

GALLOPING GOOSE

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From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents,

Our goal is for you and your child to have a routine and calm homework experience. Homework will require some parental involvement at this level. Your cooperation is essential in developing a positive homework habit. When parents are involved in their children's education, kids do better in school.

Some suggestions for homework:

- Check homework every night.
- Discuss your children's progress with teachers.
- Limit screen time and outside of school activities on school nights.
- Establish a regular "homework time" in the home.
- Provide a noise-free, well-lit place for your child to work.
- Be available to help your child if she or he has a question.
- Decide if it becomes too frustrating of a task, to stop and take a break.

Research indicates that homework is beneficial for all levels of education. A good rule of thumb is 10 minutes of homework per grade level (3rd grade = 30 minutes). If you find that homework is frequently taking significantly more or less time than is outlined here, please let us know.

Also, please let us know if the homework seems either too easy or too challenging for your child. Our hope is that your child will develop strong skills and a positive attitude toward completing their homework. Please feel free to come by, email, or call if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Dates to Remember:

August 25-Sept. 15 - Read-a-thon

Sept. 8 - Spirit Sticks Sale

Sept. 22 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher workday

Sept. 29 - Pickles and Popcorn

PTA:

The 1st Spirit Sticks of the school year is TOMORROW! \$1.00 each with a limit of 3 sticks per student.

If you would like to join PTA, please return the attached membership form with your dues. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

The Read A Thon is going until September 15th. The top earning fundraiser for each grade will earn a prize and the top earning class will have a special celebration during their reading time. 100 % raised will benefit the elementary students. Our funding initiative this year includes a covered outdoor classroom, New Basketball Hoops and Concrete Pads, a sand volleyball pit and updating the sand box. Every class will have uninterrupted reading time in their classroom on September 15th. Please help your student get pledges.

Dolores Backpack Program: A free anonymous program that can help provide pantry food items to your family for the weekends. We can help a little or a lot. Please contact the front office of the Preschool, Elementary or Secondary for more information.

To Volunteer on Thursday mornings to help stuff the backpacks please contact Amber at (970) 317-5567
Dolores Pee Wee Football:

First games this Saturday in Mancos starting at 9.

Pictures Monday, September 11th during Practice.

Practice Monday and Tuesday, September 11th & 12th, 6:00-7:30 PM

Thank you all who supported our kids by buying raffles tickets.

Classroom Capers:

Mrs. Christenson, Mrs. Hill, & Mrs. Tourjee - First Grade:

1st grade is loving the weather and our time together. We are reading short vowel words with beginning blends and special endings after a short vowel like following the Floss Rule (double the -ff, -ll, -ss after a short vowel in a short word. i.e. miss, smell, stuff, grass, off) and -ck (after a short vowel in a short word. i.e. back, neck, stick, clock, duck) Give kids words to spell as you are driving down the road to soccer, dance, bmx, or other activities. HEALTHY SNACK - every day! (If you need help with snacks, please let your teacher know. Arrangements can be made.) P.E. shoes need to be brought to school if you haven't already. We are playing a lot of fun and supportive math games like "Happy Counting", "Target Practice", "Sparkle", "Finger Flash", "Cold Call", and "Make 10" Using dice or cards at home is a fun way to practice those math skills and keep them sharp!

Ms. Hutchins, Mrs. McNeill, & Ms. Savage - Second Grade:

Second graders are working hard on memorizing math facts. Look in their folders next week for flash cards.

Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Neeley, & Mrs. Russell - Third Grade:

This week begins our first garden classes to prepare for the 3rd-grade restaurant. Super exciting- be sure to ask your child about it! Homework began this week- remember that practice packets

are due tomorrow. As always, encourage reading at home to build fluency and comprehension skills. Have a great weekend :)

Mrs. Bellairs, Mrs. Carpenter, & Mrs. Grazda - Fourth Grade:

Fourth grade will do project-based learning in Social Studies for the next two weeks. Students will immerse themselves in a Geography Menu, doing hands-on activities that focus on all aspects of Colorado geography. We'll make 3-D maps of Colorado, make questions and play Jeopardy, read historic Colorado newspapers, make Google slides about Colorado regions, and more!

Woven into our schedule will be initial NWEA testing, Student Council speeches, and the Readathon. As always, we are busy learning, so please make sure your child is well-rested, well-fed, and AT SCHOOL. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Bjerke, Mrs. Jones, & Mrs. Lein - Fifth Grade:

Greetings from 5th grade:

Wow! We have officially been back to school for one month and the students are adjusting to the new routines and expectations well. We are heading into deep waters. Fifth grade is venturing back in time studying and researching "World Explorers": origins, routes, trades, timelines, and artifacts.

-- Stay tuned...

Mrs. Barry, Mr. LaRose, Mr. Smith - Sixth Grade:

School is off to a great start in the 6th grade! Students continue to rise to high academic and behavioral expectations. Our 6th-grade team is utilizing Google Classroom to increase student engagement. Please ask your student for a tour of their virtual classroom. PowerSchool is also up and running. Please check your child's grades on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Extended Classroom activities will be a priority for our 6th-grade curriculum this year. In the month of September, students will visit Lizard Head pass. Our objectives will be to study the mountain ecosystem and Leave No Trace wilderness ethics. We are also planning trips to McPhee Dam, Hovenweep National Monument, and Moab. More on these exciting trips later! We are in need of 2-liter bottles and gallon milk jugs for projects in science. Please send these in with students as soon as possible.

Mrs. Bean - Music:

The 4th-grade recorders arrived this week; however, the red recorders are on back order until Sept. 15th. Most of the 4th graders are doing a great job of learning how to play their new instrument! It is challenging to get fingers to do what they are supposed to do when learning something new but we are getting there!

Mrs. Reynolds - Knowledge Bowl:

6th Graders who wish to join the MIDDLE SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM please see Ms. Reynolds for paperwork, asap!

Our first Meet is Monday, September 18th, 3 pm at HOME. Practices will be every TUESDAY from 4-5 pm.



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Dolores Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

Dolores Elementary School PTA Membership Form
Individual Membership \$10

Name _____
Parent ___ Student ___ Community Member ___ Faculty ___ Staff Member ___

Name _____
Parent ___ Student ___ Community Member ___ Faculty ___ Staff Member ___

Student #1 _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Student #2 _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Student #3 _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Student #4 _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Membership amount enclosed _____
(\$3.75 goes to your PTA, \$4.00 goes to Colorado PTA, \$2.25 goes to National PTA)

Volunteers are the key to having a great PTA and a great school!
Thank you for your support!

Dolores Elementary PTA
P.O. Box 727
Dolores, CO 81323

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Come Join Us for the September Little Cubbies Program
If you Give A Mouse A Cookie Theme!!!

ALL CHILDREN AGES 2-5 AND THEIR FAVORITE ADULT ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY ACTIVITIES AND SNACK WHILE BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH DOLORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

**Time: 9:30-11:15 AM @ Front Doors of Dolores Elementary
School on 12th and Hillside in Dolores, Co**

Contact Katrina to reserve a spot:

(970)560-4333 OR katrinal@monteloresecc.org

An adult must accompany children)- please notify Katrina of any dietary restrictions, etc.

