

# Dolores Secondary Schools

===== PARENT MONDAY MEMO--AUGUST 27, 2018 =====

## HAPPY MONDAY!

Hello, and Happy Monday!

This week, we are celebrating our school spirit with a "low key" Spirit Week. On Monday-Wednesday, we will celebrate with random drawings for Dolores Bears Swag. Each student will receive a drawing ticket first hour on Monday, to keep for the week. We will have 8-10 drawings for prizes each day. On Wednesday afternoon, students and staff will celebrate our "Contributions of Excellence" and compete for class cup points at a pep rally. Thursday is "Bear Spirit Day." Please encourage your students to wear their Dolores Bears gear, or school colors, to be counted for class cup points.

Class cup points are calculated from a variety of contests, including:

- Weekly attendance
- Weekly behavior
- Weekly grade checks
- NWEA Growth points
- Dress Up Day participation
- Pep Rally Games

and other contests throughout the year.

Each month, beginning at the end of September, the leading class will receive a prize. At the end of each semester, the leading class will receive a pizza and icecream social. At the end of the year, the leading class will get bragging rights, and be awarded the Bear Cup trophy.

Current standings are:

1. 7th grade
2. Seniors
3. Freshmen
4. 8th grade
5. Juniors

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, 8/28: MS Volleyball @ home vs. Norwood

Thursday, 8/30: MS Football @ home vs. Nucla

Thursday, 8/30: MS Volleyball @ Telluride

Friday, 8/31: NO SCHOOL, Staff Collaboration Day

Friday, 8/31: MS/HS Cross Country @ Monticello

Friday, 8/31: HS FB @ home vs. Monticello

Class Spirit Points will be awarded for all students attending home events. Check in with staff at the gate to be counted!

## CELL PHONES

Thank you for your support of our cell phone expectations! Teachers report that this expectation has helped create a very smooth beginning to the school year. We have noticed that students are engaged in many more face-to-face conversations, particularly at lunchtime, than we have seen in recent years.

If you need to get in touch with your student during the day, you are welcome to call the office. We will make sure that they get the message.

## VISITORS TO CAMPUS

We welcome you to our campus at any time during the day! We ask that you check in at the main office and check out through the main office, so that we may maintain security at our campus.

## NWEA AND STUDENT SUCCESS CLASSES

NWEA testing is almost complete. We will be re-evaluating students' placement in Success courses this week.

I want to reinforce that we will be very intentional about providing targeted supports for students who need a little extra boost. These courses are intended to be a help to build skills in our students so that they have the greatest opportunities for success in their core content classes throughout secondary school and beyond. Please remind your students that it is okay if they have not "tested out" of the class. What is most important is that we have an accurate picture of the support they need, so we can provide that, and they can grow.



Thank you for your questions and support around these courses. As with anything new to a system, it will take a bit to get this refined, and I appreciate your patience.

## ATTENDANCE IS KEY TO STUDENT SUCCESS

We will be working very diligently this year to ensure that we are keeping in compliance with our district and state attendance policies. Please review the Attendance expectations in the student handbook. We can not, by law, excuse absences or tardies for any reasons other than those listed in the handbook.

If you will be going out of town, or your student needs a pre-arranged absence, please note that the policy requires **two weeks notice** of this.

School attendance is critically important for student success. Research has proven that missing 10% of school days (16, on our calendar) in a school year impacts student achievement at the same rate as having a learning disability. If a student already has a learning disability, and misses that number of days, the impact is even more significant. Please partner with us in making sure that your students are in attendance. Please communicate with the office if your student is going to be absent.

## A NOTE FROM FOUR CORNERS YOUTH CLINICS

Greetings Dolores Families!

Four Corners Youth Clinics is very excited to start this school year on the Dolores School Campus. While we wait for the actual clinic building to be completed (estimated to be done in mid-November), we are providing services in a space graciously made available to us in the secondary school. Our services are available to ALL REGISTERED DOLORES STUDENTS, their siblings up to age 18, and any child in the Dolores community age 5 and under.

We provide integrated care, meaning primary care and behavioral health providers work together with patients to provide comprehensive care that addresses all aspects of health. This can include Well Child Checks, sick visits, assessment and individual and family counseling. We can serve as your primary care provider or support your primary care when needed (think strep test, ear infection, etc). Our care team is comprised of a nurse practitioner (NP), Debrah Archer, a licensed professional counselor (LPC), Rebecca Gostlin, a registered nurse (RN), Julie Hite and an administrative assistant, Vickie Martinez.

Our provider hours in Dolores are:

Monday & Thursday: 7:30am-10am

Tuesday: 7:30am-3:30pm

Wednesday: 2pm-6pm

Our administrative assistant, Vickie Martinez, will be in the clinic to schedule appointments, answer questions and take paperwork from 7:30am-3:30pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10am-6pm on Wednesdays.



Give us a call, 970-560-4890, or stop by to schedule an appointment.  
Follow us on Facebook @fourcornersyouthclinics to stay up-to-date with our clinic news.  
Our website will be live soon – stay tuned!

**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEK!**

