



DOLORES MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August/September 2013

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,
We are still flying high after such a successful year. We graduated the largest senior class ever to walk the halls of Dolores High School. Together they netted over \$600,000 dollars in scholarships and awards. Our students will be going on to many universities, colleges, military branches and off to join the workforce.

2013-2014 is set to be another great year. Thanks to the voters our students will get upgraded classrooms, including a nearly 1.6 million dollar Ag Shop! We are remodelling locker rooms, building life skills and science classrooms high schools. To follow all the construction news, please check out website. We will be posting information as well as the new design plans!

We are also welcoming some new faculty members:

Jimmie Lankford-Assistant Principal/Activities Director
Laurie Larricq-Head Secretary
Peter Swingle-High School Science
Tara Wilkins-High School Special Education
Meg O'Neil-Middle School Science
Arita Graham- Middle School Language Arts
Cathy Cullicott-Middle School Math
Miriam Baines-Middle School Math (moved from HS Sci)

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We will be releasing a newsletter each quarter to be posted online. Please check back here often for updates and other information.

Please note that there have been a few minor changes to the day. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays school will get out at 3:35 and 2:05 on Wednesdays. A few days were also adjusted on the calendar so please get an updated calendar from the district website.

I am proud to return as Principal in the Dolores Secondary. We have a great school with wonderful kids and an amazing staff. We welcome you back as well!

Sincerely,

Brandon Thurston
Secondary Principal
Dolores Schools

STUDY TIP

- *Go to class regularly and on time.
- *Review your readings and notes from the previous class before each session.
- *Complete your assignments with enough time to review them before you turn them in.
- *Tackle large projects like research papers in manageable increments.
- *Study a little bit every day rather than cramming the night before a big exam or essay deadline

Construction Update:

Asbestos abatement went well and all asbestos was safely removed. The locker rooms will be remodelled. We have been working with all the contractors to ensure the safety of our students throughout this construction process. Until the new spaces are complete, we have had to construct temporary classrooms in the library, move high school sciences to the modular buildings, relocate the locker rooms and the Ag Shop. Thank you for your patience as we create wonderful new learning spaces.



Activities and Athletics

Jimmie Lankford-Activities/Athletic Director

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Activity/Sport

Band
Baseball-HS
Basketball Boys-HS
Basketball-Boys-MS
Basketball-Boys-MS
Basketball-Girls-HS
Cheer-HS
Cheer-MS
Choir Beverly Hall
Cross Country
Dolores Student Leaders in Community Service

Football-HS
Football-MS
Future Farmers of America

Gay-Straight Alliance
Golf-Girls-HS
Knowledge Bowl-HS
Knowledge Bowl-MS
National Honor Society
Skills USA
Student Government-HS
Student Government-MS
Track-HS
Track-MS
Volleyball-HS
Volleyball-MS
Wrestling-HS
Wrestling-MS

Sponsors

Beverly Hall
TBD
Larry Schwartz
Ben Tolin
Monica Steinberger
Tim Kercher
Shawna Wark
Debbie Hagar
Beverly Hall
Nick Kohler
Pam Pacheco
Chris Trussler
Scott Weinmaster

Jake Gordanier
Carlos Somers
TBD
Pam Pacheco
Clay Tallmadge
Karen Webster
Dane Gallaher
Josh Munson
Clay Tallmadge
Nick Kohler
Ben Tolin
Gina Hollen
Cathy Cullicott
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Welcome Our New Staff...



Jimmie Lankford
Assistant Principal/Activities Director
Degree(s) Earned: B.S. Texas
Womens Univeristy and CSU
Educational Experience: 24 yrs

I have been in education for 20 plus years. My passion is Education and seeing students succeed in school activities, sports and life. I have taught Science, Health, and P.E. I have spent time at both the High school and Middle school level. I am very excited to be here in Dolores and a smaller schools were I can get to know the students, parents and community.



Laurie Larricq
Head Secretary
Degree(s) Earned: A.A.
Educational Experience: 5yrs in schools

I worked in the schools, when my children were small, as a Teacher's Aide with Durango 9R and Aztec Schools. I spent 17 years in Healthcare and Insurance in between Glad to be back in schools! I've been in the area since 1980 and never get tired of the beauty we call home.



Meg O'Niell
MS Science Teacher
Degree(s) Earned: B.S./M.S
University of San Diego
Colorado College.
Educational Experience: 8yrs

Ms. O'Neill came to Dolores from teaching in a much larger classroom: Yosemite National Park in California. She loves to teach and learn outdoors, and spends most of her free time adventuring in the mountains and desert. Her passions in science are earth science and environmental science.



Peter Swingle
HS Science
Degree(s) Earned: B.S. Geology
Wittenberg University
M.A. Journalism The Ohio State University
Educational Experience: 35 years

I enjoy teaching and working with students tremendously. I enjoy taking part in anything that puts me outdoors. I enjoy learning all that I can from my experiences in the natural world.



Cathy Coulicott
MS Math Teacher
Degree(s) Earned: B.S. and M.S.
Princeton University
University of Washington
Educational Experience: 18 years

Raised in Arlington, Virginia. I came out west after college to work as a geologist and later a teacher. I very excited for the opportunity to join the educational team in Dolores!



Tara Wilkins
HS Special Education
Degree(s) Earned: B.A. and M.e.d
Educational Experience: 1 yr

Ms. Wilkins comes to us from the far North...Alaska. She has worked in Exceptional Services for the past year. She has a passion for kids and the outdoors and is excited to live and work here in Dolores



Arita Graham
MS Language Arts
Degree(s) Earned: B.A.
University of Montana
Educational Experience: 10 yrs

Arita Graham is delighted to be a part of the Dolores School District. Arita adores the Dolores River and getting to the mountains as much as possible. When she is not teaching, she is with her ten-year-old son, River, and her dog, Bailey. During her free time she loves mountain-bike riding, knitting, practicing yoga, and laughing.



Chris Trussler
HS Football Head Coach

Coach Trussler a former Marine and Semi-Pro Football Player joins the Dolores Bears as Head Coach. Excited about building a program in a community with such great support for the kids and education. Coach Trussler is also assists with MS wrestling.

SAVE THE DATES... Please give us a call if you are interested in these committees!

Oct 18 NS - Half day Work Day

Oct 22/24 Parent/Teacher conferences

Oct 25 District PD

Dolores School Board Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the District Office 7pm

Dolores Middle School Steering Committee meets at 4pm, the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Dolores High School Steering Committee meets at 4pm, the 4th Wednesday of the month

Dolores Re-4a Accountability meets at 4pm at District Office the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Homecoming Week 2013

September 30th-October 5th



Theme: Space

High School Volleyball: Tuesday, October 1st 4pm-7pm

PowderPuff Football: Wednesday, October 2nd 5pm-7pm.

Bonfire: Wednesday, October 2nd, 7p.m.-9p.m. at Joe Rowell Park

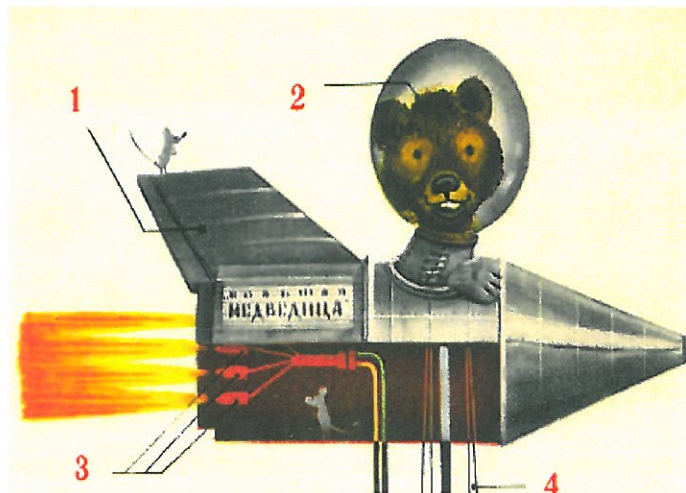
Pep Rally and Peach Fuzz Volleyball: Friday, October 4th, 1 p.m. in the main gym

Parade: Friday, October 4th, Starts at 2:30 in front of the General Store

Football: Friday, October 4th, 7p.m. Bears vs. Center High School Vikings at HOME

Dance: Saturday, October 5th at 8p.m.-11:30p.m. in the Commons

Volleyball: Saturday, October 5th Lady Bears are away at Ignacio.



STUDENTS GET INVOLVED!!!

We have many great opportunities to get involved in school. Did you know that a student who participates in a club or sport on average earns a significantly higher G.P.A than non-active students. Multiple studies have shown that not only does participating in activities likely improve your G.P.A., but it also reduces drop out rates, builds a sense of community in schools and has positive lasting affects on self-esteem.

PARENTS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS GET INVOLVED!!!

Dolores Middle School Parent Teacher Association

We are starting a new Middle School PTA this year. This is an exciting new parent organization coming together to support DMS students and staff, If interested please contact Liisa Mecham at holaprivet@yahoo.com

BOOSTER CLUB

A lasting tradition here in Dolores. The Boosters and Bear Backers raise thousands of dollars for our students each year. They support athletics and activities ranging from 6th Grade Moab Trip to new uniforms and equipment. Contact Lenetta Shull for meeting dates/times or for donation information. kx4les0207@hotmail.com

What's this?

It is a QR code. If you have a QR scanner on your phone and access to the internet, just scan this image and it will take you directly to the Dolores RE-4A homepage. Keep up with announcements, construction projects and more.

