6-8-18

Dolsen Families –

This will be our last newsletter for the year.

This Wednesday, we had a special event – the spring pilot for our "Dolphin Pods." Pods consist of a mix of students from all grade levels, along with a teacher (most likely not their current classroom teacher). Students in the pod will stay together with that teacher throughout their remaining time at Dolsen. This will give them another way to connect with a staff member and will allow older students to help mentor younger students. This cross-grade level format has been used very successfully in other SLCS elementary schools for the past few years. Now all buildings, including Dolsen, are implementing their own version.

We will have an official kickoff for 2018-19 at the beginning of the school year and students will continue to meet together with their pod monthly for lessons and celebrations. Please ask your child to tell you more about Wednesday's activity and focus on "kindness."

I have enjoyed my time here at Dolsen getting to know your children. I wish them all the best next year.

On behalf of all the Dolsen staff, I'd like to wish you and your families a safe summer. Relax, have fun, and encourage students to keep learning and reading!

<u>Dolsen Alumni</u>

We will be honoring our graduating senior alumni with their own personal clap out on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9:15 am. If you know of a past Dolsen student that is graduating high school this year, please pass on the invitation that is attached.

<u>Welcome to Dolsen!</u>

Next fall we will welcome Michelle Korfonta as our new cafeteria manager, with the retirement of Ms. Lela.

We welcome Mrs. Heather Linderman, current Sayre teacher, to a 4th grade position.

<u>OK2SAY</u>

OK2SAY is a confidential tip line established by the state of Michigan which can be used to report concerns about students who might harm themselves or others. For more information you can refer to their website at

https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say/0,5413,7-309-77651---,00.html

During the school year, students are always encouraged to report any concerns directly to a trusted adult in the building to facilitate a quick and thorough follow up. However, the OK2SAY option is always available to students year-round.

Yesterday, Michigan Attorney General Schuette was at a school presentation in the Cadillac school district and shared the following comment: "Unfortunately, we know that just because school is out for the summer does not mean that students are free from bullying or thoughts of self-harm, just to name a few," said Schuette. "This is why I remind students and schools every year that OK2SAY is still accepting tips all through

the summer. When help is needed, OK2SAY is always there no matter the time of year." Please know that this resource is available should you need it. SLCS has a "quick link" on our website for contact information.

MANY "REPEAT" ANNOUNCEMENTS TO END THE YEAR– PLEASE SEE ALL BELOW.

504 Plans and Medication

If your child has authorized medication dispensed at school, please be sure to pick it up by Friday, June 22nd. We will dispose of all medication that is left after that date. The office is open Mon-Fri. from 8:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.

If your child has a medical plan, you will be scheduled in a medical plan review before the start of the 2018-19 school year. The district requires new documentation, signed by your child's physician after July 1st, to be provided yearly. You can access the required paperwork under the "Quick Links" on the main District webpage.
http://slcs.us/departments/medical_information/index.php

It is important to note that all of this information and new medication is needed for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of your children.

Field Day 2018

Tuesday, June 12th
K-2nd: 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Class picnics in between
3rd-5th: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thank you to Physical Education teacher Mr. LeBlanc who is coordinating our annual Field Day event. Dolsen staff and CHEERS volunteers will help run this fun-filled event. Mr. LeBlanc will show parents how to work all of the stations.

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We suggest sending in a change of clothes, including shoes and socks in case students get wet during activities. Also, make sure that sunscreen is applied before school.

**End of the Year Reminders**

Library Books:
Please make sure to return all library books to Dolsen. We need to check in and categorize our books before the end of the year.

Lost and Found
Our lost and found will be donated to charity the week of 6-18-18. Please be sure to check through it next week to claim any lost items that belong to your family.

Report Cards:
Report cards, Summer Packets (see below), and Suggested Supply Lists will go home with all students on the last day of school.

Last Day of School:

Dismissal time is at 11:51 a.m.  (As a reminder, dismissal is at 11:51 am for all 3 final half days, Wednesday – Friday.)  Please make sure that you have made last day of school arrangements in advance.  Notify your child's teacher of any changes.

5th Grade Last Day Events:
The last day of school is very busy!  Breakfast will begin around 10:15 am in the Dolsen cafeteria with the video following in the library.  The "clap out" will wrap things up around 11:40 am.  Parents are welcome throughout the morning.

Summer Packets:
Each year grade level teachers work to create summer packets.  These will go home with report cards.   Students that return the completed packet by the first Friday of school will receive a $6.00 coupon for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair, courtesy of the PTO.

Yearbooks:
Students will receive their yearbooks during the last week of school.  If you purchased a fall picture package, your child will receive a yearbook.  There will be a few extra yearbooks available for sale in the office for $10 each.

Summer Office Hours
The Dolsen office will be open:
Monday, June 18th-Friday, June 22nd
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily

The Dolsen office will re-open on Tuesday August 21st.

Have a great summer!
Ms. Altermatt