

## **GALLOPING GOOSE**

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### **From the Principal's Office:**

**Halloween class parties will be on the 31st!** Students are allowed to wear costumes for the party only. When the party's over, costumes are put in their backpacks. No face paint, masks that cover the face, weapons, blood or gore are allowed. Thank you, and happy Halloween!

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. **Students should only cross the street at the crosswalk.** Student safety is our most important responsibility. Thank you for maintaining the safest pickup and dropoff possible for our children.

### **PTA:**

Thank you for coming out to support our PTA in the fun Cold Stone Event! The teachers and students had a great time! A special thank you to the parents for the generous donation made to us that night!!

PTA meeting next Thursday, November 1st, 2:35 in the teacher's lounge. Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

Spirit Sticks are next Friday, November 2nd. \$1 each, limited to \$3.

### **Dolores PEEWEE Football**

Football player and Cheer Banquet. Next Friday, Nov 2, @ Baymont Inn in Cortez. 6-8pm. Pizza party, gear return, and swimming.

### **Mrs. Reynolds - Ski/Snow Board:**

**Our Community Ski & Sport Swap is coming on November 10th.**

**This is a great opportunity to score some deals on equipment and outerwear, and also your LAST opportunity to get deeply discounted multi-day and Season Passes for Telluride!**

**This event also supports the Ski Club's Scholarship program.**

**You will receive a FREE one-day pass to Hesperus just for showing up!**

## **Best Foot Forward Kindergarten Transition:**

Hi All! I am Katrina Lindus and I am the Kindergarten Transition Coordinator for the Dolores School District. What does that mean? That means that I am available to you if you have any questions, concerns, or celebrations about your child, family and your journey to Kindergarten and beyond! We at Dolores offer a wonderful Kindergarten transition program and I will start sharing pertinent information about it right here in the Goose!

**Wondering about your little one's development? Visit [earlylearning.co](http://earlylearning.co) for Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines.**

**Need a Halloween activity? Make Halloween Slime: ½ cup Elmer's glue, add food coloring to the glue, then add 4 tbs liquid starch and googly eyes to the mix and stir. SPOOKY FUN!**

**Coming up: Our Second LITTLE CUBBIES program of the year! This is a monthly program for children ages 2-5 whom are not enrolled in Teddy Bear or in Kindergarten yet. It is an opportunity for your child and you (or another caretaker) to explore Dolores Elementary, do some fun activities and crafts and have a snack!**

**October Little Cubbies will be October 30th 2018 at 9:30 AM- 11:15 AM inside the front doors of the Elementary School. We will play go to the Library, visit a kindergarten class and More! To RSVP call or text Katrina at (970)560-4333.**

### **Dates to Remember:**

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parties - Refer to information from you student's teacher.

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

Nov. 9 - NO SCHOOL/Staff Work Day

Nov. 19 - 23 - NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 7 - NO SCHOOL

Dec. 18 - Winter Program - 7:00 - Aux. Gym - Students in classrooms @ 6:30

Dec. 20 - Last Day of Quarter

Dec. 21 - NO SCHOOL/Teacher Workday

Dec. 24 - Jan. 7 - NO SCHOOL/Winter Break

**Mrs. Elder - P.E.:**

October 31 at 2:45 the kindergartners are performing a dance called "Get Funky" at the beginning of our character assembly! Come watch if you can, these kids really get their groove on with this number. Hope to see you there!

### **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!

### **Mrs. 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.

**Four Corners Youth Clinics**

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

Phone number - 970-560-4890

## Little Cubbies Program

Come Play in the "Big Kid School"  
1 x Per Month During the School  
Year. Kinder Classroom ~ P.E. ~  
Library ~ Playground ~ Activities  
For ANY Kiddo Age 2-5 Years &  
younger siblings ~ (With their favorite adult)

9:30- 11:15 Tuesday,

- September 25<sup>th</sup>
- October 30<sup>th</sup>
- November 27<sup>th</sup>
- December 18<sup>th</sup>

(2019 dates to come)



MEET AT THE FRONT DOORS OF  
DOLORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
12<sup>TH</sup> & HILLSIDE IN DOLORES

RSVP VIA:

FACEBOOK @ BEST FOOT FORWARD  
KIDERGARTEN TRANSITION  
INITIATIVE

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