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On August 24, 2023, all of the Idalia high school and middle school students engaged in the Color Walk. This year, the distance for the walk was cut down to 2 miles rather than 4 because of the heat but that just made the water fight even longer. The students attacked one another with water and chalk after the walk, and everyone was having a good time. At about 3 o'clock, the elementary students ran out to join everyone else in the fight. It was only an afternoon long but with the amount of fun everyone was having, it could have lasted forever. This was the perfect activity on a hot day to start the school year and get the students involved. Thank you to the Student Council for hosting the event.



WOLFVIEW

NEW STAFF

AT IDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HANNAH CARPENTER (ENGLISH TEACHER)



Hannah Carpenter was born and raised in Idalia, Colorado. After high school, she went to college at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction. Some hobbies that Hannah enjoys are playing with her puppy and reading various books. When Hannah was asked what she was most excited for this year she had the following response, "I'm excited to see my students grow personally and academically." A fun fact about Hannah is she loves her dog named Winne.

JONI DUTTON (SECRETARY)

Joni Dutton was born and raised in Burlington, Colorado. Joni's hobbies include gardening and playing with her grandchildren. When she isn't busy with her hobbies, she enjoys reading and watching tv. As most of you know, Joni worked in Idalia as a janitor for 11 years. She said she decided it was time for a change in her life and moved to the secretary position.



BRAD STULTS (CUSTODIAN)

We also want to welcome Brad! He's is a Wray Graduate ('03) and currently resides in the Vernon area. Brad is excited to work with the students and staff of Idalia. Thank you for everything you've done for us already! We're super grateful to have you as one of our custodians and hope you enjoy your time here!

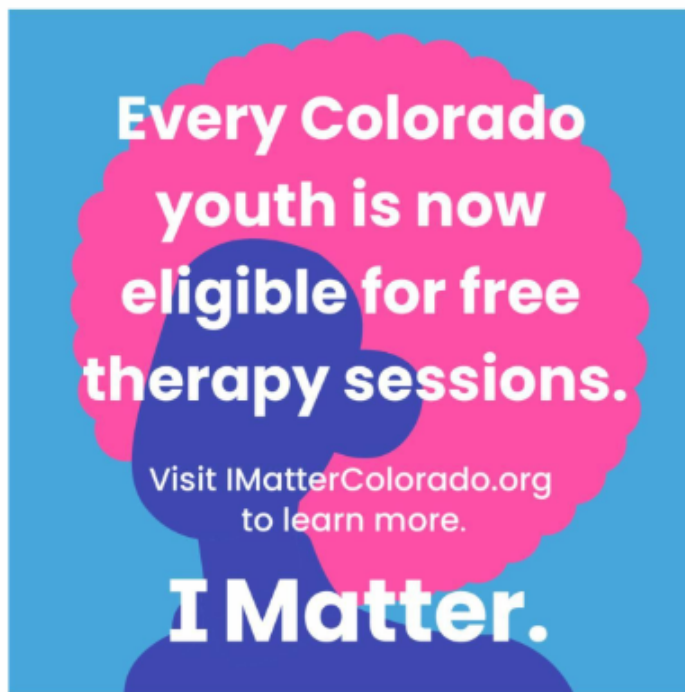


Tuesday, September 5th

Get connected to FREE support

Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services. No matter your responses, youth will be eligible for 6 free counseling sessions.

State law allows youth ages 12 and up to use the platform independently; youth ages 11 and younger will need their parent or guardian's consent to sign up.



Colorado House Bill 21-1258 established this temporary program to provide access to mental health and substance use disorder services for youth, including addressing needs that may have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2021, Governor Jared Polis signed bipartisan legislation, which dedicated \$9 million to the program as part of the Polis-Primavera administration's Colorado Comeback roadmap. I Matter is funded and administered by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health. The program is funded through June 30, 2024.

August Board Meeting Minutes

On August 16th, the board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance included Board Members Amber Hardwick, Jessica Towns, Dustin Weyerman, Andy Richards, Superintendent Myles Johnson, Assistant Principal Kristi Minor, and Business Manager Autumn Helling. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the agenda was approved. Next, the June 19th minutes were approved. The Business Service Reports were then presented and approved. Mr. Johnson then gave his Superintendent's Report, in which he provided a current student count (162: PK-12), along with briefing the board on Spring 2023 assessment results, which were among the state's best. Under "Discussion/Action Items," the board approved a staff birthday gift of \$50 as well as a motion to participate in the upcoming coordinated election, in which two board seats will be up for election. Under "Personnel," the board approved a summer weights stipend, along with a contract to hire Brad Stults as custodian. The board also approved the substitute teacher and bus driver lists as presented. Under "Policy," the board approved policy GCGB-R (substitute teacher pay) as presented. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm and next meeting was scheduled for September 20th at 7 pm.

Superintendent's Update

Ready. Set. Go. We are off and running here at the school – when this goes to print, we will be three full weeks into the new academic year. 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 great start. As another 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. Our school easily achieved the highest possible ranking of "Accredited with Distinction," scoring 83.2 of the possible 100 points. This is, by far, the highest Idalia has scored in the seven years I have been here. Obviously judging the quality of a school goes far beyond a few test scores, but objective data is one the many measures we review and analyze each year.

When looking at CMAS scores specifically (taken by 3rd - 11th graders), Idalia ranks 3rd out of the more than 55 Eastern Colorado School districts in academic achievement. Our high school students took the PSAT and SAT last Spring, and they collectively grew by over 5 percentage points from the year previous, where they far exceeded national averages. I could go on and on highlighting our results. In short, our students and staff knocked it out of the park and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. 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 2023-24 academic year and all the work we have in front of us. Last year's results prove what our students are capable of. 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 we continue to be one of the premier schools in Eastern Colorado. In closing, congratulations to the students and staff alike on their impressive performance last year – it is always rewarding to see objective data to validate all the good things that are happening each and every day in our classrooms.

As part of the requirements to participate in the Perkins grant funding, CTE programs must complete a region needs assessment. All the schools in Northeast Colorado will compile the results from each district to determine where our programs need to focus on in the future years. For Idalia, this includes both the ag and business classrooms. Please take a few moments and complete this survey so we will have opinions from all stakeholders from the Idalia School District. The link for the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJ5H2X2> or scan the QR Code. Please complete the survey before September 12th. We will also send an email to all parents who have an email in PowerSchool. Thank you for your support of the CTE programs.



Hear from the students coming back to school!

3rd Grader:

1. How many pounds do you carry in your backpack every day?
Maybe 20-30 pounds
2. What are you looking forward to?
Seeing what new things there are to do and seeing new face
3. What is something you want to learn this year?
Times and division

1. What is the most popular color of Crayola?



5th Grader:

1. How many pounds do you carry in your backpack every day?
Probably 1-2 pounds
2. What are you looking forward to?
I like math. I am excited to learn more!
3. What is something you want to learn this year?
This year I want to learn pottery

3. Worldwide, what is the most liked subject in elementary School?



10th Grader

1. How many pounds do you carry in your backpack every day?
10 Pounds
2. What are you looking forward to?
I am looking forward to the course I am taking called Intro in Programming.
3. What is something you want to learn this year?
I want a lunch period this entire year to learn how to cook a good and expensive meal.

Answers:
1 Blue
2 Business and Management
3 Mathematics
4 66.7%



4th Grader

1. How many pounds do you carry in your backpack every day?
Like 70!
2. What are you looking forward to?
Just school in general
3. What is something you want to learn this year?
Math by continuing to build upon multiplication and division skills

2. What is the most popular major studied in US College?



6th Grader

1. How many pounds do you carry in your backpack every day?
I think 8 pounds
2. What are you looking forward to?
I am looking forward to sports and to work harder in school.
3. What is something you want to learn this year?
I want to learn new concepts in math

4. What percent of school-aged children report they enjoy school?



12th Grader

1. How many pounds do you carry in your backpack every day?
Maybe 25-30 pounds.
2. What are you looking forward to?
That's a loaded question, but I am looking forward to more freedom with classes, after school, and next semester doing a time release to work.
3. What is something you want to learn this year?
I want to learn how to apply for scholarships and more about college in general.



Over the summer, the Idalia chapter officers met up and made plans for the upcoming school year. After their meeting, the officer team traveled to Sterling Reservoir for an officer retreat. They spent an enjoyable afternoon kayaking and building friendships. The Idalia FBLA Chapter had Recruitment Night with games, pizza, and a fantastic turnout on August 22nd. On the 30th the chapter had their first meeting and got their fundraiser kicked off, which is food sales! Make sure to support our delicious cause! This year there are 39 members, 6 chapter officers, and 2 state officers in the program. The school year is already off to a wonderful start and the chapter has a bright future!





The month of August was full of activities that our FFA Idalia chapter took part in. On August 22, 2023, the Idalia chapter had put on recruitment night that consisted of slow pitch softball open to all members and food/snacks that had been provided. We had also brought some grades down from the elementary grades for our monthly PALs. Our activity for the month was to make 'grass growing cups.' The kids did enjoy participating and with the help of our chapter members, they also had a memorable first month back at school.



COLLEGE VISIT!

Attention all interested HS students:

On Friday, October 13th, we will be touring the University of Denver, Colorado State University Spur, and Lincoln Technical College campuses located in Denver, Colorado.

University of Denver is a private university with an undergraduate enrollment number of 6,000 students. UD offers 100+ programs for students to pursue.



CSU Spur is a public learning destination that aims to promote agricultural literacy and lifelong learning, foster agribusiness entrepreneurship, enhance the health and well-being of individuals and communities, and advance the sustainability of urban and rural food systems. CSU Spur is home to a Dumb Friends League veterinary hospital, Temple Grandin Equine Center, plant diagnostic clinic, and Hydro exhibits

Lincoln Tech in Denver offers you a dynamic, hands-on atmosphere to train in the industries you are passionate about. Campus features include:

- Drive-in classrooms.
- Automotive Technology training in an auto lab featuring 60 bays, 18 lifts and Mustang, SuperFlow Engine, and Axiline Transmission Dynos.
- Tesla START training at a new facility with instructors, tools, and vehicles provided by Tesla.
- Collision Repair training lab with 19 bays to paint, airbrush, and perform auto body repairs.
- Truck and Diesel labs with welding booths, bays, and two dyno labs.
- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) training to add to your Diesel Technology program.
- Hampden Trainers and an Energy Audit Training House for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) students.
- 90 welding booths with Lincoln Dynasty and Miller 350p machines for our Welding Technology students.



If interested in attending, please talk with Miss Cominiello.

Idalia School District RJ-3 Football Schedule 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 18	Scrimmage	Idalia	V	6:30
August 25	Briggsdale	Briggsdale	JH, V	4:00/7:00
September 1	Fleming	Idalia	V, JH	3:30/5:00
September 8	Arickaree	Idalia	JH, V	4:00/7:00
September 15	Otis	Otis	JH, V	4:00/7:00
September 22	Sangre de Cristo	Manzanola	JH, V	11:00/12:30
September 25	Stratton	Stratton	JH	4:00
September 30	Stratton	Stratton	V	2:00
October 5	Lone Star	Lone Star	JH	3:00
October 12	Genoa-Hugo	Hugo	JH, V	4:00/7:00
October 20	Hi-Plains**	Idalia	JH, V	4:00/7:00
October 27	Eads	Eads	V	7:00
November 4	FB Playoffs	TBD	V	TBD
November 11	FB Quarterfinals	TBD	V	TBD
November 18	FB Semifinals	TBD	V	TBD
November 24	FB Championship	CSU-Pueblo	V	TBD

JH=Junior High Boys

V=Varsity Boys

** Homecoming

*All times and date are subject to change.

Idalia School District RJ-3 Volleyball Schedule 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 12	Scrimmage	Otis	JV, V	8:00
August 19	Holyoke Triangular	Holyoke	JV, V	10:00
August 25	Briggsdale	Briggsdale	JH-B, JH-A, JV, V	2:00
August 31	St. Francis/Cheyenne Wells	Cheyenne Wells	JV, V	4:00
September 1	Fleming	Idalia	JH-B, JH-A, JV, V	3:00
September 8	Arickaree	Idalia	JH-A, JV, V	3:00
September 9	McClave	McClave	JH-B, JH-A, V, JV	1:00
September 12	Flagler	Idalia	JH-C, JH-B, JH-A, JV, V	3:00
September 15	Otis	Otis	JH-A, JV, V	3:00
September 16	Bethune Tournament	Bethune	V	9:00
September 21	Wray	Idalia	JV, V	4:00
September 25	Stratton	Stratton	JH	4:00
September 30	Stratton	Stratton	V	10:30
October 5	Lone Star	Lone Star	JH-B (1set), JH-A, JV, V	3:00
October 10	Bethune	Idalia	JH, JV, V	4:00
October 12	Genoa-Hugo	Hugo	JH, JV, V	4:00
October 19	Kit Carson	Idalia	JH-B, JH-A, JV, V	3:00
October 20	Hi-Plains**	Idalia	JH, JV, V	3:00
October 24	Akron	Idalia	JV, V	4:00
October 27	Eads	Eads	JV, V	5:00
October 28	Caliche	Caliche	JV, V	1:00
October 30	JH Tournament	Bethune	JH	9:00
November 3-4	Regional VB	TBD	V	TBD
November 9-11	State VB	Denver Coliseum	V	TBD

JH-A=Junior High Girls A

JH-B=Junior High Girls B

JH-C=Junior High Girls C

JV=Junior Varsity Girls

V=Varsity Girls

** Homecoming

JH-B vs JH-C at Idalia

September 1	2:00
October 10	3:00
October 20	2:00

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8/30/2023

Idalia Breakfast Menu September 2023

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	No School	5	Muffin Omelet	6	Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit	7	Breakfast Burrito Yogurt	8	Banana Bread Breakfast Casserole
11	Waffles Scrambled Eggs	12	Biscuit & Gravy	13	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese	14	Pancake on a Stick Yogurt	15	No School
18	Muffin Omelet	19	Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit	20	Breakfast Burrito Yogurt	21	Banana Bread Breakfast Casserole	22	No School
25	Waffles Scrambled Eggs	26	Biscuit & Gravy	27	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese	28	Pancake on a Stick Yogurt	29	No School

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Idalia Lunch Menu September 2023

Fruits and Vegetables Offered Daily----A Selection of Milk is Offered Daily ----
Menu is Subject to Change

MONDAY		TUESDAY		Wednesday		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
	Chocolate Milk One Day a Week							1	No School
4	No School	5	Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Salad Bar	6	Beef Burrito W/Green Chili/Refried Beans Salad Bar	7	Chicken Rice Bowl Salad Bar	8	Shredded Pork Tacos Chips & Salsa Salad Bar Dessert
11	Chicken Strips Baked Potato Salad Bar	12	Cheesy Nachos W/Ground Beef Option Salad Bar	13	Corn Dog Corn Salad Bar	14	Beef Tostada Refried Beans Salad Bar/Dessert	15	No School
18	Chicken Nuggets Roasted Vegetables Salad Bar	19	Pizza Green Beans Salad Bar	20	HB/CB Fries Salad Bar	21	Chicken Fried Steak Mash Potatoes/Gravy/Roll Salad Bar/Dessert	22	No School
25	Chili Breadstick Salad Bar	26	Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Salad Bar	27	Ham Sandwich Baked Chips Salad Bar	28	Walking Tacos Salad Bar/Dessert	29	No School

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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.



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No school HS golf @ Sterling JH/HS/VB/FB @ Idalia	2
3	4 No school	5	6	7 FFA Range student workshop @Arickaree	8 School HS Golf @Wray JH/HS VB/FB @Arikaree	9 JH/HS VB @McClave
10	11 HS golf @Sterling	12 JH/HS VB @Idalia	13	14	15 No school JH/HS VB/FB @Otis	16 HSVB Bethune Tournament
17	18 Accountability Meeting	19 Regional golf @Greeley	20 School Board Meeting	21 HSVB @Idalia	22 No school JH/HS FB @Idalia	23
24	25 JH VB/FB @Stratton	26	27 FFA NE Regional Range Contest	28	29 No school	30 HSVB/HSFB @Stratton