



Durango Early Learning Center

THE DELC DIGEST

JANUARY 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/14 Board Meeting 5:45PM
- NO SCHOOL - MLK DAY 1/20
- 1/23 Staff meeting 5:30PM
- 1/31 Dress Up Day & Snowdown Dance Party 10:00AM
- 2/17 NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY

HAPPY
birthday



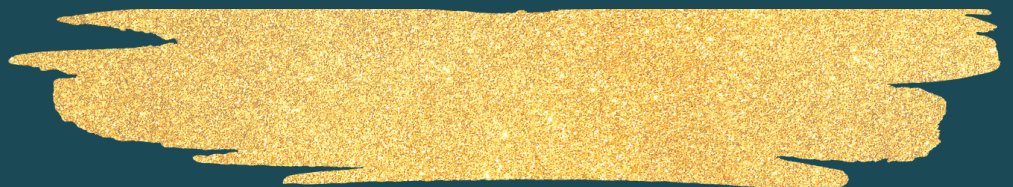
- 1/5 Mia
- 1/7 Alden
- 1/10 Carter
- 1/21 Talia

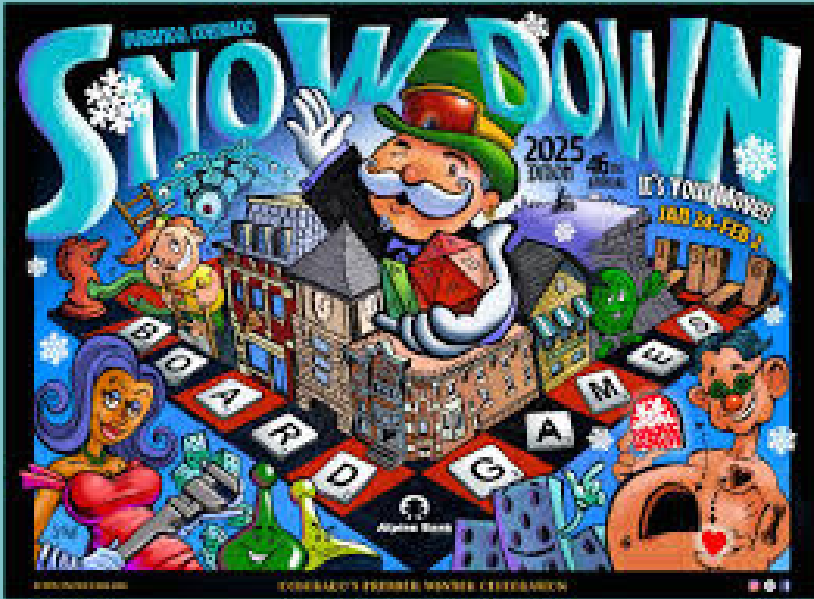
Over
\$22,600

raised
for

COGIVES DAY!

We could not have done this without the support of our families and board members! Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!





School Family Time & Snowdown Dance Party

Friday, January 31st
10:00AM

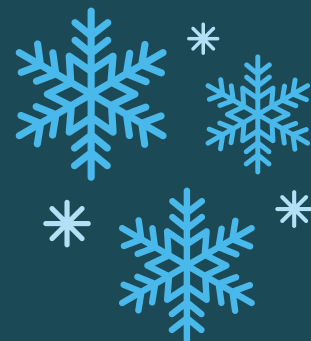
Dress-Up Day

DELCO LOTTERY Update

For the 2025.2026 school and beyond, the Board of Directors voted to move to a lottery for available spots for new families. Current families and their siblings will continue to have priority and register first.

The lottery opened on 1/6 and will accept applications through 2/28. The lottery will take place on 3/24!

Registration for the 2025.2026 school year will come out in February!



AFTERNOON CLUBS: BODIES

Black Pepper Germ Experiment

We read a book about germs and then we did a science experiment! We put black pepper (germs) in a bowl of water and dipped a finger inside the bowl. The "germs" stuck to our fingers when they were not clean. Then we put some soap on our finger and dipped it in the bowl. The "germs" moved away from our soapy finger and we talked about why it's important to wash our hands.

Physical Development and Health

1.5 Complete personal care tasks, such as dressing, brushing teeth, toileting, and washing hands independently from adults.*

1.6 Communicate an understanding of the importance of health and safety routines and rules.*

1.7 Follow basic health and safety rules and respond appropriately to harmful or unsafe situations.*

Language Development

1.2 Comprehend increasingly complex and varied vocabulary.*

1.4 Follow two- to three-step directions.*

Logic and Reasoning

1.2 Recognize cause and effect relationships. Science and Knowledge

1.1 Observe and describes observable phenomena (objects, materials, organisms, and events).

1.2 Engage in scientific talk.

1.5 Make simple observations, predictions, explanations, and generalizations based on real-life experiences.*

2.2 Plan and conduct investigations and experiments.

2.3. Analyze results, draw conclusions, and communicate results.



Conscious Discipline Corner

What POWER will you focus on in 2025?

The Seven Powers for Conscious Adults

Power of Perception



No one can make you angry without your permission.

Power of Attention



Whatever we focus on, we get more of.

Power of Unity



We are all in this together.

Power of Free Will



The only person you can change is you.

Power of Acceptance



The moment is as it is.

Power of Love



Choose to see the best in others.

Power of Intention



Mistakes are opportunities to learn.



Conscious Discipline®



Reminder: DELC will be closed from 12:30PM on Weds 3/5 - Fri 3/7 to send the entire staff to the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference in Denver!

Thank you for supporting our professional development journey so we can best serve your children!

Durango Early Learning Center Land Acknowledgement

Welcome to the Durango Early Learning Center. We respectfully acknowledge that the school is located in Durango, Colorado, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Ute (Núu-agma-tʼv̥v̥-p̥ʼ), Diné (Navajo: Naabeehó Bináhásdzo), Hopi (Hopituh Shí-nu-mu) Pueblos, Apache and Zuni (Shiwi'ma) People who have been stewards of this land throughout generations. As early childhood care providers and educators of our future generation, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the impacts of the unKind acts that have led to the unfair and inappropriate treatment of people that traditionally lived here and still live here today. We lead by example and share stories of this land that are respectful to the people and the real history of this region. As we teach our children, we strive to nurture a culture that takes responsibility for our actions, and is curious, honest, and inclusive to the diverse backgrounds in our community. #HonorNativeLand