sneezes with an elbow or tissue is also crucial!

I am available during school hours to assist with any health needs. You can reach me by:

- Phone: 970-882-4688
- Email: [bdunn@dolores.k12.co.us](mailto:bdunn@dolores.k12.co.us)

I look forward to partnering with you to make this a healthy and successful school year for every student!

Warmly,

Brandy Dunn, District Nurse



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[Events Calendar](#)

[2025 - 2026 Yearly Calendar](#)

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