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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ANNOUNCEMENT

While staying consistent with our policy of allowing only Idalia students and staff members inside the building this semester, all



parent-teacher conferences will be conducted remotely this Fall. At any time, we encourage parents to contact their child's/children's teachers to set up a time to discuss their academic progress. The "conferences" can occur via email, phone call, or video conference (such as Zoom or the equivalent). To schedule your conferences, please email your child's/children's teachers (*email addresses can be found on our school's website under the School tab – School Faculty and Staff. All teacher emails are lastnamefirsinitial@idaliaco.us ex: johnsonm@idaliaco.us).

*Although conferences were originally scheduled for October 20 and October 22, feel free to contact your child's/children's teachers at any time to schedule your conference for a time that works for all involved parties.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences are completely optional. However, all students who have D's or F's, in a class, teachers will be reaching out directly to these parents to schedule a highly-encouraged conference.

2020-2021 CLASS ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN



NOVEMBER WOLFVIEW DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.



THANK YOU LAURA!

Laura Lengel recently retired from the District after being a dedicated bus driver for 24 years. Thank you for your time and dedication to the School District, Laura. Enjoy your retirement!

Homecoming Info— There will be a football game, royalty crowning at halftime, and no dance.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MINUTES



On September 14, 2020, the Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance included Board Members Ken Brenner, Amber Hardwick, Kyle Kite, Jessica Towns, Dustin

Weyerman, Superintendent Myles Johnson, Business Manager Autumn Helling, Assistant Principal Kristi Minor, and audience members Jim, Diana, and Justin Pfeiler. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Agenda was approved.

Next the August 13 Minutes were approved. During Comments from the Audience, Jim, Diana, and Justin Pfeiler requested that the Board reconsider substitute bus driver compensation. The Business Service Reports were then presented and approved. Mrs. Minor then gave her Principal's Report, where she briefed the Board on student attendance and

discipline records. Next Mr. Johnson gave his Superintendent's Report, where he shared current student count (199), along with a general school update of the year thus far.

During "Personnel Services", the Board approved Jacey Jones as a substitute teacher. The board also approved Janessa Helling as a volunteer assistant coach for junior high volleyball. The Board approved to amend Cyndie Weyerman's teaching contract to end at the conclusion of first semester, and they also approved April Stegner's Special Education teaching contract, to start at the beginning of second semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with next meeting scheduled for October 21, 2020, at 7 p.m. Submitted by Myles Johnson, Superintendent



FBLA AND FFA MEMEBERS RECEIVE DISTRICT OFFICE POSITIONS



Not only do FBLA and FFA have chapter officers, the organizations also have district officers! Porscha Jacobs, Priscilla Cordova, and Tara Hubbard are all juniors and have been participating in extracurricular activities since their freshman year in high school. Throughout the years all three have shown lots of growth and passion for the organizations they participate in.

All three ladies are involved with FBLA and FFA at the local level. Application procedures for applying for



Tara Hubbard and Priscilla Cordova

District officer are similar for both organizations. Students applying have to meet certain criteria, fill out the applications, get letters of recommendation, and interview. Both FBLA and FFA Districts are made up of 12-15 chapters.

Porscha and Priscilla applied for District 3 FBLA Officer positions. Porscha was elected to serve as the District Vice President, and Priscilla will serve as the District Social Media Representative.

On the FFA side of things, Tara and Priscilla both applied for District FFA officer positions as well. Tara was selected for the District Treasurer position, and Priscilla for the District Secretary. Congratulations ladies in receiving these District offices! *Submitted by Camren Morris*



Porscha Jacobs and Priscilla Cordova

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Idalia High School along with 7th and 8th grade in the junior high had been sent home for remote learning from Tuesday, September 22, through Monday, September 28. With one reported coronavirus case in the high school, there were 31 students who have had potential exposure. According to the Northeast Colorado Health Department, there have been 91 total reported cases in Yuma County as of September 21, and zero deaths. Twenty-four of these 91 cases have been recorded from September 8-21.



Idalia students with potential exposure were encouraged to self-quarantine until midnight September 28 as these students would have been exposed to the virus over a week ago. All extra-

curricular activities were cancelled for the week of September 21, and may continue at a later date. The 7-12 grades came back on Tuesday, September 29, and look forward to continuing in-person learning. Exact specifics in this article came from the Northeast Colorado Health Dept. *Submitted by Kylie Wingfield*

IDALIA HAS SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Camren Morris and Tara Hubbard are currently playing softball for the lady Wray Eagles. Camren Morris is a designated hitter for the team as she is a strong hitter while she practices catching. Tara Hubbard is a right fielder with a throwing arm and practicing shortstop. The lady Eagles are 2-8 right now. The schedule can be found on the Wray School District website. The next home game is October 2 vs. Wiley. The first game begins at 3:00.

FOOTBALL IS BACK!!

The entire process of CHSAA and the state going back and forth on the decision for sports felt like a rollercoaster ride, but my understanding is new information kept coming to light so it was always back and forth. It's been difficult to keep up to date with rumors/changes/guidelines and everything else they have sent out to schools and athletic directors. I think if you ask any athletic director in Colorado, no matter the years of experience, this year would be close to the most diffi-



cult and stressful for many of them. While most are glad football is finally happening, I can only imagine how the season will go and if it will make it the full duration. My hope is everyone does what they need to in order to keep the season going, and the state allows it to make it the full length. I'm confident we will do our part as a school and sports team to make it happen with anything that's in our control. I'm also confident there won't be a shortage of help for these games and I'm excited to see everyone at the games.

The look and feel of the games are going to be different, but hopefully as close to normal as possible. There is a lot of different local regulation that could be put in place by the local health department or the school that could give each game its own unique challenges, but I'm hoping there will be some consistently across the state. CHSAA has come out and said that teams will be allowed in the building only to change and use the bathroom. We are going to limit this as much as possible and any area a team has been will have to be deep cleaned and sanitized following the game. No team is allowed to have meetings for pre or post game in any rooms and teams will have to stay in the endzones at halftime. There is also no coin toss at the beginning. Players and coaches on the sideline will have to wear a mask at all times and stay six feet apart as best as possible. In six-man football this won't be as hard because of the low number of players, but rosters are limited to 50 for all classifications.

As far as the schedule goes, I am just happy to have one and besides some travel, it's not too bad. We currently have three league and three non-league games, with our non-league games sending us northwest. The games are confirmed with the schools, but once all schedules are set there won't be enough officials to cover all the games, and I'm sure some will move to Saturday and possibly Thursday. I would have preferred to make our own schedule, but CHSAA didn't feel like having us make a new football schedule for the third time. The season will be unlike any before, and all we can do at this point is play and wait for the next challenge of 2020. **The full football schedule is on the school's website.** *Submitted by Colby Newton, Athletic Director*

THE LIFE OF AN EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM THEIR EYES

Have you seen the news?! We're not alone at school. In August three exchange students came to our school to spend the whole year in Idalia!! Vivian Tietz is from Hamburg, Germany; Rebecca Sbrozi from Milan, Italy; and Vanessa is from Rome, Italy. Vivian and Rebecca are living with Kevin and Jess Andrews, while Vanessa Venturi is staying with Justin and Talita Hardwick. They come from different parts of the world and are used to other reality. I can guarantee that moving from big cities to a little town like Idalia is a cultural shock at first, but are liking it so far and will fit well in the school!

Let's talk about the exchange students' world to discover something about this choice. As everyone knows, exchange students are students that for three, six, or nine months decide to completely change their life moving to another country, staying with a new family, and learning more about the foreign language. In fact, learning a language at school and sitting in a classroom, is totally different! To learn a language better and all its aspects, you should immerse yourself in their world, live their life, and you will see that there are so many common saying and dialects that you can't learn at school.

As an exchange student, I'd say that your world is so different than mine, but I'm loving studying your subjects, some of them are similar but others are completely new for us such as horticulture, accounting... For you it'll be weird, but in my native school we don't stay at school until the afternoon for practice or to play a sport, and that's a thing that I'm loving a lot because it's also a way to stay in touch with people and make friends!



I must add that it's not always an easy life, of course, we're so far from our family and friends that we miss them everyday, and sometimes it gets worse. Homesickness is something extremely personal and different for every person and it's hard to deal with. But honestly, it's absolutely worth it to stay here and to live this experience!

Unfortunately, we're having a pandemic, living with the virus is not easy and staying at home doing online lessons is something that no one would like to live through again, but we must think that it's for our own good and one day we'll restart our normal life without masks and social distancing. Remaining on the exchange students theme, I can say that for us it wasn't easy either. Last March it was a nightmare for me, because I thought that I'll never be able to come here. The situation was critic and dangerous, and I was in pain because on one side I was scared of the virus, for me and for my family, but on the other side I knew that in my heart I



wanted leave. During quarantine, I continued to work on my exchange student profile, hoping that one day I would need it, and after three months I was still hoping for the best, even if the situation wasn't improving. My whole family was concerned, and everyone was sure that I wouldn't be able to leave; I was sad because this is an experience that we can do now that we're in school, and I knew that I couldn't wait the next year. But I never lost my hope, and after a few months they told me that there was a small possibility...And now we're here, and after all these months we can finally say that COVID-19 can't stop us from living the best experience of our lives!!

Even if I've just started this path, I can say that I would never go back leaving my country and coming here was the best decision I could have made. I recommend everyone to do it once in a lifetime, because travelling is the most powerful experience that can help you challenging and discovering yourself. *Submitted by Vanessa Venturi, Exchange Student*

IDALIA STARLIGHTERS WANTS YOU

As this year quickly starts wrapping up, and as school is starting, there are still tons of fun things to do after school. For example, you can play sports, participate in FBLA, or another option is 4-H. 4-H still is participate today in Idalia, and it is more fun than ever before. There are fun activities to do in 4-H. Many of them you can do at home! But let me just tell you about 4-H and the benefits of our chapter, Idalia Starlighters.

4-H is an activity kids from eight years of age to a senior year in high school can participate in. It is a very simple thing you can do once a month. Every new year in 4-H starts the renewal of new members and projects.

If you decide to join, you must choose a project. There are over 50 different projects you can simply do at home. The ones I participated in were Electricity 1,2,3; Small Engines 1,2,3; and Market Swine. When I first started 4-H, I thought it was going to be the most boring thing I ever signed up for. When I discovered electricity, I learned so much about house electricity, even how computers and phones work. Small engines were even better, mainly because I have been tearing apart small engines since I was 12-years old. Market Swine was the one summer project I was able to do, and still sell my pig and earn some money for college.



Some other members of our chapter also did several different projects. Tatum Soehner participates in Market Sheep and Photography. When asked about 4-H, Tatum stated, "I loved photography, and I loved 4-H. I've been in photography for two years now, and I will never look back and regret participating in 4-H."

You've heard it from the best that 4-H might be the choice for you. Come on down and see what it's about. Our next meeting is October 18, at the Homestead Building. Trust me and our president, Tatum Soehner, that you won't regret joining Idalia Starlighters 4-H Chapter. *Submitted by Colin Hardwick, Idalia Starlighters Reporter*

WHAT DOES COVID-19 LOOK LIKE FOR FBLA

As we go through this pandemic, student organizations like FFA and FBLA will only allow members to participate virtually at the District and State level. What this means for the members is no traveling to conferences. This was mandated by CCCS at the State level.

However, as a chapter we can still do activities at the local level. We just have to be more creative in how we are going to do them. Mrs. Terrell (FBLA Advisor) is hoping that we will still have fun in FBLA even though we are not allowed to travel. Already this year we have had a scavenger hunt around Idalia, and the chapter officers attended a virtual Fall Leadership Conference where they learned new leadership skills that they will share with the chapter. Our chapter is hoping that in this hard time we will still be able to prosper in our leadership growth through FBLA. Our goal is to build our leadership and build bonds within our chapter. *Submitted by Raquel Lieurance, Idalia FBLA Member*



DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOTS

On October 8, from 3-5 p.m, Wray Community Hospital will be set up in the Idalia School parking lot offering free flu shots. These shots are available for the entire community.

HARVEST ROAD SAFETY—DON'T BE LAX BEHIND THE WHEEL!

One of the benefits of living in rural America is the lack of traffic. And although students enjoy the ease of learning to drive without the challenges found within a large city, rural driving does come with some of its own obstacles. In fact, the fatality rate on Colorado's rural roads is more than double that on all other roads in the state. From clouds of dust reducing visibility to escaping cattle on the roads, drivers must always be alert to hazards.

Harvest season is here and with it comes safety issues on rural roads. Drivers young and old, whether you are operating farm machinery or a motor vehicle, should adopt a "safety first" attitude this time of the year. There is more slow-moving farm equipment on the roadways, creating potentially hazardous traffic jams where motorists in a rush least expect them. All the more reason to remind your student drivers to pay even closer attention this time of year. Here are some tips to navigating rural roads:

1. WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT. No matter how far you are going. No matter how fast you are traveling. More than half of traffic-related fatalities occur when occupants were not wearing a seat belt. Besides, it is the law.

2. Reduce speed when you see farm equipment on rural roads and allow for short closing distances when approaching slow moving vehicles.

3. Be especially cautious of farm equipment turning left onto driveways or fields. They may first pull right for wide turns.

4. Pass farm equipment only if conditions are safe and no on-coming traffic. Brake for orange and red reflective triangles that warn of slow moving vehicles.

5. Be careful when driving on the shoulder, as it can be soft, wet, or steep. Snowy shoulders can pull the vehicle into the ditch.

6. Slow down on gravel roads, hills, curves, and all intersections, especially where crops are planted. Drivers have been killed when they collide at high speeds in the middle of an intersection.

7. Slow down when you see dust. You may not realize how close you are to a vehicle or obstacle in front of you on the road.

Please take this time to talk with your student drivers about safety, and make the commitment as a family to following these tips! *Submitted by Lynne Cody, Idalia Health and Wellness*





COLORADO WILDFIRES

Smoke from the Colorado wildfires have traveled significantly throughout Colorado. Here in the Eastern



GETTING INTO THE SEASON!



Plains we are receiving thick amounts of smoke. A few of the major wildfires included the Cameron Peak Fire in the mountains west of Fort Collins, covering 102,596 acres, with 4% containment as of September 19th. The Pine Gulch Fire is located 18 miles of Grand Junction and covers 139,007 acres. This fire is about 95% contained and is the largest fire in Colorado history. The Grizzly Creek Fire near Glenwood Springs is burning around 32, 431 acres, with 91% containment as of September 18. *Submitted by Porscha Jacobs, Idalia Junior*



LAUREN CODY WOLF OF THE MONTH

Lauren is a 12-year-old 7th grader on the High Honor Roll. Lauren names her 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Sue Heath, along with current Social Studies teacher, Mr. Daniel Weirich, as her favorites. Lauren's favorite subject is English. Some of Lauren's hobbies and interests outside of school include competitive dance, basketball, volleyball, 4-H, and hanging out with friends. Lauren names her mom, Lynne, as her role model and states, "My mom is kind, brave, and always willing to do the right thing."

When asked to discuss an accomplishment that she is proud of, Lauren responded, "I have been doing competitive dance for ten years. I am proud to have held onto my favorite hobby for so long, and I placed top ten at the National Dance competition in 2019". Lauren's future aspirations are to, "always be on high honor roll, attend Colorado State University, and major in something agriculture related." Lauren's advice to her fellow students is, "Don't give up. Try and try again."



Mrs. Kelli Kite, Lauren's 6th Grade teacher, states, "Lauren always has a positive outlook and bright spirit. She fits into any circle of friends because she is genuine and caring." Mr. Johnson had the following to say, "I appreciate many things about Lauren. Along with being a straight-A student, Lau-

ren is as nice and genuine of a student you will ever find. Often times, junior high years are consumed with students establishing self-identities, with social status and being "cool" of the utmost importance. I find it refreshing that Lauren is who she is, and she is not going to change. It seems to me that Lauren doesn't really care how people or society may perceive her; she is authentic, unique, genuine, and most of all, nice to everyone. Lauren always seeks and finds the positives in people and life in general. Great job Lauren and congratulations on your well-deserved recognition of being Wolf of the Month." Submitted by Myles Johnson, Superintendent

Homecoming Spirit Week 2020!! October 19 - 23

Monday - Jersey, Hat, and Sucker Day and Chalk Drawings Lunchtime Activity: Who's Phone Is It?

Tuesday - Online School Fashion Day Lunchtime Activity: Wet Socks Challenge (Football Field)

> Wednesday - Tie Dye-Neon/Disney Day Lunchtime Activity: Ice Cream Social

Thursday - Red Carpet/Hobo Day Lunchtime Activity: Spiders and Flies(Football Field) Dodgeball Tournament (jr. high/high school)after School Football Field-\$12 a team (weather permitting)

Friday - Spirit Day Lunchtime Activity: Final Word Assassin (Football Field/Gym)

Note: After school events may change due to weather.



ORGANIZATIONS ON A ROLL



Idalia Breakfast Menu October 2020

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Breakfast Burrito	2 Breakfast Round
5 Breakfast Pizza	6 Breakfast Quesadilla	7 Biscuits & Gravy	8 Banana Bread Yogurt	9 No School
12 No School	13 Yogurt Parfait	14 Bagel	15 Breakfast Burrito	16 Breakfast Round
19 Breakfast Pizza	20 Breakfast Quesadilla	21 Biscuits & Gravy	22 Banana Bread Yogurt	23 Toast
26 Muffin Yogurt	27 Yogurt Parfait	_28 Bagel	29 Breakfast Burrito	30 Breakfast Round

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Idalia Lunch Menu October 2020

	Fruits and vegetables offered dailyA selection of milk is offered dailyMenu is subject to change								
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Dessert On Friday Only/Homemade *					1	Tacos* Arroz Con Elote* Fruit Vegetable	2	Mac N Cheese* Fruit Vegetable
5	HB/CB* Fries Fruit/ Vegetable	6	Taco Salad Fruit	7	Chicken Sandwich* Coleslaw Fruit/Vegetable	8	Chicken Fajitas* Refried Beans* Fruit/Vegetable	9	No School
12	No School	13	Chicken Fried Steak Mash Potatoes & Gravy* Fruit/Vegetable	14	Pulled Pork Sandwich* Baked Beans Fruit/Vegetables	15	Beef Burrito* Green Chili* Refried Beans* Fruit /Vegetable	16	Pizza Green Beans * Fruit Vegetable
19	Lasagna* Garlic Bread Fruit Vegetable	20	Orange Chicken* Veggie Fried Rice Fruit/Vegetable	21	Grilled Chicken Sandwich* Fruit/Vegetable	22	Pork Tacos* Chips & Salsa * Fruit/Vegetable	23	Nachos* Fruit Vegetable
26	Chicken Garlic Bread Fruit Vegetable	27	Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes Gravy/Roll Fruit/Vegetable	28	Chicken Nuggets Fruit/Vegetable	29	Beef Enchiladas* Arroz Con Elote* Fruit/Vegetable	30	Pizza Fruit/ \Vegetable

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IDALIA MISSION STATEMENT Idalia School District RJ-3 will provide each child the knowledge, skills, and qualities to become productive citizens upon graduation.

2020 OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09 No School Teacher In-Service	10 HSFB vs. Prairie
11	12 No School	13	14	15	16 Kindergaarten here JH/HS FB @ Arickaree	17
18	19 Homecoming Week	20 Homecoming Week	21 Homecoming Week School Board Meeting	22 Homecoming Week	23 Homecoming Week JH/HS FB vs. Flagler	24
25	26	27 PSAT-SAT MAKEUP JHFB @ Bethune	28	29	30	31 Halloseen HSFB @ Briggsdale
O1 EALL BACK	02	CON OB	04	05	06	07 JH/HS FB @ Weldon Valley