



# The Dolsen Discovery

S O U T H L Y O N C O M M U N I T Y S C H O O L S

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Fri., June 2nd:**  
First Responders  
Celebration  
11:30 am  
At the Sub Station

**Tues., June 13th:**  
Field Day  
K/1/3 - 9:15-11:15  
2/4/5&Mizikow 1:00-3:00

**Weds., June 14th:**  
1/2 day of school  
11:51 a.m. dismissal

**Thurs., June 15th:**  
1/2 day of school  
11:51 a.m. dismissal

**Fri., June 16th:**  
Last day of School  
1/2 day  
11:51 a.m. dismissal  
Report cards go home  
with students

## H A V E A G R E A T S U M M E R !

It is hard to believe we are upon the close of another school year! We have had another wonderful year of learning and growing together. This will be the last edition of the Dolsen Discovery for the 2016-17 school year. As we close, we wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2017-18 school year!

At this time we would like to thank all of our parent volunteers who have helped make this year a success. We appreciate all of your time, energy, and talented efforts you share with us!

South Lyon Schools will open their new elementary

school, Pearson Elementary in the fall. Approximately 160 students have been redistricted from Dolsen and will attend Pearson next year. For the 17-18 school year, Dolsen will have fewer sections than we currently have. Next year, all classes will be held inside the building. We won't need to use the portables for grade level classes. At this point, we are anticipating 19 sections of kindergarten through 5th grade. We will announce staff members and grade level changes in our first day of school letter which will be sent home with all students in September. This let-



ter contains a lot of helpful information and important reminders for the beginning of the year.

As we close out this school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions. Again, we thank you for another wonderful year of learning and growing together at Dolsen. We are looking forward to another successful school year in 2017-18!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Goodemoot

### **Class Placements**

As we approach the close to the 2016-17 school year, some parents have questions about next year regarding class placements. At Dolsen, teachers take time to carefully consider each child's individual and unique needs. Placements are always based on what is best for the student. We take into careful consideration both academic and social needs when making placements. We also place based on what we observe at school, which sometimes can be different from the home setting.

Since a lot of time is taken into carefully placing students, I do not take parent requests. Requests will not be granted for or against any particular teacher. We have wonderful teachers at Dolsen, and all staff members will provide students with rich learning experiences. Requests will not be honored for keeping students together or apart in a class either. We take social needs into consideration, however we do not place based on friendships. Academic needs remain our priority.

If you feel that you need to express information that teachers do not have or have not already considered, you are welcome to contact me or your child's teacher. As we place students for next year, I have full confidence in my staff and the placements that they make.

Mrs. Goodemoot

### **Class Sections and Sizes**

At the end of the year, there are often questions about class sections and sizes for next year. As we enroll new students over the summer, this can alter a class size and/or change sections. We may add a section, create or change a combination or change a class size, even right up to the start of the school year. That is why we do not post final class lists until the Thursday before Labor Day weekend. It is helpful for us to have the most current information on our students. If you are moving over the summer and will not be returning to Dolsen, please contact the office by phone or e-mail. We appreciate having this information so that we can adjust our numbers and plan accordingly. Thank you.

### **504 Plans and Medication**

If your child has authorized medication dispensed at school, please be sure to pick it up by Friday, June 16th. We will dispose of all medication that is left after that date. The office is open until 4:00 p.m.

If your child has a medical plan, you will be contacted to be scheduled in a medical plan review before the start of the 2017-18 school year. The district requires new documentation, signed by your child's physician, to be provided yearly. A letter and the required paperwork, including a medication form, has been sent home so that you may have your child's physician complete it during the summer months, dated after July 1st. It is important to note that all of this information and new medication is needed before the start of the 2017-18 school year. Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of your children.

### **2017-2018 SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE, CALENDAR**

	School Begins	School Ends
School Hours	8:57	4:00
Half Day Hours	8:57	11:51
Sep 5	Students ½ day a.m. only 11:51 dismissal	
Sep 6	First full day of school	
Nov 7	Students ½ day a.m. only (Teacher Curriculum p.m.)	
Nov 14 & 16	Students ½ day a.m. only (Parent/Teacher Conferences)	
Nov 22	Compensatory Day - no school	
Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving Recess	
Dec 23 – Jan 7	Winter Break	
January 15	MLK Day – no school for students	
Jan 24 - 26	Students ½ day a.m. only (Assessments/Records day)	
Feb 15	Students ½ day a.m. only	
Feb 16-20	Mid-Winter Break	
Mar 7	Students ½ day a.m. only (Teacher Curriculum p.m.)	
Mar 30	Good Friday - no school for students	
Mar 31-Apr 8	Spring Break	
May 28	Memorial Day	
Jun 13 - 15	Students ½ day a.m. only	

**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.

**Report Cards:**

Report cards go home with all students on the last day of school.

**Last Day of School:**

The last day of school is very busy! We will be holding a "clap out" for 5th grade students on Friday, June 16th. We will line the halls at 11:40 a.m. Dismissal time is at 11:51 a.m. Please make sure that you have made last day of school arrangements in advance. Notify your child's teacher of any changes.

**Summer Packets:**

Each year grade level teachers work to create summer packets.. Students that return the completed packet by the first Friday of September will receive a \$5.00 coupon for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair.

**Supply Lists:**

Teachers also work in grade level teams to create supply lists for next year. We understand that many families like to shop over the summer. Look for these lists to be sent home with report cards. In addition to the grade level list, your child's teacher may send an additional class (individualized) list next year.

**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.

**Lost and Found**

Be sure to check our lost and found by the cafeteria. All items will be cleared away by Friday 6-16-17 and donated to charity.

**Field Day 2017**

Tuesday, June 13th

K-1st-3rd : 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Class picnics in between

2nd-4th-5th and Ms. Mizikow's Class: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Niedbala has coordinated our annual Field Day event. Dolsen staff and CHEERS volunteers will help run this fun-filled event.

Mr. Niedbala is coordinating, and will show parents how to work all of the stations. Thank you volunteers for helping to run our event!

Please make sure that your child is dressed weather appropriate. 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.

Class picnics will also take place on Tuesday, June 13th. Room parents are sending letters home to discuss specific grade level or classroom details.

If you have any questions regarding field day, please contact your child's room parent, teacher, or Mr. Niedbala.

### **Thank You PTO!**

A special thank you to the Dolsen PTO for your efforts this year. We had many fun filled family events, We look forward to a great 2016-17 school year!

### **Thank You Volunteers!**

We would like to thank all of the Dolsen volunteers who put in **over 6,000 hours of volunteer hours** both at Dolsen and outside the school!

### **Summer Tutoring**

If you are interested in having your child tutored this summer, the following Dolsen teachers are offering tutoring services:

Kelly Hardenbergh-Kindergarten Teacher [hardenberghk@slcs.us](mailto:hardenberghk@slcs.us)

Lindsey Kauserud-Kindergarten Teacher [kauserudl@slcs.us](mailto:kauserudl@slcs.us)

Rachel Fletemier-2nd Grade Teacher [fletemierr@slcs.us](mailto:fletemierr@slcs.us)

Jackie Szerlag-2nd Grade Teacher [szerlagj@slcs.us](mailto:szerlagj@slcs.us)

Laura Weakland-4th Grade Teacher [weaklandl@slcs.us](mailto:weaklandl@slcs.us)

Haley Brewster-5th Grade Teacher [brewsterh@slcs.us](mailto:brewsterh@slcs.us)

### **Summer Office Hours**

Due to renovations that are happening in our building this summer, the Dolsen office will not be open past June 16th, 2017

We are planning to be open in the fall starting on August 21, 2017 if renovations continue as planned. If there is a delay in opening, we will post alternate options on the front of the building and on our web site.

### **Lyon Township Kite Festival**

Come join us for the 9th annual Lyon Township Kite Festival:

Saturday, June 3th 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

&

Sunday, June 4th 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

James Atchison Park, New Hudson

(I-96 & Milford Road)