November 2026

Dolores School District

Newsletter

Superintendent Alesa Reed
Dolores School District RE-4A



Dear Dolores Families, Staff, and Community Members,

November is here already? We have several exciting updates and important reminders to share across our district.

Parents & Community Vision and Mission Workshop

We invite all parents and community members to join us on **Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 PM in the High School library** for a Vision and Mission Workshop. Your input is vital as we work together to shape Dolores School District's future direction and core values. (sponsored by our district's Multitiered System of Support Team and the District Accountability Committee)

- **Childcare and snacks will be provided!** We hope to see you there to share your ideas and collaborate with us.

Student Ambassador Training with Tommie Lewis

Our student leaders recently participated in an impactful training session led by Tommie Lewis of Make It Plain. Our Student Ambassadors engaged in workshops focused on leadership, communication, and positive peer influence. We are proud of these students for stepping up to represent Dolores School District with pride and purpose!

Teacher Leader Observation & Feedback Training

Investing in our educators directly benefits our students. Our instructional leaders recently completed specialized training on observation and feedback strategies. This ongoing effort ensures our teachers receive actionable, high-quality support to continually elevate classroom instruction and student learning experiences.

New High School Construction Update

We are thrilled to share that construction remains right on track! We are preparing to move into the brand-new high school facility over Christmas Break. We look forward to opening the doors to a modern, state-of-the-art learning space designed to support our students for generations to come. Stay tuned for details regarding transition logistics and grand opening events!

Superintendent (continued)

Going Above and Beyond: Staff Spotlight
Our schools thrive because of the dedicated individuals who go the extra mile every single day for our students and programs. This month, we want to recognize three outstanding staff members for their exceptional contributions:

Kenia Reina - Student Wellness Specialist
We recognize Kenia Reina, our new Secondary Guidance Counselor, for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students and staff.
In her first year in this role, Kenia stepped into a challenging position after our schools had been without a counselor for several years. She has taken on this role with a positive attitude, building strong relationships, guiding students, and visiting classrooms to talk about kindness, respect, and mutual support. Additionally, Kenia organized our Secondary Wellness Fair—a major undertaking involving extensive coordination with local health departments and community organizations to bring valuable wellness resources and mental health support to our students, staff, and families. Thank you, Kenia, for your dedication to our Bear Family!

Melissa Thomas - District Finance Director
We would like to extend a huge thank you and special recognition to our District Finance Director, Melissa Thomas, for going above and beyond for Dolores School District!
Melissa works tirelessly and puts in long hours to keep our district running smoothly. From balancing a highly complex district budget while managing multiple ongoing building projects across campus to ensuring our staff and coaches have everything they need for games, events, and activities, her dedication is unmatched. Thank you, Melissa, for your hard work, expertise, and unwavering support for our school community!

Superintendent (continued)

Emily Christenson - 3rd Grade Teacher
Emily consistently goes above and beyond in her commitment to education and the success of her students. She has spent her career perfecting her craft and works tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction every single day. As a valued member of our school leadership team, she leads by example and has recently stepped into an instructional coaching role to share her expertise and help others grow. Emily understands that the strongest schools are built on teamwork, collaboration, and a shared commitment to excellence. She exemplifies the importance of maintaining high expectations, fostering accountability, and providing the nurturing care every student deserves. Her dedication to both student success and the growth of her colleagues makes her an invaluable leader and an outstanding example of going above and beyond.

Please join me in thanking Kenia, Melissa, and Emily for their hard work and dedication to Dolores!

Important Reminder: Unattended Students at School Events
We love seeing our community gather to support our students at athletic and extracurricular events. However, we must **address an ongoing concern regarding unattended students**. Recently, unsupervised youth at school events have engaged in behavior that has led to vandalism and property damage.
To maintain a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for everyone:

- **All middle and elementary school students must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or adult guardian during all district events.**
- Students are expected to stay in student areas/bleachers and behave respectfully at all times.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school grounds safe and well-maintained.

Sincerely,

Alesa Reed
Superintendent of Schools areed@dolores.k12.co.us

Superintendent (continued)

Dolores School District Important Dates

November 9: Board of Education Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 6:00 p.m. Agendas are posted on the website and outside the district office.

November 11: Parents & Community Vision and Mission Workshop, High School Library, 6:30 p.m.

November 23-27: No School, Fall Break - Happy Thanksgiving!

Emergency Closures

Monitor local media and check doloreschools.org for weather-related closure announcements. The district also sends an email and a robocall to parents and staff in the case of a delayed start or school closure.

Director Valiena Rosenkrance

Teddy Bear Preschool



As we celebrate the month of November and reflect on everything we are grateful for, all of us at Teddy Bear Preschool want to send a huge, heartfelt thank you to our incredible families and community! We are absolutely thrilled to share that, thanks to your votes, we have been named the **#1 Best Preschool/Childcare provider in Montezuma County for 7 consecutive years!**



We know we could never do this alone—it truly takes an extraordinary staff and school district, dedicated families, and a supportive community to achieve something so special.



Thank you so much for your continued support and for trusting us with your little ones year after year. We are so incredibly thankful for each and every one of you!

Teddy Bear Preschool (continued)

This November, as we count our blessings, we want to give a massive, extra-special shout-out to our **AMAZING PARENT GROUP!** You all are the absolute heartbeat of Teddy Bear Preschool, and we are constantly blown away by your energy, dedication, and love. Whether you are volunteering your time, organizing events, or just cheering us on from the sidelines, you make our school a brighter, better place every single day. We are so incredibly grateful for everything you do to support our staff and enrich our students' lives—we truly hit the jackpot with the best parents around! Thank you for being such an indispensable part of our Teddy Bear family!

We are so excited to announce that we are finally starting our **weekly visits to the Dolores School District library**! These trips have been on hold for a while because the library space was being used as administrative offices during the high school renovations, so we are thrilled to get back to it. Our little ones absolutely love riding the big yellow bus and checking out their very own books each week.





Speaking of wonderful library connections, we also want to give a huge shout-out to **Hannah from the Dolores Public Library**! She comes right to our preschool every other week for the most amazing story time—she is completely mesmerizing, and the kids just adore her. We truly cherish these incredible connections with our community partners.

Teddy Bear Preschool (continued)

To show our appreciation, Teddy Bear Preschool is now **collecting aluminum cans to donate to the library**! The library recycles these cans, and all of the funds raised go directly to supporting their fantastic "Youth Program". Families, please start saving your empty aluminum cans and drop them off in the designated collection box right at the preschool entrance. Thank you so much for helping us give back to the programs that give so much to our kids!

It's almost time for our favorite November tradition,the **Teddy Bear Family Meal**! This year's gathering is just around the corner on **November 19**, and we can't wait to catch up, eat some great food, and see everyone. The staff will be taking care of the main event with a delicious baked ham, so we just ask that each family bring along a favorite side dish or dessert to share. It is always a fantastic, laid-back opportunity to swap stories, meet new faces, and make some great friendships within our wonderful community. Keep an eye out for the sign-up details to come out soon—we can't wait to see you there!



Teddy Bear Preschool Important Dates

November 4-5: Teddy Bear Preschool, Parent Teacher Conferences
November 9: Board of Education Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 6:00 p.m.
Agendas are posted on the website and outside the district office.
November 19: Teddy Bear Preschool, Family Meal, 11:30 a.m.
November 23-27: No School, Fall Break - Happy Thanksgiving!

Emergency Closures

Monitor local media and check doloreschools.org for weather-related closure announcements. The district also sends an email and a robocall to parents and staff in the case of a delayed start or school closure.



A Season of Gratitude at Dolores Elementary

As we enter this season of gratitude, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such an incredible school community. There is so much to be thankful for, and we want to take a moment to recognize the teachers, students, and families who make Dolores Elementary School such a special place!

First, to our amazing teachers—thank you! Our teachers work tirelessly each day to provide the very best educational experiences for our students. From planning engaging lessons and creating fun, enriching seasonal activities to expanding students' experiences through fall field trips, our teachers go above and beyond to make learning meaningful. Their dedication, creativity, and commitment to our students and families do not go unnoticed!



To our wonderful students—we are so thankful for you! We are proud of your strong attendance, active engagement in learning, and effort toward your daily assignments. Our Little Bears continue to work hard academically while helping build a school culture rooted in kindness, respect, and responsibility. We love seeing our students grow, persevere through challenges, and take pride in their learning. Be sure to look at the pictures below featuring our Character Award winners, who were recognized for demonstrating outstanding **perseverance, resilience, and self-regulation**. We are so proud of these students and the positive examples they set for others!

Dolores Elementary School (continued)

We also want to recognize our **Dolores Elementary Student Council** for their leadership and commitment to making our school a better place. Student Council recently participated in leadership training with Tommy Lewis, where members learned about teamwork, collaboration, and bringing their vision for Dolores Elementary to life. Their goal is to help create a school culture rooted in kindness, respect, and inclusion. Students explored how to recognize and respond to unkind behavior and learned what truly defines bullying.



Following their training, they confidently shared their learning with students in grades K-5 during our First Quarter Character Assembly. Their leadership will continue throughout the year through short monthly meetings designed to empower more Little Bears to stand up for kindness and help create a positive, supportive environment for everyone. We are proud of these students for stepping up as leaders and showing that even small actions can make a big difference!

As part of their commitment to serving others, the Student Council will sponsor a **Food Drive November 2-17**. All donations will go directly toward supporting our own Dolores families during the holiday season. Thank you for helping our students make a meaningful difference in our community!



First Quarter Character Assembly

Awards








Dolores Elementary School (continued)

Finally, to our incredible families—thank you for your partnership and trust! We are grateful for the many ways you support our school and our students every day. Whether you are providing food for our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences, lining the streets to cheer on our annual Halloween Costume Parade, celebrating student accomplishments at our Character Assembly, ensuring your child attends school as consistently as possible, donating to our food drive, joining us for our Holiday Dinner, completing surveys to share valuable feedback, or volunteering in classrooms and on field trips, your involvement matters. These acts of support strengthen our school community and remind us that educating children is a team effort.

Thank you for trusting us with your children each day and for working alongside us to help them learn, grow, and succeed. We are incredibly thankful for the partnership we share with our families and look forward to continuing this important work together with all of our school and district stakeholders.

From all of us at Dolores Elementary, we wish you and your family a wonderful season filled with gratitude, kindness, and time spent with those who matter most. Thank you for being part of our school community!



Dolores Elementary School Important Dates

November 2-17: Dolores Elementary Student Council Food Drive
November 9: Board of Education Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 6:00 p.m. Agendas are posted on the website and outside the district office.
November 11: Parents & Community Vision and Mission Workshop, High School Library, 6:30 p.m.
November 12: Holiday Dinner
November 23-27: No School, Fall Break - Happy Thanksgiving!

Emergency Closures

Monitor local media and check doloreschools.org for weather-related closure announcements. The district also sends an email and a robocall to parents and staff in the case of a delayed start or school closure.



PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (**PBIS**) has become an important part of building a positive, supportive, and successful learning environment at Dolores Middle School. PBIS focuses on recognizing and reinforcing positive behaviors, teaching students clear expectations, and creating a school culture built on respect, responsibility, effort, and pride.

Since implementing PBIS, we have seen the importance of **recognizing students for making good choices, demonstrating positive behavior, and contributing to our school community**. By rewarding students for meeting expectations, we are helping them understand that their decisions matter and that positive actions are valued. Our PBIS points and school store provide students with meaningful incentives and opportunities to take ownership of their behavior.

PBIS is not simply a reward system; it is an intentional approach to building the school environment we want for our students. We continue to strengthen our program with the goal of creating a school where positive behavior, academic effort, attendance, and respect are part of our daily expectations. When students feel supported and understand what success looks like, we are better positioned to improve behavior, strengthen relationships, protect instructional time, and support academic growth.

One of the greatest benefits of PBIS is its contribution to school culture. We want every student to feel that they belong, that their efforts are recognized, and that they have the opportunity to be successful. By emphasizing positive reinforcement rather than focusing only on consequences, we are building stronger relationships, encouraging personal responsibility, and helping students develop habits that will benefit them beyond middle school.

At Dolores Middle School, PBIS is helping us build a stronger Bear Family—one where excellence, effort, pride, and positive choices are recognized and celebrated.

Congratulations to our grade-level winners for the most PBIS points!

- 6th Grade: 1,283 points - Kinley Hollen
- 7th Grade: 1,766 points - William Chubbuck
- 8th Grade: 843 points - Paisley Andrews

September Middle School Students Spotlights

Congratulations to our 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 announce that **Aubrey Burkett** is Student of the Month. Aubrey is a phenomenal person, inside and outside of the classroom. She always comes to class prepared to learn and takes her learning to the next level. Aubrey immerses herself in many other activities, such as cross country, soccer, Battle of the Books, and Student Council. Her leadership abilities, as well as her kindness and perseverance, also earned her a spot as a student ambassador. Aubrey is such an asset to this class, and we are eager to see her future accomplishments. Good job, Aubrey.



The 7th Grade Teachers would like to honor **LeRoy Keim** as our October Student of the Month. LeRoy was nominated and unanimously chosen. LeRoy is a shining example of a middle school student. LeRoy is meticulous about his schoolwork and is very diligent about his grades. LeRoy takes his classes seriously and is usually one of the first to participate in class. LeRoy is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs it or asks for it. LeRoy wakes in the morning and seems to be filled with kindness and respect. LeRoy is a welcome addition to any classroom.



8th grade student - **Lamijo Salt** is a wonderful young man who consistently demonstrates respect, responsibility, and a positive attitude in the classroom. He is helpful and cooperative to both his classmates and his teachers, and he actively contributes to class discussions. Lamijo's consistent effort and respectful demeanor make him a valued member of our classroom community. Congratulations, Lamijo!

Middle School Academic Achievement

Congratulations to the following students for their academic achievements during the **1st Quarter of the 2026-2027** school year. The middle school staff is honored to recognize these students.

Principal's Honor Roll - All A's

8th Grade

Amelia Daniel, Brantley Frans, Nyah Gorsuch, Hannah Huston, Alanna Lindsay, Violet Porter, Parker Pribble, Myles Maule

7th Grade

William Chubbuck, Lyle Dalzell, Johanna LaRose, Patricia Nielson, Finn Tarpey, Daisy Williford

6th Grade

Emmie Brown, Aubrey Burkett, Camaryn Gjedde, Jameson Grounds, Kinley Hollen, Madison McClure, Lukas Rennert, Dallie Schmidt

A and B Honor Roll

8th Grade

Finn Anderson, Paisly Andrews, MaKayla Beaudoin, Sara Halcomb, Marissa Hill, Abigail Hurst, Josephine Nichols, Jax Rantz, Jaxx Robson, Lamijo Salt, Avery Shoopman, Rowan Smith, MacKenzie Stowe, Micah Unrein, Aylan Warren, Kyndal Winter, Kinlea Wright

7th Grade

Finn Atwell, Aspen Brafford, Annalise Cunningham, Eviana Domagata, Peyton Erautt, Danielle Hanson, LeRoy Keim, Brendal Kennedy, Desiree Kitley, Colten Lanus, Hailey Patterson, Tresden Rennert, Isabel Sassmann, Matix Smith, Olivia Stanley, Jordan Thompson, Lilliana Walker

6th Grade

Aryana Arps, Cedar Blacow, Zoey Brown, Brinlee Fischer, Adelina Gonzales, Anastasia LaMastra, Talia Lathan, Scarlett Sanchez Mancheno, Breesa Tsosie, Josie Wallace, Olivia Zook

MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST QUARTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

6TH GRADE

TAIVEN BETTS
EMMIE BROWN
CAMARYN GJEDDE
RYLEIGH JOHNSON
MADISON MCCLURE
THORIN MOORE
LUKAS RENNERT
MEMPHIS RIFFLE
DALLIE SCHMIDT
JACKSON STOWE
JOSIE WALLACE
OLIVIA ZOOK

7TH GRADE

FINN ATWELL
ASPEN BRAFFORD
PEYTON BUTCHER
RYATT CALVILLO
ANNALISE CUNNINGHAM
LYLE DALZELL
LEROY KEIM
BRENDAL KENNEDY
DESIREE KITLEY
LAYLA MCCLAIN
JACKSON MCGEE
PATRICIA NIELSON
RYLEE OTTESON
HAILEY PATTERSON
TRESDEN RENNERT
MATIX SMITH
FINN TARPEY
JORDAN THOMPSON

8TH GRADE

ISAIAH PEREZ
VINCENT WESTOVER
MAKAYLA BEAUDOIN
AMELIA DANIEL
NYAH GORSUCH
SARA HALCOMB
MARISSA HILL
CAMBRI HOOPER
ABIGAIL HURST
JULIAN MALLON
SHANE MARTIN
DUDLEY MORRIS
RILEY MYERS
JOSEPHINE NICHOLS
PARKER PETIT
VIOLET PORTER
TEMPERANCE PYLE
ROWAN SMITH
MACKENZIE STOWE
RAYLAN THOMAS
LILY TORRES
BRIDGER VEACH
AYLAN WARREN
KYNDAL WINTER

Dolores Middle School (continued)

Mission & Vision Community Meeting

Dolores School District invites all parents, families, staff, and community members to join us on November 11th as we work together to shape the future of our schools!

Our entire middle school student body has been learning about the importance of a school's Mission and Vision Statement and working together to develop ideas about what they believe Dolores School District should represent.

Our Middle School Ambassadors will share and present the ideas developed by their fellow students. We are proud of our students for their involvement and for having a voice in this important process!

Now, we need YOUR voice! Parents and community members are an important part of this process. We want to hear your ideas, hopes, and expectations for our schools. Your input will help us create Mission and Vision Statements that reflect our community's values and establish a shared direction for the future of Dolores School District.

Don't miss this opportunity to be involved! Come ready to share your ideas, ask questions, and help shape the future our students deserve. Together, we can build a vision for Dolores School District that we are all proud to support!

Meeting Details:

- Date: November 11th
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Dolores School Library

Your voice matters. Our future is a shared responsibility. We hope to see you there!

Dolores Middle School Important Dates

November 9: Board of Education Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 6:00 p.m. Agendas are posted on the website and outside the district office.

November 11: Parents & Community Vision and Mission Workshop, High School Library, 6:30 p.m.

November 12: Holiday Dinner

November 23-27: No School, Fall Break - Happy Thanksgiving!

Emergency Closures

Monitor local media and check doloreschools.org for weather-related closure announcements. The district also sends an email and a robocall to parents and staff in the case of a delayed start or school closure.

Wellness Dolores Secondary Schools



Celebrating Healthy Choices

Throughout October, we celebrated **Red Ribbon Week** and **Healthy Choices Week**, focusing on the importance of healthy decisions and overall well-being. One of the highlights was our **Dolores Secondary School Wellness Fair**, which welcomed more than 25 community partners and over 400 students for a day of learning, connection, and fun.

Students explored local resources, participated in interactive activities, and learned about the support available to them inside and outside of school. We also welcomed Four Corners Youth Clinics, who provided educational workshops on vaping and its effects on the body and adolescent development.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who made our Wellness Fair possible, including our community partners, local businesses, generous sponsors, our amazing 13 Student Ambassadors, and our wonderful Student Council team. Your time, support, and dedication made this event a success!

Together, we are creating a stronger, healthier, and more supportive community for our students!



Dolores Secondary Wellness Fair















Dolores High School



It has been a busy and exciting fall at Dolores High School! Between some outstanding athletic accomplishments, college and career opportunities, and the hard work happening in our classrooms, there is plenty to celebrate as we head into November.



We are proud to share that **12 of our juniors qualified to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT**, giving them the opportunity to compete alongside juniors from across the country for recognition through the National Merit Scholarship Program. This is a great opportunity for our students to see how they measure up nationally and potentially open doors for future scholarships. We are excited to see what this group accomplishes!

Our Boys Cross Country team finished 2nd in the State of Colorado in Class 2A! This was the best finish in school history and an incredible accomplishment for our runners and coaches. When you look at how close the individual performances were, less than a second in the right places could have made the difference in bringing home a state championship. Either way, what an amazing season for these young men!







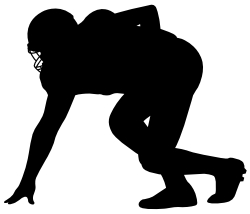
Junior Joseph Padilla led the Bears with a 4th-place finish in 16:39.7, earning **First Team All-State honors** and recording the highest individual boys finish in school history. Cruz Plewe, Will Blair, and Corvin Smith also earned All-State recognition. Owen Lowe and Bodie Fischer contributed to the team's outstanding finish as well. The Bears placed second among 20 teams, a tremendous achievement for our small school.

On the girls' side, **junior Emilynn Hill competed at State for the third consecutive year**, finishing 57th with a time of 22:27. Emilynn has been a consistent competitor for Dolores and continues to represent our school exceptionally well. Congratulations to all our runners and coaches on a season that our community should be extremely proud of!

Dolores High School (continued)



Our Volleyball team captured the San Juan Basin League Tournament championship, picking up wins over Ignacio and Telluride. The Bears have put together an outstanding season and have earned the opportunity to **host the Regional Tournament this Saturday, November 7**, with a trip to the State Tournament on the line. We hope to see a packed gym supporting these young ladies!



Our Football team closed out its season with a win over Del Norte, putting the finishing touches on a season that brought Dolores football back to a level of success we haven't seen in more than a decade. A special thank you to seniors **Darren Hicks, Miles Brown, and River Wickstrom** for their contributions to the program. These guys have helped lay the foundation for continued success.



Our Cheer team is also gearing up for its Regional and State competitions. These students put in a tremendous amount of work throughout the year supporting our athletic programs while preparing for their own competitive season. We wish them the best as they get ready to compete!

As our fall sports wrap up, winter sports are right around the corner. Basketball and wrestling will begin practices in November, and we look forward to another exciting season for the Bears.

Go Bears!

Dolores High School (continued)

We continue to provide opportunities for students to explore what life after high school might look like. Recently, students heard from an aviation instructor who shared information about the aviation industry, career opportunities, and statistics related to the field. We also welcomed **Maggie LaRose**, who spoke with students about nursing opportunities at Fort Lewis College and its partnership with the University of Colorado Boulder. These conversations are valuable because they introduce students to careers and pathways they may not have considered before.



Our Academic Advisor, **Mrs. Aurora Everett**, has been busy helping our seniors prepare for their next steps. She partnered with Grand Canyon University to provide families and students with information about paying for college or technical school, along with a workshop focused on completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Mrs. Everett will also be taking a dozen of our seniors on a **Western Slope College Tour**, with visits to colleges in Gunnison and Grand Junction this month. Another college visit is planned to Grand Canyon University during the weekend of December 5.

Dolores High School (continued)



These experiences give students a chance to see different campuses, learn about programs, and begin picturing themselves in the next chapter of their lives.

Several of our Career and Technical Education teachers recently traveled to Cañon City and Florence to visit programs and bring back ideas that could work for our students and our community. We want to continue building programs that connect what students learn in school with the skills and opportunities available in our area.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to take a moment to say how thankful I am for our staff, students, and families. Our teachers and staff put in countless hours to create opportunities for kids, often doing things that go unnoticed. Our students continue to impress me with their accomplishments, effort, and willingness to take on new challenges. And our families and community continue to support our school in ways that make Dolores a special place to be.

We have a lot to be proud of at Dolores High School, and I am grateful to be a part of it.
Happy Thanksgiving, and Go Bears!



Dolores High School Important Dates

November 9: Board of Education Meeting, District Office Boardroom, 6:00 p.m. Agendas are posted on the website and outside the district office.
November 11: Parents & Community Vision and Mission Workshop, High School Library, 6:30 p.m.
November 12: Holiday Dinner
November 23-27: No School, Fall Break - Happy Thanksgiving!

Emergency Closures

Monitor local media and check doloreschools.org for weather-related closure announcements. The district also sends an email and a robocall to parents and staff in the case of a delayed start or school closure.

Academic Advisor Aurora Everett

Advisor Dolores High School



Dolores High School is committed to the Colorado Department of Education's goal for post-secondary readiness in College and Career pathways. As part of the ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan) we have worked to offer seniors cost-free opportunities to visit college campuses in the region. Most, if not all, seniors took advantage of Colorado's all apply week where their application fee was waved.

Upcoming This Week:
Seniors who signed up to visit Colorado Mesa University and Western Colorado University will be taking official campus tours on Wednesday and Thursday.

Upcoming After Thanksgiving:
Seniors who signed up to visit Grand Canyon University will be flying out of Durango to Phoenix for an official GCU Discovery trip - all expenses paid.

Future Freshmen:
All of our 8th graders are going December 1st to explore careers at the The Southwest Colorado Education Collaborative regional Futures Fair to connect students with local employers, trade unions, nonprofits, and higher education partners.

Career Symposiums:
9th-12th grade students are invited to attend career symposiums that may align with their career interest. Recently, we hosted Maggie LaRose - Director of Nursing at Ft. Lewis College - to speak to our students who are interested in a career in Allied Health. She was able to answer questions from our students, plus we will be visiting her in the spring on a FLC campus tour!

Aristotle Tolley - **Flight Instructor for US Aviation Academy** - joined us via Google Meets to explain the process of becoming a pilot, and he gave real world examples of why Aviation is an excellent career choice right now.



Upcoming:
On Tuesday 11/17 we are hosting Sergeant Villereal of the US Air Force as he explains how a career in the Air Force can be a great move for students.

District Nurse Brandy Dunn

Health and Wellness



First, I want to give a BIG shout-out to everyone who helped organize, support, and participate in last week's Wellness Fair. It was a huge success! I truly enjoyed watching our students learn the importance of caring for both their bodies and minds.

As we head into the Thanksgiving season, let's continue the theme of health and well-being. This is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and remember all the things we have to be thankful for. Whether it is family, friends, good health, a caring teacher, or simply a reason to smile, practicing gratitude can have a positive impact on our overall health and well-being.

Did you know that research suggests optimism and a positive outlook on life are associated with living longer? A 2019 study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) followed more than 70,000 women and men and found that individuals with higher levels of optimism were more likely to live to age 85 and beyond; optimism = longer life expectancy!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember that being healthy is about more than just our physical health. Taking care of our minds, nurturing positive relationships, and appreciating the little things can make a big difference.

Wishing all of our students, families, teachers, and staff a happy, healthy, and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving!

In good health,

Brandy Dunn
District Nurse



Contact the Dolores School District

Dolores School District RE-4A
100 N. 6th Street / PO Box 727
Dolores, CO 81323
Phone: (970) 882-7255
Fax: (970) 882-7685

Dolores School District Calendars

Events Calendar

2026-2027 Yearly Calendar

Download the Dolores SD App

Download the updated Dolores SD App, available for free on both Android and iOS platforms. Allow push notifications!

Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google play

Safe2Tell Colorado Initiative

safe2tell®
Make a Call. Make a Difference.
1-877-542-SAFE