

PHYSICS STUDENTS BUILD BRIDGES

Physics students got to try their hand at architecture and construction with the recent toothpick bridge project. Bridges had to span a distance of 60cm and allow a Hot Wheels style car to drive over without any stunt driver maneuvers. Students could use toothpicks, paper clips, and wood glue. In addition, the bridges themselves could not weigh over 2.0 kilograms. The minimum load bearing weight was 2.0 kilograms. While a 1:1 weight to load ratio was all that was required, both Jennay Terrell and Luke Hull had ratios over 1:20!! It took all the masses in the physics lab plus a couple text books to finally find “the load that broke the bridge’s

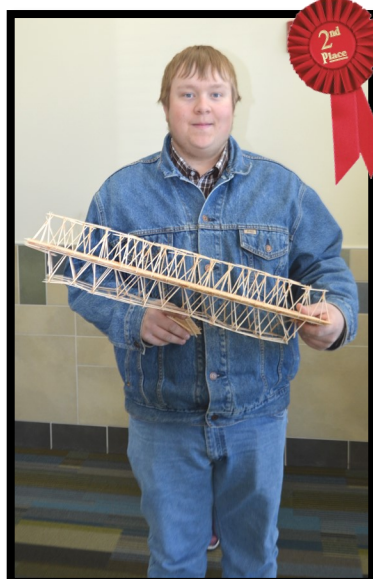
back.” Next up: Pasta Engineers: Spaghetti Towers! *Submitted by Cindy Soehner, Physics Instructor*



Physics students display their different bridge styles. Back Row: Jennay Terrell, Ivan Cordova, Susana Herrera, Jason Dutton, Erick Enriquez, Maryse Schafer, and Alex Weyerman. Front Row: Paulina Trevizo, Luke Hull, and Trevor Hurlburt.



Paulina Trevizo displays her bridge.



Luke Hull's bridge places second.



Jennay Terrell's bridge places first holding



Altius String Quartet

Artist in Residence

Back by popular demand, the Altius String Quartet will be performing on February 24 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Idalia School. The community is encouraged to join us for an hour and a half of exquisite music.

Hailed as "rich" and "captivating" by a renowned music blog, the Altius Quartet is quickly garnering an international reputation and enrapturing the hearts of audiences everywhere. Altius has just competed at the Seventh Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition as one of eight string quartets selected worldwide.

Formed in 2011 at Southern Methodist University Meadows School of the Arts, Altius holds the position as Fellowship String Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where they are mentored by the Takács Quartet. The quartet has an active performance schedule including engagements at music festivals, series, and universities throughout the United States. Highlights of the 2015-16 season include: performances at Music at Kohl Mansion in San Francisco and California State University in Fullerton, residencies at the Fayetteville Chamber Music Festival, the Western Slope Concert Series, and participation in the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival as Shouse Artists. And of course, as Artists in Residence at Idalia K-12 School.

While at Southern Methodist University, Altius Quartet served as Ensemble-in-Residence working closely with Matt Albert, Emanuel Borok, and Andres Diaz. In addition, Altius has worked with and been guided by many of the foremost artists in chamber music including the Emerson String Quartet, Miro Quartet, Shanghai Quartet, Kronos Quartet, Arnold Steinhardt, Håkan Rosengren, and James Dunham.

Altius Quartet is deeply committed to outreach, often performing concerts and teaching master classes in public schools and alternative performing venues including: jazz clubs, bars, and cafes. In July 2013, the quartet commenced an educational residency with the Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony where they performed for and mentored young artists in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. In addition, the quartet served as the 2014 fellowship quartet at the Music in the Mountains Conservatory in Durango, CO, where they had the opportunity to coach several young string quartets.

Founding member and violinist Andrew Giordano received his Bachelor of Music degree at Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music, where he studied with Kathleen Winkler, Federico Agostini, and Koichiro Harada. Giordano continued his studies at the Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of the Arts, where he completed a Masters of Music with Emanuel Borok. Violinist Joshua Ulrich joined the quartet in the spring of 2014. Ulrich received his Bachelor of Music, Master of Music, and Artist Diploma from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and is currently a doctoral candidate from the same institution. During his tenure at the University of Cincinnati, he studied with Won-Bin Yim, Dorothy Delay, and Henry Meyer. Violist Andrew Krimm is a founding member of the quartet. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Colorado-Boulder where he studied with Erika Eckert and Geraldine Walther and received his Performer Diploma from Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of the Arts where he studied with Ellen Rose. Cellist Zachary Reaves is a founding member and received his Bachelor of Music and Performer Diploma from Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of Arts where he studied with Andres Diaz and Christopher Adkins.

The Altius String Quartet's residency in Idalia is possible because of your support of our cookie dough sales each fall. Join us for a musical experience you'll always remember.

Submitted by Cyndie Weyerman, Artist in Residence Coordinator



Student Council **BBQ** Feed

February 20 @ The Grainery 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25

If you would like to purchase tickets, contact:

Sherri Ramseier: (970) 354-7298

FFA MEMBER SALE

The Idalia FFA Member Sale was held on January 8, 2016. The club made roughly \$7200, which will help with the cost of trips and conferences that we will attend throughout the rest of the year and next year.

The Idalia FFA would like to thank the Bonny Community Club for sponsoring the meal that was served that night. A special thanks to Brent Jacobsen for auctioneering; Wayne Weyerman, Dustin Weyerman, Greg Terrell, Larry Weyerman, Travis Bullock, Fernando Millan, and Bob Lippert for cooking, Crystal Zion for helping coordinate serving the food, and lastly to all of the buyers that made the night possible—Roger and Susie Richards, Wayne and Denise Weyerman, Ralph and Beverly Weyerman, Wray State Bank, Stratton Coop, Larry and Crystal Zion, Chris Bartlett, Scoular Grain, Mark Ramseier, Craig Soehner, Deb and Terry Crites, Susan Kunneman, Greg Terrell, Butch Wudtke, Ivan Cordova, Chad Koepke, Kyle Kite, Justin Hardwick, John Hardwick, Endless Entries, Richey's Ready Mix, Third Street Auto, and Bank of Colorado. *Submitted by Bryce Schafer, FFA Reporter*



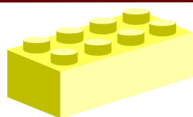
Breann Shaffer and Sam McGinnis serve the meal to the buyers.



Luke Hull helps Brent Jacobsen auctioneer.

Honor Band

School started up after break with everyone hard at work trying to get back into the swing of things. Meanwhile, Brandy Henrickson and Jake Garton were only back at school for two days before heading up to Bennett High School for Honor Band. Back in November they had auditioned and been selected to be a part of this group of excellent musicians from across the Eastern region of the state. They joined with over 50 other middle schoolers from around Eastern Colorado. They spent the day with a clinician rehearsing music they had been working on individually since December. That night presented what they had been practicing together to a full house of parents, grandparents, and other loved ones! It was a good day, and I know both of them really benefitted from this experience. *Submitted by Johanna Caron, Music Instructor*



LEGO Drive



Put your old LEGO bricks into new hands

We are collecting LEGOS for the new LEGO After School Club that will start this spring semester! This is a new challenge for grades 4-6 and limited space will be available

NEEDED: Used or new LEGOS, LEGO kits, any kind of loose LEGOS, large or small, or monetary donations to buy more LEGOS

The club will work on building projects and testing their creations in various ways. We need your help/donations to have enough building materials for all the kids' creations. Please bring donations to the Idalia School office. *Submitted by Lynne Cody*

Father-Daughter Dance



Father-Daughter Dance & Dinner

Idalia School Cafeteria

From: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Open to PK-5th grade Princesses and their Kings
Cost \$25 per family
RSVP must be received by February 10th.

Menu: White Sauce Chicken Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

Sponsored by The Idalia Health & Wellness Council

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RSVP

Name of the Family: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Please return payment and RSVP to Idalia School
c/o Kelli Kite.

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Please return by
February

Celebra Alebrijes – A Celebration of Folk Art and Poetry

Celebra Alebrijes was a collaboration of energy and ideas with visual artist Tony Ortega guiding our 106 elementary students (K-5) to create Alebrijes, fantastic animals, from recycled materials, newspaper, and bold paint. Beside him, Lisa Zimmerman, poet and creative writer, encouraged the students to use words to give life and voice to their creations and reveal the mystery of their origins. Alma wrote, “Add a fear of big lions and whisper ‘leaves’ into its mouth.” Ty said, “He smells like summer never ends.” Second grade Natalie wrote, “He looks like a black and orange sunset.” Parents and other teachers stopped by to share in the excitement. With matching support from *Think 360 Arts for Learning* and *Colorado Creative Industries*, Idalia Elementary began the year fully engaged in the creative process.

The overarching goals of this residency included self-expression, creative problem solving, thoughtful reflection, engaging in the creative process, and cultural awareness. The Academic Standards met were numerous: observe and learn to comprehend and study art, invent and discover by generating works of art, relate and connect by personally linking to their art through poetry, attach meaning to their creations, relate art to diverse cultures, promote problem solving through deeper understanding of concepts and content, reason and make intellectual connections, use specific language, style, tone, text, and structure, and have a clear focus and sufficient elaboration and detail.

Success hinged on preparation and a passion for the process. We had professional artists and teachers who were committed and flexible, and adult and student volunteers who listened and facilitated. Careful planning was essential. We took a month to gather the recycled supplies and to order art supplies. Tony Ortega worked with elementary staff the day before we launched, showed them the steps and models for each, and explained how the following days would unfold. Each day Tony met all the children during breakfast to stage the day. Then in small group instruction, he modeled the steps. The volunteers joined during modeling time, then slid in to help and support, allowing Tony to weave through the students to assist or to begin the next group.

Lisa Zimmerman’s poetry and prose workshops ignited the children with thoughtful models, colorful language, and creative prompts, resulting in breathtaking writing linked to the creative process and Alebrijes. Students wrote, “Think of the heartbeat as you feed him.” “Get used to fur.” “Build without thinking and dream on with your animal and enjoy it.” “Your eyes are like flames.” “You sound like wind blowing against a crooked little cottage.” “I come from the quaky roads that rumble every time a car comes by.” “He smells like fresh air, almost like he’s not there.” The kindergarten wrote, “O horse, your mane feels like a kingdom of fluff/O dinosaur, we miss your roar and swinging tail/O humming bird, I feel your silly flutter in my heart.” Samantha summed up with this acrostic, “Animal creations are fun/Nice to chat with friends/Interesting to see people’s animals/Made me try to be open-minded/Artistically wonderful/Like making a friend/Insanely beautiful/Time is short/Outstanding to see the process.”

Lisa Zimmerman said, “The devotion and time given by the volunteers and teachers made the residency a crazy, wonderful success. When I shared details with (my husband) about the residency after I got home, he said, “Wow. How great to be a kid at that school!” It was a pleasure to work with Tony and the Idalia family.

Tony Ortega wrote, “For me, what made the residency work so well was the by-in of the teachers, the excitement and engagement of the students, and the great help of the volunteers. *Submitted by Cyndie Weyerman, Artist in Residence Coordinator*



2nd graders working with Lisa Zimmerman



Thank you
Cyndie for your
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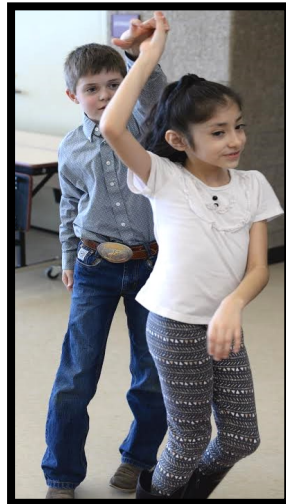
Swing Dancing with Tucker & Chad



Chad Richards & Tucker Louthan were dancing Artists in Residence in Idalia in January teaching the students to 2-Step, Swing, and link arms for the Cotton-Eyed Joe. Your support of cookie dough sales in the fall each year fund the Artist in Residence program for our school. *Submitted Cyndie Weyerman, Artist in Residence Coordinator*



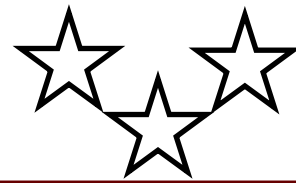
1st Grade: Coy Zion & Evelyn



*4th Grade:
Trey Richards & Melani
Monrrez-Estrada*



7th & 8th Grade dancing to Cotton-Eyed Joe



KNOWLEDGE BOWL

On Monday, January 25, Mr. McFadden took a high school and junior high team to the Hi-Plains High School for the annual Knowledge Bowl. This is a Jeopardy-style competition with students from the YWKC League. Mr. McFadden selects students for the Knowledge Bowl by giving the previous year's questions to grades 7-12 and then taking the top six students from middle and high school based on the number of questions answered correctly. Our teams this year were. Junior High: Jake Garton, Cecil Dull, Aubrey Richards, Talon Glanz, Jailyn Morris, and Jacob Osmus. High School: Faith Carpenter, Luke Hull, Maryse Schafer, Chelby Dull, and Garrett Hurlburt. This year our high school placed 4th in the League and our middle school was the YWKC League runner up! *Submitted by Will McFadden, Knowledge Bowl Sponsor*



High School Team: Luke Hull, Maryse Schafer, Faith Carpenter, and Garrett Hurlburt



*Junior High Team—Front Row: Aubrey Richards, Jailyn Morris, and Jake Garton
Back Row: Cecil Dull, Talon Glanz, and Jacob Osmus*

BOARD MINUTES

The Idalia School District RJ-3 January Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on January 20. Once underway, the meeting's agenda was approved as were the minutes of the December 17 meeting and the Business Services' reports.

During the *Congratulations and Celebrations* portion of the meeting, it was noted that Reagan Shaffer was selected to play in the CADA All-State volleyball game this coming summer. Idalia Varsity Volleyball Coach Kylie Chamberlain was selected as a coach for this same game. Jason Dutton was selected to play in the 6-8 man All-State Game this coming June. Congratulations to all for being recognized for their outstanding efforts. Also in athletics, the Junior High Boys' Basketball was recognized for winning the Stratton Tournament.

Continuing the *Congratulations and Celebrations*, a brief discussion was held regarding the FFA member sale. The evening was well attended and volunteer auctioneer Brent Jacobson and his "ring men"—Ivan Cordova and Luke Hull—were very entertaining and did a great job. Thanks to all who attended the meal and participated in the auction and to Mr. Jacobson for lending his time and talent to FFA. IYCS once again volunteered to assist with Father Woody's Christmas Dinner and Project Angel Heart. The students involved traveled to the Denver area and helped deliver a Merry Christmas to those less fortunate.

January has been a big month for Artist in Residence in Idalia. We started off the new year with an Anamalito project for our elementary students. Tony Ortega was the featured artist. The students constructed animal models from recycled materials, covered them with paper Mache and then painted them. The results were terrific. The students had a great time, and the project was an amazing success. To accomplish so much in a short time, the community volunteers involved were instrumental in allowing our students to fully participate in this interesting and highly creative project. As the Anamalito project unfolded, a second artist, Lisa Zimmerman arrived to lead poetry workshops with our students. The students were encouraged to write about the animal they created to develop a total concept combining Visual Art and Literature. The District's thanks go out to Cyndie Weyerman for her efforts in bringing such wonderful opportunities to our students. Additionally, we would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with this activity. Next up for Artist in Residence were Tucker Louthan and Chad Richards. These two gentlemen taught country dancing to our students. Students and staff alike were involved in learning to "bust a move" country style. Thanks to Chad and Tucker for the great job they did. Finally, Artist in Residence announced that the Idalia Melodrama group has donated all the remaining melodrama funds to help with the future of the Artist in Residence Program.

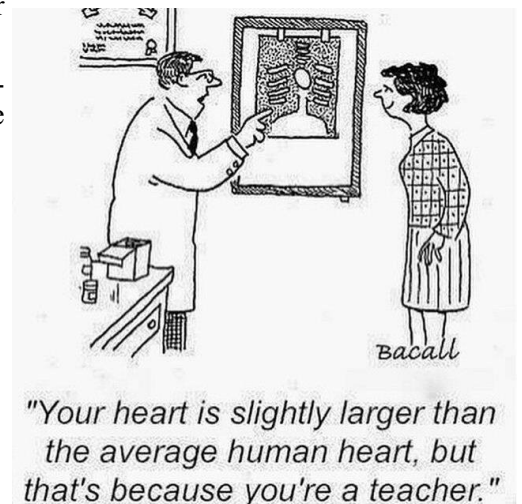
Next on the agenda, Idalia Superintendent Tim Krause reported on several items concerning school business. The Accountability Committee meeting was held on January 19, with Reverend Charles Wright, Tara Garton, Judy Shively, Cindy Soehner, Lynne Cody, and Tim Krause in attendance. The teacher evaluation process for the district was explained and discussion regarding its structure and function followed. Continuing his report, Mr. Krause informed the Board that Andrea Louthan has resigned as the Vocational Agriculture instructor. It was also announced that the fire hall/bus barn will have ceiling mounted tube heaters installed. And finally, Mr. Krause indicated that the school has received its Small Rural Schools funding from the state.

Under Discussion/Action Items, after conversation and consideration, it was moved to approve the hiring of a full-time principal for the 2016-2017 school year and to advertise the open Kindergarten position as a three-fifths (3/5) contract. Both motions passed.

Under the Personnel services heading, it was moved to approve Heather Foreman as a substitute teacher. All members present voted aye.

As the meeting continued, five policies presented for adoption were all approved on second reading, and the preliminary reading of five policies were approved for second reading at the next Board meeting.

It's January business concluded, the Idalia School District RJ-3 meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Submitted by Tim Krause, Idalia Superintendent



 **Idalia Breakfast Menu** 
February 2016

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Bagel Yogurt Pineapple Juice/Milk	2	Biscuit Scrambled Egg Applesauce Yogurt Juice/Milk	3	Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Oranges Yogurt Juice/Milk	4	Pancake on Stick Banana (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	5	Banana Bread Tropical Fruit Yogurt Juice/Milk
8	Sausage & Cheese Biscuit Blueberries Yogurt Juice/Milk	9	Cinnamon Roll Pineapple Yogurt Juice/Milk	10	Omelet Toast Oranges (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	11	Breakfast Burrito Banana (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	12	No School
15	No School	16	Breakfast Round Oranges (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	17	Biscuits & Gravy Applesauce Yogurt Juice/Milk	18	Apple Turnovers Banana (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	19	French Toast Blueberries Yogurt Juice/Milk
22	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Yogurt Tropical Fruit Juice/Milk	23	Breakfast Casserole Oranges (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	24	Dutch Waffle Applesauce Yogurt Juice/Milk	25	Pancake Scrambled Egg Banana (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk	26	Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt Milk/Juice
29	French Toast Sticks Oranges (Fresh) Yogurt Juice/Milk						Cereal will be served every day if student chooses not to take main course. Tuesday choc milk.		Note: Menus are subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

 **Idalia Lunch Menu** 
February 2016


MONDAY		TUESDAY		Wednesday		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1	Fajitas Rice Salad Bar Peaches Milk	2	Walking Tacos Beans Salad Bar Apples (Fresh) Milk	3	Grilled Chicken/Roll Mix Vegetables Salad Bar Mixed Fruit Milk	4	HB/CB Fries Salad Bar Kiwi (Fresh) Milk	5	Spaghetti Breadstick Salad Bar Strawberries/Dessert Milk
8	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy/Salad bar Oranges (Fresh) Milk	9	Turkey Tacos Refried Beans Salad Bar Apples (Fresh) Milk	10	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Salad Bar Peaches Milk	11	Ham Sandwich Potato Salad Salad Bar Pears Milk	12	No School
15	No School	16	Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Salad Bar Strawberries Milk	17	Pulled Pork Baked Beans Salad Bar Apples (Fresh) Milk	18	Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Kiwi (Fresh) Salad Bar Milk	19	Pizza (Cheese) Breadstick Salad Bar Peaches Dessert/Milk
22	Enchiladas Rice Salad Bar Strawberries/Milk	23	Beef Burrito/Green Chili/Refried Beans Salad Bar/Pears Milk	24	Pulled Pork Baked Beans/Salad Bar/Blueberries Milk	25	Chicken Drumstick Pasta/Roll/Salad Bar Apples (Fresh) Milk	26	PB Jelly Sandwich Sun Chips/Salad Bar Applesauce/Dessert Milk
29	Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Apples (Fresh) Salad Bar/Milk						Chocolate Milk on Tuesday.		Note: All menus are subject to change.

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 District FBLA @ NJC JHBB Championships @ Liberty	3 Bookmobile	4	5 HSBB VS Ari ckaree	6 HSBB VS Kit Carson
7	8 JVBB vs Wray	9	10	11 HSBB vs Bethune K-4 Health Fair in Wray	12 NO SCHOOL Teacher-in-Service	13
14	15 FVA WEEK NO SCHOOL Senior Scholarship Workday @ 2 p.m.	16	17 Barnyard Day School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18 HSBB VS Stratton @ Liberty	19	20 Student Council BBQ feed
21	22	23 School Dental Screening 1st Round District BB	24 Artist in Residence Alhais Quartet Performance 9:30 a.m.	25	26 District BB @ Burlington	27
28	29					

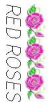
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 Valentine Order Form

Orders Due by Monday, February 8, 2016

Due to no school on Friday, deliveries will be made on Thursday, February 11, 2016



To: _____ Grade _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Circle your choice: 1-Rose (In a Box) \$8.50 2-Roses (Vase) \$15.00 3-Roses (Vase) \$20.00

1/2 doz. Roses (Vase) \$35.00 1 Doz. Roses (Vase) \$65.00

Add a Vase Hugger: \$5 Total \$ _____



COOKIES or EDIBLE CHOCOLATE HEARTS

To: _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Valentine Cookie \$1.50 _____

Small Edible Choc Heart Box (filled w/candies) \$2.50 _____

Large Edible Choc Heart Box (filled w/candies) \$4.00 _____

Total \$ _____



TREAT SACKS or SUCKERS

To: _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Treat Sack: Quantity _____ x \$.50 Suckers (2): Quantity _____ x \$.50

Total \$ _____



STUFFED ANIMALS

To: _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Assorted Small Sized Animals \$4.00 _____

Assorted Medium Sized Animals \$5.00 _____

Assorted Large Sized Animals \$6.00 _____

***Stuffed animals and candy quantities are limited and orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Substitutions may be necessary.*

Sponsored by the Idalia Area Prom Committee Total \$ _____