

GALLOPING GOOSE

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From the Principal's Office:

Student safety is our most important responsibility. **Please do not pick up or drop off students in the middle of the street. Students should only cross the street at the crosswalk.** Thank you for maintaining the safest pickup and dropoff possible for our children.

Cold weather has arrived! Please be sure your child comes to school properly dressed for the colder weather with coats, hats, boots, and gloves. Students will need snow pants when it snows. There is a collection box in the front entry to recycle gently used winter wear. Please feel free to donate outgrown winter clothing or pick up what you need. We like our students to be toasty warm.

If the temperature is below 10 degrees recess will be inside.

Breakfast is available starting at 7:50

From the Nurse's Office:

FLUORIDE APPLICATION: The hygienist will be here on 11-5-18 and 11-6-18 to apply fluoride to the children that signed up during registration. Anyone that received fluoride from Smile Makers dental program will not receive it again.

From the Counselor's Office:

Hello, Dolores Families!

As many of you know we use a social-emotional learning curriculum in the Dolores Schools called 'The Seven Mindsets'. At the end of each month, I'll be including a little update in the Goose on which of the Seven Mindsets students have been working on and what that means! Each mindset has four essential elements, and students learn one per week. First thing when students return from their weekend they have their mindset lesson and the theme is woven through their academic curriculum throughout the week.

The Mindset for September was "100% Accountable", and October was "We are Connected"! The four essential elements of 100% Accountable are "own your life", "overcome limiting beliefs", "focus your energy", and "grow through life". The essential

elements of “We Are Connected” are “embrace everyone”, “maximize positive relationships”, “build your dream team”, and “lead with value”. The team at Dolores Elementary lead activities for students to emphasize accountability for actions and success, to find things they have in common with one another, and to build stronger and healthier relationships. They also identified peers and adults who they feel connected to and supported by who can be their support system for academic success!

Our teachers are keeping track every time a student embodies a particular element of a mindset, which can be pointed out by any staff, teacher, or student. We celebrate and acknowledge every time a student displays competency or mastery of all four elements of a particular mindset by announcing their names at the monthly character assembly and awarding them with a mindset bracelet. Over 85 students will be coming home with bracelets this month! Students have all year to complete each mindset so there are ample opportunities to earn all 7! If you have any questions feel free to reach out! Thanks for reading and Happy Fall!

Ms. Leigh

PTA:

Thanksgiving Food Drive has started! Please bring in non-perishable food items. Stays local and helps families of Dolores School District. Ends Nov. 8th!! Please look see attached flyer.

Spirit Sticks are TOMORROW!! Limit 3 per student, \$1 each

Dolores PEEWEE Football:

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

Middle School Football - 6th Grade:

Middle School Football Banquet will be November 14th at 6:30.

Please bring the following: 8th Graders-Main Dishes, 7th Graders- Side Dishes, 6th Graders-Desserts

Also, we will be accepting equipment at 5:30 prior to the banquet. See you all then!!! Thanks for a great season!

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!

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 2 - Spirit Sticks for Sale

Nov. 9 - NO SCHOOL/Staff Work Day

Nov. 19 - 23 - NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 7 - NO SCHOOL

Dec. 18 - Winter Music 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

Room Reports:

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

Tomorrow is Spirit Stick Day (up to \$3) and if the kids want to wear a hat for Hat Day (6th-grade fundraiser), it is \$1.

Happy Fall! Halloween was lots of fun. Thank you for all the effort you put in to support the 1st grade Service Learning Community Project, "Trick or Treat for United Way!" Local businesses also contributed to the project. Our little ones worked hard to raise money to help other little ones with needs in the community. Research shows health benefits to kids who help others. Wonderful job, 1st grade! Totals will be announced before Thanksgiving Break.

Our goal is at least \$5 per student. We have 43 Students. That is \$215 or more! Wowza!

1st-grade teachers will be out on Nov. 13th for a Curriculum Planning Day.

Book Swap on the 16th! Bring in some already read books to trade for some new books!

We will be wrapping up our Community Project Unit before Thanksgiving, and starting our Social Studies Learning Project - "Trip Around the World." We will be learning about winter celebrations in other countries and significant facts about those countries. Our souvenirs will be activities the kids make. It's a fun way to learn about cultures in other places.

Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

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

2nd grade has been working hard on their animal books. We will finish the week before Thanksgiving. On the Friday before the break, we will present our books to the other second grade classes and the 1st-grade classes. We are so excited to see the final product! Our next unit will be physics, focussing on forces and motion. Your child can look forward to many amazing experiments and a field trip in December.

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

This next month, third grade will be working towards mastery of multiplication and division facts within 10. We will also be applying all learned math skills to word problems. Our history project will culminate in a living museum. We want students to build on their knowledge of economics to think about reasons why settlers moved our west. We will specifically focus on industries in Montezuma County that led to the creation of our community.

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

Thank you for attending parent conferences. Students should be proud of their progress!

4th graders are learning about energy! Our project-based learning unit on energy includes conducting many experiments, reading and writing in various informational text genres, and having a lot of fun! We will also have guest speakers and go on a field trip to the Powerhouse Science Center. Our culminating celebration of learning will be a Science Symposium with experiment demonstrations, our own version of TED talks, and debates about energy-related issues. Look for more information about this exciting unit in the near future.

Regular math, spelling, and other subjects continue. 4th graders need to master their multiplication and division facts ASAP! Thank you.

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

November marks the beginning of a new mindset, "Attitude of Gratitude" where we focus on lessons of Treasuring Ourselves, Being More Grateful, Thanking-It Forward and Elevating Our Perspectives. Research presented in our first lesson stated that being consciously grateful and saying "Thank You" genuinely three times a day can add seven years to one's life! A fifth-grade student pointed out that having a peaceful and grateful state of mind helps the body stay physiologically healthy and you just plain feel better every day!

On that note, fifth-grade teachers would like to express our gratitude for the wonderful opportunity to share your child's progress with you during conference time last week. We appreciate the support you provide your child at home and recognize the importance of staying connected as a team to help your child learn and grow. Please contact your child's teacher with a time that is convenient for you to come by and share your child's work if you were not able to attend last week. We look forward to celebrating your child's progress.

We continue to use place value understanding to apply all operations to decimals modeling problem solving with area models and standard algorithms. We will use these same strategies to problem solve with larger whole numbers and use estimation to help us evaluate the reasonableness of answers.

Your child will begin their new science rotation on November 1st with their new teachers. Mrs. Jones' homeroom class will have Mrs. Lein for life science, Mr. Werner's class will go to Mrs. Jones for earth science, and Mrs. Lein will go to Mr. Werner for physical science.

We will be wrapping up our Explorer's unit with the completion of our research projects, trading cards, and will enjoy a culminating activity of sharing a feast of flavors from centuries ago right before Thanksgiving break. Please stay tuned for more information on our "Explorers Summit."

We look forward to an amazing month of making connections across content areas, diving deeper into research, investigating the use of primary and secondary sources, and embarking on service-learning projects that help us to "Thank It Forward."

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

Hello, Families! 2nd quarter is off to a great start! We have lots of exciting things happening! This week alone we are having our annual 6th-grade pumpkin drop, Halloween pumpkin carving party, assembly on the Mindset "We Are Connected", an extended classroom experience at the landfill and Carpenter's Preserve, and hat day to raise some money for our Moab trip in May! Whoa... that's a lot of cool stuff! We will be focusing on "Attitude of Gratitude" for our

November Mindset. It ties in so perfectly with Thanksgiving coming up later this month! Try and start a daily practice with your student by setting aside a few minutes per day to share with each other what you are grateful for. Science Fair is in full swing, so please keep checking in with your child and look on Google Classroom for assignments pertaining to the project. As always, we ask that you check Power School with your student throughout the week. If you have any questions or comments about anything, please do not hesitate to reach out! -6th Grade Team

Mrs. Bean - Music:

It's that time of year again! All students have been working on their music for our annual Christmas Program. This year it will be held on Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00 pm. Students are to be in their classrooms at 6:30 pm. The program will be held in auxiliary gym, where it has been held for the past several years. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Bean.

Mr. Vega - Technology:

Our Pumpkin Drop was a smash! Our participants did a great job of problem solving to protect those pumpkins. Lots of pumpkins may have met their doom, but it doesn't mean we didn't learn from it.

I want to thank all of the problem solvers who submitted a design, Walmart and Empire Electric for their generosity, and those who assisted during the event as well as those who helped to clean up after the event.

I would like to recognize Wade Conner. Wade's pumpkin was the only survivor. Great job Wade!

Four Corners Youth Clinics

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

Phone number - 970-560-4890

PTA FOOD DRIVE



All Food Helps
Feed Students of
Dolores School
District!

Donated to
Dolores Family
Project & Dolores
School District
Backpack Program

OCTOBER 29TH-
NOVEMBER 8TH

Extra Recess for Top Class in K-2nd, 3rd - 6th.
Sponsored by the Dolores Elementary PTA.

- Suggested Items:
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| Instant Oatmeal | Peanut Butter | Mae 'n Cheese |
| Granola Bars | Jelly | Ramen Noodles |
| Cereal | Canned Soup | Pop Tarts |
| Pasta/Rice | Canned Fruit | Cereal Bars |
| Canned Veggies | Applesauce | Canned Chicken |
| 100% Juice | Velveeta Cheese | Any Helper |
| Shelf Stable Milk | Rice-a-roni | Beans |
| Pretzels/Crackers | Canned Pasta | Pasta Sauce |
| Raisins | Knorr Noodles/Rice | Stuffing |
| Graham Crackers | Canned Chili | Gravy |
| Mashed Potatoes | Canned Pumpkin | Snacks |
- PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS JARS!!!