

GALLOPING GOOSE

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From the Principal's Office:

Gentlemen, the Watchdog program is an amazing and fun way to see how your child's education works from the inside. Every Watchdog volunteer has a big smile on his face at the end of the day. If you have been thinking about volunteering, I guarantee you will have a great experience. Just call or visit the Elementary office for more information.

Pickup Safety

The **Yellow Zone** in front of the school is a drop-off and pick up zone only. Please do not leave your vehicle parked in the yellow zone between 7:30-8:30 am and 3:30-4:00 pm. This prevents students from being picked up in the middle of the street or walking between parked cars. Thank you!

PTA:

Our first Box Top drive is October 1-25th. Please clip your box tops and send them to school. The classes with the most box tops collected K-2, 3rd-6th will get a prize. Check out the earning potential flyer attached.

October 18th the teachers are taking Cold Stone Creamery over. Serving ice cream to you and your family. The class with the highest percentage of participation in the whole school will win an ice cream party with ice cream provided by Cold Stone! Dolores Elementary gets 100% of tips and a percentage of all sales including Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. Check out the flyer attached.

Dolores PeeWee Football:

I want to inform all of our football parents. Any player that is not going to the Gallup tournament on Oct 27 and 28, gear return will be Monday 10/8/18 @ 5:30 p.m. at our practice field. We will start Gallup practices this same day. Also, we have a fun trip planned for any of the players who want to go, and any parent that can get them there. Saturday 10/13/18, we have it set up to take the players to watch the Fort Lewis SkyHawks vs The Colorado School of Mines in Durango @ Ray Dennison Memorial Field. Game starts @ 12 p.m. (NOON) Players will get in for free, I also have passes for the 6 coaches to attend the game and park for free. Parents, sorry, you're on your own. We would like to have everyone meet at my place by 10 a.m. (All Weather Storage building) so we can travel together and get the kids there and inside by 11:30. If your player wants to go but a parent can't make it, please plan ahead for travel help and make sure kids have

money for snacks/etc during the game. Kids can register before the game for a chance to be drawn for their halftime pass and kick contest. They will have our roster and make a special recognition of our players during the game. We will have the kids wear their red Dolores Football t-shirts. if they do not have one of these, they can wear any other red Dolores shirt. Same for the coaches or parents. We hope everyone can make this trip. It will be a fun experience for all of our little football studs. Cheerleaders are welcome too, just need their names for the list to be on the roster. Kids under 13 are always free at the FLC games.

Boy's Youth Basketball:

Basketball forms for boys 3rd through 6th grade available in the Office.

Mrs. Reynolds - Ski/Snow Board:

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Deadline to sign up for Ski Club is October 22nd.

COMMUNITY SKI AND SPORT SWAP: November 10th

Please see Mrs. Reynolds (RM EL-8. "Math Lab") or email hreynolds@dolores.k12.co.us for more information.

Backpack Program:

BACKPACK SIGN UP STARTS NOW. Call Amber @ (970)317-5567 or see Cheryl in the office.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 8 - NO SCHOOL/Holiday

Oct. 10 - School Pictures

Oct. 18 - Last Day of Quarter

Oct. 19 - NO SCHOOL/Teacher Work Day

Oct. 22-26 - Book Fair

Oct. 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 31 - Character Day Assembly - 2:45 - Aux. Gym

Room Reports:

Mrs. Christenson, Mrs. Hill & Mrs. Tourjee - 1st Grade:

Happy Fall with cool mornings and warm afternoons. Please send a jacket with your child every day. They also need a snack and their Go Home Folder every day. Coming up in October, we have our first field trip. We are going to the Pumpkin Patch on Tuesday, Oct. 16 for the morning and picnic in the park and back to school! It will cost \$5 and the kids will come home with a pumpkin! Look in the Go Home Folder for information coming soon. We have Parent-Teacher

Conferences coming up on Friday, October 26. Look for the conference time in the Go Home Folder. Call your child's teacher if you need to reschedule. Our first graders do a Service Learning Project for our community by raising money for United Way. The kids will be learning all about communities, money, jobs, and how they run. At the end of our Learning Project, the kids will have a box to collect change through "Trick or Treat for United Way." The kids learn so much through this project. The Halloween Party is Wednesday, October 31st. Our parties will be at 2:30. Look for more info in ... the Go Home Folder! :) Read every day. You read to your child, your child reads to you, and you can read together. The best way to get good at something is to do it A LOT! Start getting ready for snow by finding those boots, snow pants, mittens, and coats. We're hoping for LOTS of snow this winter.

Ms. Kuster, Ms. Savage, & Mrs. Yokeum - 2nd Grade:

This month, 2nd grade will be writing books about animals they make up. Talk to your child about habitats, climate, predators, prey, and animal adaptations. We are so excited to get started on this first big project!

Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. McNeill, & Mrs. Russell/Neeley - 3rd Grade:

Please check your child's homework folder for a letter outlining the rest of our restaurant unit. We will be needing some parent volunteers.

Mrs. Fiegenbaum, Mrs. Grazda, & Ms. Hanson - 4th Grade:

Our exciting month of October begins with our Crow Canyon fieldwork experience. Thank you to all the families for helping prepare your children for this amazing trip! We will follow up our trip with discussions, completing timelines, and writing about the Ancestral Puebloans.

As the first quarter comes to an end, we will be looking at everyone's progress and setting goals for the rest of the year. Students will be leading their conferences on October 26. Please be on the lookout for conference notes in the next couple of weeks.

Our next inquiry project focuses on how we come to learn and discover things and how discoveries change society. Students will dive into experiments, research space and movement of objects in space, and learn about different forms of energy.

Other things to look forward to are book clubs, our multiplication and division math module, and lots of reading and writing.

What a great group of fourth graders!

Jones, Mrs. Lein, Mr. Werner - 5th Grade:

Greetings from Fifth Grade!

Each morning our students enter the room with a "Morning Mindset" to write and reflect upon. These are powerful quotes by individuals that help drive our way of thinking, help us gain perspective, and enable us to share our thoughts and connections with each other. We continually ask our students to think and reflect upon the questions of "What does it mean?" and "Why does it matter?" whether we are addressing a mindset quote or new concepts in our content areas. October marks the start of a new mindset, "We Are Connected," as we share ways in which we can support each other as friends, teammates, and learners. We will be sharing ideas that connect us through research and project presentations in science and social studies. Homeroom classes will be researching and creating projects that support their specific science discipline (Earth Science, Physical Science, and Life Science) before switching to a new science class second quarter.

In math, we continue to share our strategies with each other to discuss different approaches to problem solving and reasonableness of outcomes as we work with place value understanding and decimal fractions. We will continue to compare, order, round, add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimal fractions this month.

As we voyage through our Early Exploration unit focusing on various explorers that changed the course of history, we are excited and encouraged by the deeper levels of critical thinking our students are engaging in. They are posing questions, considering alternative perspectives, and are active participants in redesigning a research project. The dynamic conversations our classes are having show that they take to heart a couple of "We Are Connected" Morning Mindset quotes that come to mind...

"The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway."

~Henry Boye

and...

"In every community, there is work to be done.

In every nation, there are wounds to heal.

In every heart, there is the power to do it."

~Marianne Williamson

Thank you for your support at home as we dive into these projects. We are excited to see our students thinking, reflecting, creating, and supporting one another!

Ms. Barry, Mr. LaRose, & Mr. Smith - 6th Grade:

We are doing some cool things in 6th grade! In Social Studies, we are learning how to use compasses. Ask your child about triangulation. The students are also studying biomimicry in STEM. We are wrapping up our rates, ratios, and percents module in math and will be moving on to dividing fractions next week. Please keep checking grades on PowerSchool with your child. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of the 6th-grade teachers.

Mr. Vega - Technology:

Across all grade levels, students are working on keyboarding skills and learning to use the tech tools that we have available.

Kindergarten students are currently engaged in the Waterford program which provides computer-based lessons in Reading, Math, and Science.

1st-grade students are learning about their digital tools and getting familiar with the keyboard.

2nd-grade students are learning about computer hardware and the home row of the keyboard.

3rd-grade students are learning about email and email etiquette.

4th-grade students have been hard at work creating a presentation of Colorado's Land Regions using Google Slides.

Grades 5 and 6 have been solving common computer problems in the classroom and have started presenting their solutions to the class.

We have now entered into October and for our 6th-grade students that means **PUMPKIN DROP!** We have gone over the rules of the event and I am currently in the process of procuring pumpkins. Students can begin working on their designs knowing that the pumpkins will be slightly larger than a basketball. Since I do not yet know how many pumpkins I can get, I am allowing on a volunteer basis for students to work in small groups limited to 3 students per group. I am working with Empire Electric to schedule the actual drop date and time. Updated information will be added to Google Classroom, students should check their Tech class regularly.

Mrs. Elder - P.E.:

At our next character assembly on October 31 at 2:45, the kindergarteners will be performing a dance called "Get Funky" in front of everyone! Please try and plan on being here so that you

won't miss out on the super-cool dance moves! I will make sure that the dance is recorded on video if you aren't able to make it but want to still check it out.

100-Mile Club: If 100-Mile club needs to be canceled due to weather, we'll make sure to send out a parent and staff email by 6:45 a.m. to let you know of the change. Running won't be moved inside until it gets too cold or snowy to make it work out on the football field. When that time comes, look for the announcement in the Goose, as well as an email from me.

Four Corners Youth Clinics

Hours - Monday 7:30am-12:30pm Tuesday: 7:30am-3:30pm Wednesday: 2pm-6pm

Phone number - 970-560-4890

BOX TOP DRIVE

Don't "leaf" a Box Top behind!



Every clip counts

BRING YOUR
BOX TOPS BY
OCTOBER
25TH

Classes that collect the most valid box tops will receive a prize, K-2nd grade and 3rd-6th.

Look What We Could Earn



Every clip counts



# of Students	Box Tops / Month	Months	Box Top Value	Earnings Potential
400	1	10	\$0.10	\$400
400	5	10	\$0.10	\$2,000
400	10	10	\$0.10	\$4,000
400	15	10	\$0.10	\$6,000
400	20	10	\$0.10	\$8,000
400	25	10	\$0.10	\$10,000
400	30	10	\$0.10	\$12,000
400	35	10	\$0.10	\$14,000
400	40	10	\$0.10	\$16,000

We will be collecting Box Tops all year long!! You can turn them into your teacher. We will have 2 collection drives this year and the winning class from K-2 and 3-6 each time will earn a prize. All money earned will benefit all kids of the school. Just make sure the expiration is valid and visible along with the code in the corner. There is no need to cut it out perfectly.

Dolores Elementary PTA Presents

**Dolores
Teachers**

**Taking
over**



Come have fun with the teachers serving you ice cream

All money raised helps every student and teacher in our school.



Class with the MOST student participants at event will win a Classroom Ice Cream Party!!!

**Thursday, October 18, 2018
5-8 PM**

**Cold Stone Creamery &
Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory**

215 South Sligo Street, Cortez, Colorado, 81321

PTA receives 20% off all sales. Cold Stone will provide the Classroom Ice Cream Party