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#### STAYING SAFE AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME

As Idalia students and staff finally return to in-school learning, the Idalia Health & Wellness committee wants to share some tips from UC Health to keeping your family safe as we begin this memorable (although strange) school year:

- 1. Remember the key "Ws". Wash hands and wear masks in public places. Frequent handwashing with soap and water remains the best way to prevent illnesses OF ALL KINDS. Wear masks, especially when unable to keep safe distancing. And the better they fit, the less likely kids will touch them (and their faces).
- **2.** Stay apart (and outside) during recess. Social distancing is easier when kids are outside playing. Fresh air and good ventilation also help to reduce illness risk.
- 3. Keep kids home if they exhibit any symptoms. Fever and a persistent cough are some of the most common indicators of COVID-19 AND other respiratory illnesses. Don't take any chances—when in doubt, stay home!
  - **4. Follow disinfecting procedures—and rest assured that the school is being vigilant with cleaning.** The Colorado Department of Public Health has issued guidelines to help schools keep students and staff safe and facilities clean. At home, frequent cleaning of commonly-touched surfaces and good ventilation aid in the fight against COVID-19 and other illnesses.
  - **5. Reduce close contact in public spaces.** One major benefit to a small school like Idalia is reduced density. Our students have space to move around, which helps keep

them healthy and reduces the spread of disease. Encourage your kids to reduce the time they spend simply hanging around in congested areas like lockers, and to go outside as much as possible.

School staff members are excited to have our great Idalia students back in the classroom and with these tips, we can all work together to keep the Idalia community

healthy! Submitted by Idalia Health & Wellness Committee

AFTER DISTRIBUTING TO ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF CUSTOMIZED IDALIA MASKS LEFT OVER. IF ANY PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ETC. WOULD LIKE ONE (FREE OF CHARGE), PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. SIZES AND AVAILABILITY ARE LIMITED.



# **SAVE THE DATE**

National SAT Day: September 23 (\*All Seniors)

\*These exams will be administered (free of charge) by the school.

Next Wolfview deadline is Thursday, September 24.

**Email** 

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#### **COVID CAN'T STOP ME**

On Friday, August 28, the Student Council sponsored a <u>#Covid Can't</u> three-mile walk. Students and staff from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade walked one mile north and a half mile west and turned around to finish at the football field. The Student Council handed out a cup of water at the 1½ mile mark. At the football field lan-

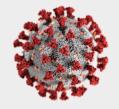
yards, flavored water, cheese-its and popsicles were provided for all students and middle/high school staff members after the walk.

Once the walk was finished the participants relaxed and played games on the football field for the remainder of the day. Sixth

through twelve grades decorated "Corona Can't keep me from. . ." bookmarks. They will be laminated as a keepsake reminder of their goals for the year. Student Council plans to

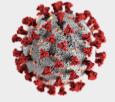


continue sponsoring positive activities for student and staff members as a reminder to stay positive through the unsure times. Submitted by Porscha Jacobs, StuCo Secretary











#### MEET THE 2020-2021 FFA OFFICER TEAM

Tara Hubbard is the elected FFA President, and her parents are Amber Hardwick and Dean Hubbard. Tara plans to compete in both CDEs as well as LDEs in the competitions Vet Science and Prepared Public Speaking. Her advice to FFA members is to step out of your comfort zone and try new things.

Tyson Richards is this year's Vice President for the FFA Chapter, and his parents are Mindy and Brad Richards. The reason that Tyson loves FFA is because he loves ag and helping others. Tyson's heroes are his mother, and Tyson Durfey, and the best FFA event that he has attended was National Convention.

The 2020-2021 elected Treasurer is Porsha Jacobs, and her parents are Bill Jacobs and Kim Jacobs. Her best advice for FFA members is to be friends to all, and her heroes are her parents. Porsha's favorite quote is "I have no special talent; I am only passionately curious" - Albert Einstein.

Camren Morris is this year's FFA Chapter Secretary and her parents are Ross and Jodi Morris. Her best advice to FFA members this year is



<u>On the Left</u>: Tara Hubbard, Alma Cordova, Porscha Jacobs, and Tyson Richards. <u>On the Right</u>: Marek Cody, Priscilla Cordova, Camren Morris and Macy Richards.

to always be involved. Camren is also looking forward to Barnyard Day.

Reporting for FFA this year is Macy Richards and her parents are Lisa and Duane Richards. She is planning on participating in Livestock Judging as a CDE. The reason that she loves FFA is she gets to show animals and meet new people through it. Her favorite quote is "Don't stop until you're proud".

Priscilla Cordova is the Sentinel for the chapter, and her parents are Jose and Nohemi Cordova. Her hero is her dad, and her advice for FFA members is to get to know what agriculture is. She is looking forward to participating in Vet Science and Prepared Speaking. Her favorite quote is "There is always a new day!"



The chapter has two Executive Committee Members--Marek Cody and Alma Cordova. Marek's parents are Lynne and Kane Cody, and he says he loves FFA because he loves Ag. The best FFA event that he has ever attended was National Convention, and he is looking forward to participating in Milk Judging.

Alma Cordova, daughter of Jose and Nohemi Cordova, is the other Executive Committee Member. She plans to participate in Floriculture, as well as Creed Speaking. She loves to be a part of FFA because she gets to be a part of something bigger than herself. Her hero is

Greta Thunberg. We look forward to serving you this year!

Morgan Reese adviser for the FFA, is beginning her fourth year at Idalia. Have a good year. Submitted by Macy Richards, FFA Reporter.







#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IDALIA STARLIGHTER'S 4-H CLUB!!!

This year was a fair like no other, but our local club showed that no matter the circumstances we choose to step up and give it our best! The projects were scored using the American Ribbon System, 1st-6th Place ribbons were awarded. The Yuma County Fair results for the Idalia Starlighter's 4-H Club are as follows:

#### Junior Class

**Blake Hardwick:** *Swine, Market* 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Kaitlyn Helling:** *Upcycle Your Style 2-* 1<sup>st</sup> Place/State Qualifier and Grand Champion.

Albert Keller: Shooting Sports Archery- 4th Place

Beckett Kite: Small Engines, Unit 2-1st

Place/State Qualifier.

Grady Lengel: Leathercraft, Unit 2- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Place/State Alternate. Goats-Market- 2nd and 6th

Place, Showmanship- 4th Place.

Ava Moellenberg: Dog-Obedience (Novice)- 2nd

Place, Showmanship- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

**Charliann Soehner** – Cake Decorating, Unit 1-1<sup>st</sup> Place/State Qualifier. Sheep–Market- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Place, Showmanship- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

Bailey Wudtke: Cake Decorating, Unit 1-

Participation Award

#### Intermediate Class

**Dylan Hardwick:** Swine, Market- 6<sup>th</sup> Place. **Samantha Heath:** Heritage Arts, Unit 3 (Needle

Arts)- 1st Place/State Qualifier and Grand Carson Helling: Leathercraft, Unit 1- 1st

Place/State Qualifier.

Natalie Helling: Leathercraft, Unit 2-1st

Place/State Qualifier.

Edward Keller: Shooting Sports (.22)- 3rd Place.

**Bridgette Kite:** *Upcycle Your Style-* 1<sup>st</sup> Place/State Qualifier and Reserve Grand

Champion.

Kolby Morris: Swine-Market- 3rd Place,

Showmanship-3rd Place, Beef-Market-2nd Place,

Showmanship-4<sup>th</sup>, Round Robin-3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

Kale Morris: Swine-Market- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Showmanship-

Grand Champion. Beef-Market- 1st Place,

Showmanship-Reserve Grand Champion, Round

Robin- Junior Grand Champion.

Ryan Richards: Swine, Market- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Place,

Showmanship-4th Place.

Alyssa Smith: Market Beef- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Wyatt Wudtke: Western Heritage- 1st

Place/State Qualifier, Western Heritage Persona-

Blue Award.

Callie Richards: Swine-Market- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

Catherine Shandy: Dairy Goat- Grand

Champion.

**Tatum Soehner:** Sheep-Market- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place,

Sheep-Breeding Rams- Grand Champion,

Showmanship- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Round Robin – Reserve

Grand Champion.

#### Senior Class

Colin Hardwick: Swine-Market-5th Place.



Jr. Round Robin Winners
Kolby Morris, Tatum Soehner and
Kale Morris

#### GIRLS SCOUTS PARTICIPATE IN SAFE SITTER PROGRAM

This summer the Idalia Girl Scouts sponsored its final group of upcoming babysitters for Safe Sitter certification. Six Idalia students (or past students) participated in this national program, offered by the Kit Carson County Department of Public Health & Environment, which teaches safe and nurturing childcare techniques,

management skills, and appropriate responses to medical emergencies. The Idalia community benefits from the addition of responsible sitters to offer care for parents who are looking for a night on the town, weekend crafting events, or other adult activities.

The program also enhanced self-esteem, introduces kids to safe habits, employment and lifelong skills. If you are looking for childcare, considering hiring one of our community's newest babysitters! Submitted by Lynne Cody





Audrey Soehner, Unknown, Lauren Cody, Krista Wieser, Hayley Chamberlain, Tatum Soehner, Addison Richards, and Unknown

#### FBLA RECRUITMENT SCAVENGER HUNT

Idalia FBLA has been busy at work since the beginning of this school year. With everything going on in the world, we needed to change recruitment this year in order to keep everyone who wanted to join FBLA and people who were just curious about what FBLA was safe. With that in mind, this year we decided to put together a scavenger hunt all around town. The scavenger hunt included seven locations around town (CHS, the

Kite house, the Outback, Hall Hay, the old bank, the baseball field, and the courtyard outside of school), in which one official member of the FBLA would be stationed in each of the locations with Mrs. Terrell, our FBLA advisor, stationed at the courtyard, which was the finish line. Everybody was divided into groups of five for social distancing purposes and competed for clues and the top prize of 3 dollars for the mini mall. All the groups competed hard



with each other and were sportsmen like, but after about 45 minutes, Vanessa, Naidelin, Raquel, and Trey won first place!



The scavenger hunt proved to be a success and afterwards, everybody enjoyed pizza. We would like to give thanks to the businesses and everybody who participated. Congratulations to the winning team. FBLA this year will be much different but we still

will be much different, but we still have big plans ahead of us. Our recruitment activity was just the tip of the iceberg! Submitted by Oscar Ornelas, FBLA Reporter

# **New Staff**

**April Stegner** joins Idalia School from Falcon, Colorado, where she grew up. She did not do traditional sports growing up — but did rodeo. She loves to scrapbook and stays pretty active with her family. Her husband is Duane Stegner, and he is a wildlife officer for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. They have three kids, Garrett, Devan, and Caide. Garrett has graduated from college, Devan is a senior in college, and Caide is a senior in high school. They moved to Flagler, Colorado, in 2007 and just recently moved to Idalia. Her work experience is very diverse. She was so passionate about helping students with special needs that she decided to go back to school and enrolled in Western Governors University. Her program is for a dual license, Elementary Education and Special Education. After six years of school, she will be student teaching for 16 weeks and will then replace Mrs. Weyerman (extremely big shoes to fill!!) in January. She is grateful for this opportunity and very excited to be part of the Idalia family!

**Matthew Moorman** spent his formative years in Eastern Colorado. He attended middle school in Hugo, then all four years of high school in Fleming. After high school, he went to college at the University of Colorado at Boulder (GO BUFFS!). Once he graduated, he moved to Oregon where he worked in construction for 10 years. During the housing market crash of 2008, he decided to return to school and get his Masters in Teaching at George Fox University in Oregon. He taught three years in Oregon but wanted to be closer to family, so he moved back to Colorado and taught at Burlington Middle School for six years.

This was a crazy summer for him. He got married, got stitches in his scalp (watch out for 5 foot holes), bought a house and moved in, and started working at Idalia School. Not to mention dealing with the new normal of facemasks and social distancing because of Covid.

He is excited to teach English again and to be a part of this dynamic school. He knows this will be a great year of learning and discovery for everyone.





The Teachers

# Idalia Breakfast Menu September 2020

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Yogurt Parfait	2 Bagel	3 Breakfast Burrito	4 Breakfast Round
7 No School	8 Breakfast	9 Biscuits & Gravy	10 Banana Bread	11 Toast
	Quesadilla		Yogurt	
14 Muffin	15 Yogurt Parfait	16 Bagel	17 Breakfast Burrito	18 Breakfast Round
Yogurt				
21 Breakfast Pizza	22 Breakfast	23 Biscuits & Gravy	24 Banana Bread	25 Toast
	Quesadilla		Yogurt	
28 Muffin	29 Yogurt Parfait	30 Bagel		
Yogurt				

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### Idalia Lunch Menu SEPTEMBER 2020

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MONDAY	1 Taco Salad * Fruit	2 Chicken Sandwich Coleslaw* Fruit	3 Chicken Fajitas* Refried Beans* Fruit Vegetables	4 Spaghetti* Fruit Vegetables
7 NO SCHOOL	8 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy* Fruit/Vegetables	9 Pulled Pork Sandwich* Baked Beans Fruit/Vegetables	10 Beef Burrito* w/Green Chili* Refried Beans* Fruit/Vegetables	11 Pizza Fruit Vegetables
14 Lasagna* Garlic Bread Fruit/Vegetables	15 Orange Chicken* Veggie Fried Rice* Fruit/Vegetables	Grilled Chicken Sandwich* Fruit/Vegetables	Pork Tacos* Chips & Salsa* Fruit/Vegetables	18 Nachos* Fruit Vegetables
21 Chicken* Fruit Vegetable	22 Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes Gravy Roll Fruit/Vegetables	Chicken Nuggets Fruit Vegetables	24 Beef Enchiladas* Arroz con Elote Fruit/Vegetables	Pizza Fruit Vegetables
28 Corn Dog Fruit Vegetables	29 Chicken Alfredo* Garlic Bread Fruit/Vegetables	30 PBJ Sandwich Baked Sun Chips Fruit/Vegetables		Dessert On Friday Only Homemade *

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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.

