

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Just like that, we are off and running here at the school. Students and staff (and I'm sure parents as well), regardless of how many years we've done it, must annually navigate the transition from summer back to school. As far as I can tell, everyone involved has excelled at getting back into the rhythm of school and the year is off to a smooth start. As the

academic year gets underway, I have some exciting news to share regarding our students' academic progress. Just days ago, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) released District Performance Frameworks (DPF), which takes data from three key areas: Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, and Post-Secondary and Workforce Readiness. This DPF essentially serves as a "report card" for our school district as a whole. While our results last year were acceptable (we were rated "Accredited", the second highest rating possible), we knew we had underperformed and our students had more in them.

I went back and read my September update from last year, in which upon reviewing our 2018 data I wrote: "Upon analyzing and reviewing the data, areas of improvement that have been identified include CMAS results along with closing the ethnic gap between our ELL and non-ELL populations. As District leadership continues to brainstorm and discuss ideas of how to best address these targeted areas of in



discuss ideas of how to best address these targeted areas of improvement, we are not only proud of our recent rating, but also confident that even higher achievement lies ahead."

One year later, I am pleased to announce we have met these goals. DPF's are scored on a 0-100 scale, in which we scored 56.3 in '18, and in '19 made an impressive jump to 85.3 points, easily putting our school district in the highest 'Distinction' category. Also, our elementary CMAS growth scores went from the 34th percentile in '18 to the 71st percentile in '19. Out of 179 school districts state wide, we rank 4th (top 2.2% in the state) for growth in percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations (+12.5). Additionally, our ELL population showed 4 percent growth from a year ago. I could go on and on highlighting our results. In short, the kids knocked it out of the park and it further validates what I already knew; we have one of the best teaching staffs in Colorado.

Although we would like to enjoy and celebrate the many successes of last year, we realize school is well underway and instead turn our focus to the 2019-2020 Academic year and all the work we have in front of us. Last Spring's CMAS results prove what our students are capable of. Now that a more fitting and appropriate bar has been established, we will hold our students to that standard as we look to build upon the positive momentum and keep moving in the right direction. As a school, our JH/HS achieved the best rating possible of "Performance", however there is certainly room for improvement on our school's PSAT (taken by Freshmen and Sophomores) and SAT (Juniors) test scores. These high -stakes tests not only impact our District's rating, but more importantly, the SAT serves as Colorado's official college entrance exam and the individual incentives to perform are significant. As our JH/HS staff continues to expand our students content knowledge, an emphasis will also be put on good test taking strategies, practice exams, and an analysis of where students shortcoming are so they can be addressed before test day. We are confident these steps will improve individual results (and ultimately better prepare our kids for life after high school), and in turn, boost our school's overall average.

In closing, congratulations to the students and staff alike on their impressive performance last year. I know we are just getting started as we continue to strive in being one of the premier small schools in the state. Submitted by Myles Johnson, Superintendent

KING SOOPERS MAKES CHANGES

We are happy to announce that King Soopers has made it much easier to support Idalia Vision Continuing Education. Gift cards are no longer used. (If anyone still has a gift card that has money loaded on it, it can still be used until there is a zero balance). Register your personal loyalty King Soopers card one time at www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com, click on enroll now, log in or create account if you don't already have one and click on Idalia Vision Continuing Education. It is that simple.

All profits from the drink and snack machines and the use of Safeway gift cards and King Soopers loyalty cards are used to fund scholarships for student applicants. Safeway and King Soopers donate 5% back to Idalia Vision Continuing Education program every time your card is used.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

All Seniors and Senior Parents, please plan on joining us October 21 @ 6 p.m. (immediately following Parent-Teacher Conferences) for a college information night. Dinner will be provided as topics such as financial aid, applications, scholarships and other relevant topics will be discussed.

Purchasing and using Safeway reloadable gift cards is very easy. Individuals buying these cards need to reload them at the register for whatever amount they choose. Loading this card can be done by using your credit card, check, cash or debit card. The card is swiped just like a credit or debit card. These cards can be used to purchase fuel at Safeway as well as merchandise. It is easy to purchase and use a reloadable Safeway gift card. Initial cost of each card is \$10 which is already added to the card for you to use. Checks need to be written to Idalia Vision Continuing Ed and can be purchased at the school office.

Perhaps your child has received a scholarship from the Continuing Education in the past; or maybe you have a child that will be eligible to receive a scholarship in the future. Wouldn't this be a great way to show your appreciation for that scholarship by supporting this program?

Idalia Vision Continuing Education committee members include Linda Evans, Kathy Wiley, Ken Brenner, Andrea Louthan, and Deb Crites. Please contact any of these people for questions. Submitted by Deb Crites, Idalia Visions Continuing Education

ATTENTION PARENTS

IF YOUR CHILD(REN) PLAN ON ATTENDING HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS, THEY MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.

UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN IN THE CAFETERIA, HALLWAYS, PLAYGROUND, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED AND WILL BE ASKED TO SIT BY THEIR PARENTS OR LEAVE.



NEW STAFF—THIRD GRADE TEACHER

Kelsey Rhea is new to Idalia and is the new



third grade teacher. She is excited to be here! She lives in Joes with her husband, Ryan who works for Y-W Electric. They have two dogs and enjoy spending time with family in Akron and Wray. Kelsey has previously taught in Akron for 3.5 years and also taught at Arickaree briefly. She as taught in 1st-

3rd grades and love them all!

BIKE RODEO TIME!

Bike Rodeo will be coming to our PE classes on Wednesday, September 4, and Thursday, September 5. We would like students in 4-year old preschool-4th grades to bring your bikes for this fun, PE time! Please note that Walk/BIKE to school is Thursday, September 5!

We are also looking for one parent to help for each period...or even the whole time! schedule below! Contact Kelli Kite if can give some time or have questions!





Wednesday, September 4:

10:45-11:34--4th Grade 12:55-1:42—1st Grade 1:45-2:31—3rd Grade



Thursday, September 5:

11:40-12:15—4-year old Preschool 12:55-1:42—Kindergarten 1:45-2:31—2nd Grade



Help Needed!

If you would like to help out with fall sports (Junior High Referees, Clock, Scoreboard, Chains, etc.), please contact Mr. Newton or Mr. Johnson.

After Prom

After Prom meeting

September 9

Literacy Night 2019

When: October 17 before and during the VB games

Who: Kindergarten—5th Grade

What: Book Challenge (earn monthly prizes and a ticket to the end of year)

Get all the details and make a bookmark at our literacy night table.



Fall Food Drive

For September, we are in need of breakfast items:

- ⇒ Breakfast meats
- ⇒ Cereal
- ⇒ Pancake/Waffle mixes
- ⇒ Syrup
- ⇒ Oatmeal
- ⇒ Canned fruit

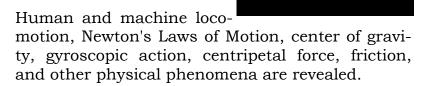
THANK YOU!!

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE—NATIONAL JUGGLING CHAMPION

National Juggling Champion and movement artist <u>Peter Davison</u> presents juggling, unicycling,

balancing, acrobatics, and more, while teaching the science behind the artistry. **LocoMotion** is a captivating mix of education and entertainment!

Much more than a "science demonstration," Peter mixes skillful circus acts with dance and physical theater in a unique presentation that engages all ages.



Peter will be returning to Idalia School October 4 as our first Artist in Residence this year. He will be performing for the entire school at 9:00 with individual workshops for the elementary grades throughout the day. As always, community members are welcome.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE COOKIE DOUGH SALES

It's that time of year again when cookie dough sales to benefit our Artist in Residence Program will be getting underway. Elementary students will receive their order forms on August 30 and are asked to return their orders by September 19. Delivery will be on October 9.

The Artists in Residence program is funded entirely by your support of the cookie dough sales and the generosity of others. Please contact Cyndie Weyerman if you have any questions about cookie dough or the Artists in Residence Program.

Thank you for your continued support Submitted by Cyndie Weyerman, Artist in Residence Coordinator

"It's a Good Day to be a Wolf" Homecoming Week 2019

10-6 Monday - Hat, Sucker, Chalk Sidewalk and Jersey Day Lunch time: Cell Phone Guessing Game/cafeteria

10-7 Tuesday - Nerd/Twin Day (still favorite)

Lunch time: Red/Blue Cup Game/gym

10/8 Wednesday - Super Hero Day (Elementary)
Road Trip Day (Middle and High School)

Come as class-chosen state, example—Sophomores are Hawaii)

Lunch time: Ice Cream Social/cafeteria

10/9 Thursday - Graffiti Day (wear white and draw on each other)

Lunch time: Spiders and Flies/football field (everyone against Yahir and Dax)

10/11 Friday - Wolf Pride Day! Wear your colors! Lunch time: Word Assassin Final

Pep Rally--2:30 p.m. Lip Sync—6:30 p.m.

10/12 Saturday - Volleyball and Football Games Homecoming Royalty Half-time Football High School Dance—9:00 to 12:00







Attention all interested HS students:

On September 23, we will be touring CSU and Front Range Community College in Fort Collins.

If interested, please let Mr. Johnson know by September 13.









Ida, the wolf, is back to help cheer on the Wolves!! Pictured is Brigette Kite, Ida, and Natalie

Helling.

Go Wolves!!!

September 2019

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Labor Day No School | Volleyball Pictures | Bike Rodeo Football Pictures | Bike Rodeo Walk/Bike to School HSVB vs. St. Francis | Kindergarten here HSFB vs. Granada | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11. | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Cyberbullying Presentation FFA District Greenhand | | | | JH/HS VB/FB vs. Cheyenne Wells | Bethune HSVB Tourney | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| FFA Range Contest Cookie dough sales end | JH/HS VB at Bethune JHFB at Bethune | School Board Mtg. | | HS VB/FB at Briggsdale | HSVB at Holyoke | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| No School-Teacher In-service | | FBLA Calendar Sales | HSVB vs Wray | Kindergarten here | HS VB/FB at Flagler | |
| 30 | 1 | Notes | | | | |
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Idalia Breakfast Menu September 2019

A selection of milk offered daily-----Fruit and juice offered daily----A variety of cereal offered daily.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| No School | Build Your Own Fruit and Yogurt Parfait | Bagel Boiled Egg | Build Your Own Breakfast Burrito Yogurt | 6 Breakfast Round Frittata of the Day | |
| 9 Breakfast Pizza Yogurt | Oatmeal Bar Build Your Own | Biscuit & Gravy Scrambled Egg | Banana Bread Yogurt | Toast Hash Brown Casserole | |
| Muffin Scrambled Egg | 17 Build Your Own Fruit and Yogurt Parfait | Bagel Boiled Egg | Build Your Own Breakfast Burrito Yogurt | Breakfast Round Frittata of the Day | |
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| Muffin Scrambled Egg | | | | Menu is subject to change | |

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Idalia Lunch Menu September 2019

Salad bar/Fruits and vegetables offered daily----A selection of milk is offered daily----Menu is subject to change.

| MONDAY | | | TUESDAY WEDNI | | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | |
|--------|--|----|---|----|---|----------|--|--------|--|
| 2 | No School | 3 | HB/CB* Steak Fries* | 4 | Fajitas* Refried Beans* | 5 | Chicken Sandwich Coleslaw* | 6 | Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Option |
| 9 | Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich* Baked Sun Chips | 10 | Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy | 11 | BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich* Baked Beans* | 12 | Beef Burrito* w/Green Chili Refried Beans* | 13 | Pizza Cheese/Pepperoni Green Beans* |
| 16 | Lasagna* Garlic Bread | 17 | Orange Chicken * Veggie Fried Rice* | 18 | Parmesan Chicken Sandwich/or Plain Option Pasta Salad* | 19 | Shredded Pork Tacos* Chips and Salsa* | 20 | Cheesy Nachos w/Ground Beef Option* Spicy Bean Salad* |
| 23 | No School | 24 | Salisbury Steak* w/Mashed Potatoes* Dinner Roll* | 25 | Chicken Nuggets Broccoli w/Cheese* | 26 | Tacos Al Pastor* Chips & Green Salsa | | Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Green Beans* |
| 30 | Meatball Sub* Corn* | | | | | | Menu is subject to change. *HOMEMADE | | Dessert on Friday only. |

THE IDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT RJ-3 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE THE RESOURCES, FACILITIES, SAFE ENVIRONMENT, AND PERSONNEL TO OFFER STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY AND EXPERIENCE TO DEVELOP THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, PERSONAL YALUES, AND SELF ESTEEM TO BECOME CONTRIBUTING, CONSCIENTIOUS CITIZENS, AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.

See You at the Pole (SYATP)



Wednesday, Sept. 25
7:00 a.m.
Football Field Flagpole
Please join us for a nationwide prayer & special breakfast!