



## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

With 1<sup>st</sup> semester (and 2020) now in the rearview mirror, we begin to look forward to a new semester and year. 2020 will always stand out as one of the most unforgettable, trying, and in many ways, unfortunate years of our lives. I'm sure many join me in gladly waving 2020 goodbye, however, we all realize a simple change in the calendar year will not instantly allow us to return to our normal, pre-COVID lives. The pandemic and its effects will continue to linger for months, if not years. While we are certainly "not out of the woods yet", I am excited to hit the reset button and welcome in 2021.



From the school perspective, we had a great 1<sup>st</sup> semester, given the unique circumstances. Unlike many of our counterparts across the state and nation, we were largely able to conduct our education in-person - as our elementary students were remote just 10 of the 80 instructional days (12%), and our JH/HS students forced to remote learning for just 19% (15/80 days) of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. I think everyone was very curious as to

how our students would perform academically and bounce back from the 'COVID slide' they undoubtedly experienced last Spring. While mid-year data is still being gathered and analyzed, early indications suggest our students first semester growth is some of the best we have seen in years. Clearly, our students and staff are a resilient bunch.

While looking at the semester ahead, I believe there is reason for optimism. Just days ago, Governor Polis and a team of public health experts, school leaders, educators, and parents released their "Roadmap to In-Person Learning" Report. This comprehensive report collected a wide range of data points from across the state over the past 9 months. Ultimately, Governor Polis stated, *"The best investment we can make in the future of our state is in our children and their education. Getting all students back to safe and consistent in-person learning is critical to our future."* In an effort to summarize some of the key points of the report:

**Remote/Hybrid Learning is not equivalent to in-person education.** Statewide data suggests students learn just 50-70% as much in remote learning as they would in person. Additionally, there are unintended consequences of remote learning such as students social-emotional needs not being met and the resulting consequences of this, such as feelings of isolation, depression, and unhealthy lifestyles in general. Not to speak of societal-level impacts such as disrupting parent-work schedules and the economic snowball effect this creates.

**Schools are some of the safest and lowest-risk environments.** Schools are a regulated and controlled environment, with safety measures and protocols in place. Although a zero-risk environment does not exist, including schools, the report finds, *"The risk level of in-person learning is relatively low. Research has shown the COVID-19 is less likely to infect children, and they are less likely to spread the virus."*

**Schools need to return to as much normalcy and in-person learning as possible the upcoming semester and beyond.** It is clear, and supported by data, students need to be in school and doing their normal, school-related activities to the maximum extent safely possible.

I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility as we collectively navigate these unprecedented times. I wish you a very Merry Christmas with family, and a safe, healthy, and normal(ish) 2021! *Submitted by*  
Myles Johnson, Superintendent





# Dictionaries

Idalia 3rd graders received dictionaries from the Burlington Rotary Club. Thank you for this donation. Pictured left to right: Back Row: Bailey Wudtke, CharliAnn Soehner, Brookly Richards, Ava Moellenberg, Creek Robertson, Emmerson Brittain, and Payton Terrell. Front Row: Dylan Gutierrez Jacobo, Henry Andrews, Emily Whomble, Ximena Cordova, Chloe Soehner, and Yaretzi Cruz.

## PRISCILLA CORDOVA - WOLF OF THE MONTH

Priscilla is a 17-year-old, junior, Honor Roll student. Priscilla names Mrs. Sue Terrell (Business) and Ms. Kendra Mann (Math) as her favorite teachers. Priscilla's favorite subjects are Business and Science. Some of Priscilla's hobbies and interests outside of school include hanging out with family and friends and going on runs. Priscilla names her parents, Jose and Nohemi, as her role model and states, *"My parents see the positive in everything. My father is always working very hard for what he wants to achieve, and he does it with actions, not words. My mother is always doing her best and handles everything so calmly and positively."* Priscilla also looks up to Mrs. Terrell and said, *"Mrs. Terrell is another role model of mine because she always makes sure you work hard and give it your all."*



When asked to discuss an accomplishment that she is proud of, Priscilla responded, *"I am very proud of my FFA and FBLA District and Chapter offices. I am very passionate about these organizations and love being a leader to help others!"*. When asked to share her future aspirations, Priscilla stated, *"I would love to become a State FBLA Officer. Also, after high school I hope to attend college and eventually become a dental assistant"*. Priscilla shared that a "Fun-Fact" about herself is that *"I love talking and getting to know people. I can actually tell 7 stories while trying to tell just one"*. Priscilla's advice to her classmates is, *"Strive for what you believe in while respecting the decisions of others. It's really all in your head and your energy on how well you perform. Just know you never truly fail; as Thomas Edison once said, 'I have not failed, I have found 10,000 ways that don't work.'"*

Mrs. Terrell states, *"What impresses me the most about Priscilla is her disposition and her thirst for improving herself. She started on the path of wanting to become a better person and learn as much as she could as a freshman and has consistently stayed on that path. She continues to amaze me each day by her selflessness and volunteering while at the same time staying on top of her grades. She is definitely a role model."* Mr. Johnson had the following to say, *"Priscilla has really come a long way in recent years. Her grades, maturity, and overall attitude and conduct has progressed so much over the past three years, and it has been a lot of fun to watch. Anyone who knows Priscilla knows she is full of energy and enthusiasm (and a whole lot of words), and she is ready to share and spread her enthusiasm for life with anyone and everyone she comes in contact with. You are certainly on the right path Priscilla, and I can't wait to see how much you continue to achieve moving forward. Keep up the good work, and congratulations on being selected as Wolf of the Month – a well-deserved honor."* Submitted by Myles Johnson, Superintendent

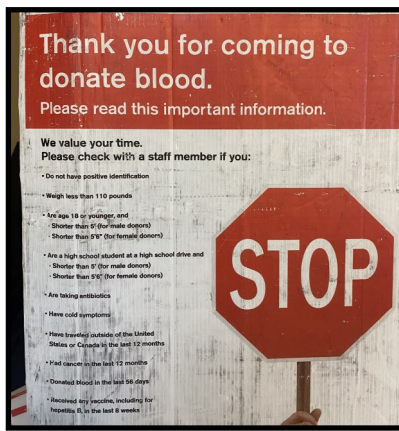


**THANK YOU**

**Bonny Community Club and Idalia School  
for donating for the Santa treat sacks!**







## HIGH SCHOOL HEROES

Several (20!) high school students recently donated (or tried to donate) blood at a nearby blood drive. Yet another consequence of Covid-19 is the lack of blood donors that has led to a critical blood shortage in our state. We can be proud that so many of our students stepped up to fill this crucial need. Once the blood is processed, the students will be able to find out their blood type, Covid-19 antibody status (find out if they have had Covid and maybe didn't know it), as well as various other health indicators. (Lunch from the food truck in Kirk was merely coincidental and had nothing to do with our students' benevolent intentions.)



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#dawnrice #macyrichards #koysmith #rebeccasbrozi #kynetowns #vanessaventuri  
#jennawieser #kyliewingfield

## DONATE A LIFE FOR CHRISTMAS

On December 10, the American Red Cross with Wray Community District Hospital hosted a blood drive at the Grassroots in Joes. It was an opportunity to donate blood if you were interested. With extreme joy, we can say that a lot of Idalia High School's students took part to this event. Most of the sophomores, juniors and seniors decided to help people by donating their blood. Although it may seem of little value, in reality it is very significant. Donating blood can save a life.



Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Every day, roughly 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed in the U.S., according to the Red Cross reports. Simply put, that's a lot of blood. Patients with sickle cell diseases or cancer need blood transfusions throughout their treatments, and a single-car accident victim can require up to 100 pints of blood. For this reason, and since blood can't be made, patients' lives depend on blood donors.



You probably don't know how many health benefits donating blood has, especially if you donate blood regularly. In fact, donating blood can reduce risks of coronary heart disease, which can lead to a heart attack; it lowers cholesterol; it accelerates the wound-healing processes; it helps prevent liver damage, which is important to role in the blood purification and detoxification.

As you can see, donating blood has a lot of health benefits, but of course, the most important part of the process is helping to save lives. Donating blood is good for you, and it's even better for all the people who desperately need the help. So, our school is proud of all the students who decided to help someone this Christmas, giving them the gift of life. *Submitted by Vanessa Venturi, Senior*



## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CONTINUING ED SCHOLARSHIPS



King Soopers has made it easy to support Idalia Vision Continuing Education. Each person's membership card will benefit Idalia Continuing Ed every time it is used.

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 any Safeway gas station as well as buying groceries. It is easy to purchase and use a reloadable Safeway gift card. The initial cost of each card is \$10 which is al-

ready 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.



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.

Has your child received a scholarship from Continuing Ed in the past? Maybe they will be eligible to receive a scholarship in the future. What better way to show your appreciation for that scholarship than to support 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.

## FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS



### All-Conference Football 2020 Northeast Confer-

ence: Titus Glanz, Koy Smith, Yahir Enriquez, and Eduardo Estrada. All-

### Conference Football 2020

Northeast Conference-  
Honorable Mention: Marek Cody and Kye Towns.

Yahir Enriquez was also nominated as All-State Honorable Mention

## IYCS ADOPTING A GRANDPARENT

During times like these it can be very hard for many people. I personally feel that some of the people struggling the most would be people in the nursing home. They are locked in and are unable to see family. Some allow window visits but it's definitely not the same.

Several students at Idalia--Tara Hubbard, Porscha Jacobs, Kye Towns, and Eduardo Estrada—have partnered up in starting this program. The mission is to make sure the elders in our communities still know they are loved. During Covid, many know how hard it is to be forced to stay away from loved ones. This team is planning on spreading some joy to those who are unable to see their family during the holidays. The first project with this program is putting together small Christmas gifts for the elderly community members. *Submitted by Tara Hubbard, Publications Student*





Just like it has been done during the past years, the horticulture class has decided to propagate plants, which will be sold around the first of May during the plant sale. This not only teaches students how to take care of plants but will also help to have a variety of different plants during the sale. Contact the horticulture class for more information and watch the newsletter for an exact selling date.

## FBLA FLEECE BLANKET PROJECT

The Idalia High School FBLA Chapter has spent time together making fleece blankets for donation in surrounding communities. For the last three years, our chapter has had each member make a blanket to donate. These blankets are usually distributed among the nursing homes to put a smile on the residents' faces. Each high school member buys four yards of fleece to cut and tie into a soft blanket. This year, our chapter met after school on December 9. Each blanket is created uniquely so no two are alike. We made a total of 27 blankets to give, and we look forward to future community service projects for the FBLA members to participate in. Submitted by Kylie Wingfield, InDesign Student



with Mrs. Amber Soehner provided the gingerbread house kits and made the frosting for the houses. The students decorated their houses for about an hour and half after school on December 10. Submitted by Porscha Jacobs, InDesign Student

## IYCS GINGER BREAD HOUSES

Idalia Youth Community Service (IYCS) sponsored an activity to assemble and decorate gingerbread houses for high school students. Each participant brought candy to share and decorate their houses



## SEASON B SPORTS DELAYED

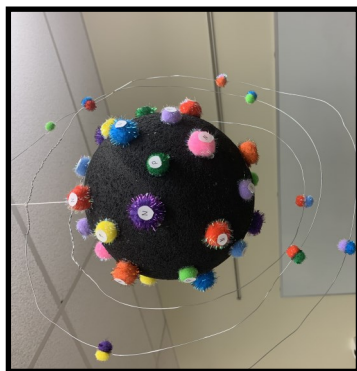
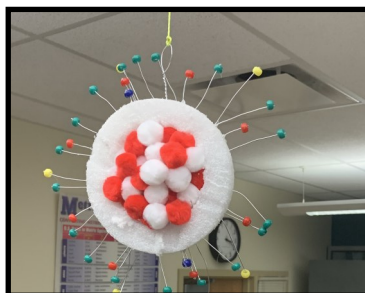
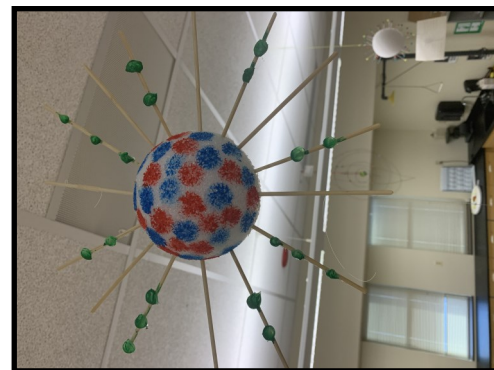
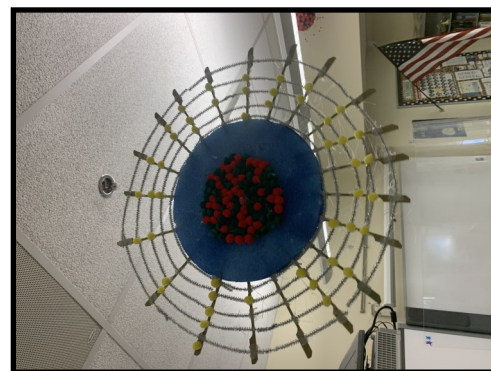
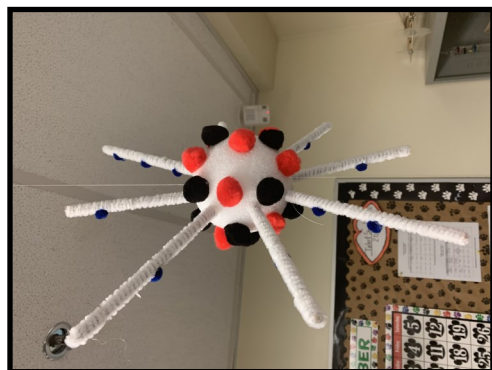
On Monday, December 7, 2020, the Colorado High School Activities Association delayed Season B sports once again. Due to the season being delayed, Seasons C and D have also been delayed. Originally, the first official date Season B sports were allowed to have official practice was January 4. The first practice is now not to be started until February 1 at the earliest.



In Idalia, the student-athletes have been attending open gyms since November 16, expecting to begin playing after Christmas break, but due to COVID-19 in Colorado, student athletes participating in Season B sports are no longer allowed to play until a month later. It's an emotional roller coaster not only for our student-athletes, but parents and coaches as well. Submitted by Rylann Brigham, Publications Student

# CHEMISTRY—ADOPT AN ELEMENT

Chemistry class recently completed a project known as “Adopt an Element.” Each student selects an element to research. They find out all about its qualities, who it hangs out with, what it does in its free time, and they even created a catchy phrase to convince the world that their element is, indeed, critical to our world. Students also created models of their element depicting the proper number of subatomic particles (protons, neutrons, and electrons) all in their proper position within the atom. Here are some pictures of just a few. *Submitted by Cindy Soehner, Chemistry Teacher*



**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**

## NON-STOP NOVEMBER



The past few years the Idalia FBLA Chapter has participated in Non-Stop November which is a chapter challenge. The chapters must complete a total of 10 activities that are focused on American Enterprise, Prematurity Awareness, and Community Service. Three of these activities are required,

and seven are chosen from a list of optional activities. We had the whole month of November doing these activities. This challenge was perfect to get the member involved in FBLA as much as possible. The Idalia FBLA Chapter has a total of 27 members. We had committees for each task that needed to be completed. By completing the challenge, the chapter gets listed on the FBLA-PBL social media and the national websites. The delegates in attendance get a special ribbon at the National Leadership Conference.

There are so much the members learn from these activities from as little as working with one another to learning responsibility and leadership. This also helps teacher time management since there was a deadline for their activities. Along with that members had to be prepared with their equipment needed for the activity they were assigned. *Submitted by Priscilla Cordova, Idalia FBLA*

## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On December 9, the Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance included Board Members Ken Brenner, Amber Hardwick, Kyle Kite (via phone), Jessica Towns, Dustin Weyerman, Superintendent Myles Johnson, Business Manager Autumn Helling, and Assistant Principal Kristi Minor.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Agenda was approved. Next the November 19 Minutes were approved. The Business Service Reports were then presented and approved. Mrs. Minor then gave her Principal's Report. Next, Mr. Johnson shared his Superintendent's Report. Under "Discussion/Action Items" the 2020 Mill Levy Certification and 2020-2021 Final Budget were both approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm and next meeting set for 7 p.m. on January 20, 2021. *Submitted by Myles Johnson, Superintendent*

**JANUARY WOLFVIEW  
DEADLINE  
Monday  
January 25, 2021**



## Idalia Breakfast Menu January 2021

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 No School
4 Muffin Yogurt	5 Yogurt Parfait	6 Bagel	7 Breakfast Burrito	8 Breakfast Round
11 Breakfast Pizza	12 Breakfast Quesadilla	13 Biscuits & Gravy	14 Banana Bread Yogurt	15 Toast
18 No School	19 Yogurt Parfait	20 Bagel	21 Breakfast Burrito	22 Breakfast Round
25 Breakfast Pizza	26 Breakfast Quesadilla	27 Biscuits & Gravy	28 Banana Bread Yogurt	29 Toast

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.**

## Idalia Lunch Menu January 2021

Fruits and vegetables offered daily----A selection of milk is offered daily----Menu is subject to change

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 No School
4 Corn Dog Fruit/Vegetable	5 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy* Fruit/ Vegetable	6 Pulled Pork Sandwich * Baked Beans Fruit/Vegetable	7 Beef Burrito* Green Chili* Refried Beans* Fruit/Vegetable	8 Pizza Green Beans* Fruit /Vegetable
11 Lasagna* Garlic Bread Fruit/Vegetable	12 Orange Chicken * Veggie Fried Rice* Fruit/Vegetable	13 Grilled Chicken Sandwich* Fruit/Vegetable	14 Pork Tacos* Chips & Salsa * Fruit/Vegetable	15 Nachos * Fruit Vegetable
18 No School	19 Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes & Gravy/Roll Fruit Vegetable	20 Chicken Nuggets Fruit/Vegetable	21 Beef Enchiladas* Arroz Con Elote* Fruit/Vegetables	22 Pizza Green Beans* Fruit
25 Corn Dog Fruit/Vegetable	26 Chicken Alfredo* Garlic Bread Fruit/Vegetable	27 PBJ & Jelly Chicken Salad * Baked Sun Chips Fruit /Vegetable	28 Tacos* Arroz Con Elote* Fruit/ Vegetable	29 Mac & Cheese* Fruit/Vegetables

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Idalia, CO 80735

**IDALIA MISSION STATEMENT**

Idalia School District RJ-3 will provide each child the knowledge, skills, and qualities to become productive citizens



Idalia School will be taking sealed bids for a surplus school bus.

**2000 GMC/Bluebird 59-passenger**

ICAT 3126 engine

4-speed automatic transmission

Air brakes

Four-stage electric retarder (auxiliary braking system).

The bus has 216,792 miles and does run and drive.  
Bids can be dropped off in person at the Idalia School or mailed to:

Idalia School  
Attn: Bus Sale  
P.O. BOX 40  
Idalia, CO 80735

Bids will be opened January 29, 2021.  
The highest bidder will be notified.

For questions, call Justin Hardwick at 719-342-9332.