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*Congratulations Daniels Scholar:
Raquel Lieurance*

Raquel Lieurance was recently selected as a 2023 Daniels Fund Scholar, becoming the third Daniels Fund Scholar in Idalia history. Each year, the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program awards scholarships to “students with great potential, strong character, and big dreams.” The Idalia school and community is beyond proud of this young woman. She is a role model and inspiration for Idalia’s youth. Raquel plans to attend West Texas A & M University to study Agriculture Education. Congratulations Raquel! *Submitted by Alma Cordova, Photoshop Student*



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**Middle Level State
Leadership Conference**

On March 7, the Middle Level FBLA group left the school to go present at state in Brighton, CO. The students felt nerves, excitement, and curiosity about the new experience they were about to participate in. On March 8, the students arrived at the Riverdale Regional Park event center, excitement running high. After a long day of presenting and partaking in the workshop provided by Junior Achievement, it was time for the awards ceremony. We found many successes throughout the entire group. Some of these include: Audrey Brittain, 2nd FBLA Concepts; Alayna Bull-



ock, Mellissa Martinez Palacios, and Audrey Soehner, 2nd Annual Chapter Activities Presentation; Evelyn Cruz and Addison Richards, 1st Marketing Mix Challenge; Jaasiel Estrada and Cooper Northrup, 2nd Video Game Challenge; Andrea Gonzalez, 3rd Exploring Technology; Melissa Martinez Palacios, 3rd Exploring Economics; Gissel Ornelas, 2nd Business Etiquette; Rebecca Whomble, 1st FBLA Concepts; Camden Wingfield, 2nd Learning Strategies; Kaitlyn Helling, Alexa Ochoa Trejo, and Taylor Towns, 1st Multimedia & Website Development; Grady Lengel and Jayde Pfeiler, 1st Video Game Challenge. *Submitted by Taylor Towns, Middle Level FBLA member*

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SAVE THE DATE!

- 5/24 @ 6pm: 8th Grade Promotion
- 5/24 @ 6:30pm: Academic and Athletic Awards Night
- 5/26 @ 6pm: Senior Graduation



*8th Grade and Seniors last day of school will be 5/18, all other students last day will be 5/25

Wolf of the Month



Rebecca is a 13-year-old 8th Grader on the High Honor Roll. Rebecca names Mrs. Sherri Ramseier(Language), Mrs. Peggy Moberly(Art), and Mr. Patrick Brown (Ag) as her favorite teachers. Rebecca stated that some of her hobbies and interests outside of school include, “riding horses, doing art, showing goats, and doing leathercraft.” When asked to discuss her role models, Rebecca replied, “My role models are Jesus first and foremost, and also my mom (Jill) because I learn so much from her.” Rebecca shared that a “Fun-Fact” about herself is, “my birthday falls on Easter this year and also I will be taking a mission trip this June.”



When asked to discuss an accomplishment that she is proud of, Rebecca responded, “I set personal goals at the beginning of each school year. This year I have been successful at reaching those goals so far, which include following God and not losing faith, working hard for good grades, and trying to always act in a respectful way.” When asked to discuss a future goal, Rebecca stated, “I hope to work hard to prepare my market goat for fair and I have a goal of placing in the top 3 for showmanship.” A piece of advice Rebecca offers her classmates is, “Just because others aren’t doing it doesn’t mean you can’t. Just because no one else cares doesn’t mean you can’t care.”

Mr. Johnson states, “I don’t know if Idalia has a nicer, sweeter, more respectful student than Rebecca. Each of her teacher’s love having her in class, and she is just such an overall outstanding young lady. She constantly has a smile on her face and I don’t think she has a mean bone in her body. She is a fantastic friend and is thriving both in and out of the classroom. Although she is naturally quiet, I hope the younger students in our school take notice as to how Rebecca conducts herself and how nice she is to everyone, making her an ideal leader by example. Rebecca is genuine, lives her life with great integrity, and constantly has a good attitude. Our school, and the world as a whole, is a better place due to people like Rebecca. Congratulations on being selected as Student of the Month Rebecca, and we can’t wait to see all your future successes!” Submitted by Myles Johnson, Superintendent.



FFA REPORT

In March, we started with our Member Sale, where each student in FFA was sold for 8 hours of work. The Freshman competed at District Quiz Bowl where they placed 2nd. Krista Wieser was awarded 2023-2024 District IX Treasurer. On March 30, we had PALS where the kids got to help make homemade ice cream. Next month, we have District CDE’s on April 11th, and State CDE’s on the 30th.

We will have pals again next month!





Superintendent's Update



Next month, our students will take their state assessments as our 3rd-8th Graders will take the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) test, which includes sections in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) for all, with additional Science sections for some grade levels. The Freshmen and Sophomores will take their respective PSAT exams, while the Juniors will take the SAT, which serves as Colorado's official college entrance exam.

Obviously, one cannot solely judge the quality of an education, or a school in general, based on assessment results completed over the course of just a few hours. We all realize there are intangible factors (involvement in extra-curriculars, learning to successfully balance school with work, family, and life in general, treating adults and peers with respect, being prepared for the 'real world', etc) that assessment results simply cannot gauge. I believe Idalia's staff, students, and community at large do a nice job of seeing the 'big picture', and our priorities are reflective of this. Our staff does not spend every educational minute 'teaching to the test', but instead do a fantastic job balancing the demands of standards and curriculum benchmarks with developing relationships with students while taking opportunities to teach and discuss 'life lessons'. My hope is that our students do not feel like they are being force fed facts and information just so they can score well on one test a year, but rather they feel valued and challenged by a staff that cares for them as both students, but more importantly young humans. I am confident this is largely the case.

With this being said, I take this opportunity to emphasize just how important next month's state assessments are. Our high school students will be taking the PSAT and SAT. Their results on this high-stakes test could mean the difference between being accepted into College 'A' over a less desirable College 'B'. Not to mention the financial incentive of scoring well enough to qualify for certain scholarship opportunities. Individual CMAS results are analyzed and considered when making decisions such as if a student would benefit from extra supports, whether that be through our Special Education department, or other supports such as 504 plans, ELL or Title services. Whereas individual incentives largely drive SAT/PSAT results, our elementary and junior high students' CMAS results are more reflective of our school district as a whole. Accountability in public education is incredibly complex (and far from perfect), but our students' performance on CMAS impacts our overall District Performance Framework (DPF), which essentially serves as our school's "report card" when it comes to accreditation rankings with CDE. In short, these assessments matter – both on the micro and macro levels. As we continue our constant parent/school partnership, I respectfully ask that you do your part in preparing your child(ren) for success on their upcoming assessments. Along with offering the generic guidelines such as making sure your child is well-rested and fed the days of the test, I believe the most important thing you can do is reinforce to your child that they should always give their best effort; at everything they do in life, and these tests are no exception.

**For various reasons, some students and families may not feel comfortable taking the state assessments (specifically the CMAS exam). We respect each family's decision and anyone wanting to opt-out of these tests can do so without penalty or consequence (please contact Ms. Cominiello @ cominiello@idaliaco.us or locate the opt-out form on our school's website).*

Positions Available!

- JH/HS English
- Full/Part-Time Music
- Head JH Volleyball



Annual STUCO Barn Dinner



The Idalia STUCO team had a very successful fundraiser this year on February 11. They served brisket, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, chicken, and salad. They also held a dessert auction and dance following the dinner. It was a very eventful night enjoyed by all! Submitted by Jaylyn Kechter, STUCO Secretary



All Conference Basketball

Boys

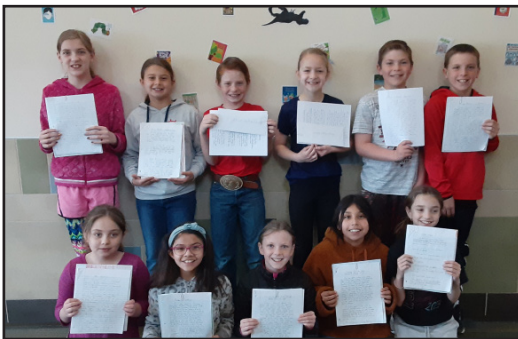
Logan Breyer
Kale Morris

Girls

Krista Wieser
Jaylyn Kechter
Jenna Wieser



FCE Character Counts Essay



Each year, fourth graders participate in the FCE Character Counts Essay Contest. This year's focus was caring. Students were asked to write an essay and draw an illustration that demonstrated what the character pillar of caring meant to them. This year's winners at the local level were: Lindsey Helling, first place; Elliot Louthan, second place; and Kyran Moberly, third place. Their essays will be sent to the county level of the contest with a chance to advance to the state level. Submitted by Kim Keller, 4th Grade Teacher



FBLA March Happenings

This month, the Idalia FBLA chapter has been very busy preparing for state. We are all very excited to attend the State Leadership Conference from April 5-7. Our members have been busy studying for tests, preparing and practicing presentations, and are eager



to compete. Our chapter embarked on a field trip to the Denver Broncos stadium this month as well. We got the chance to sit in a suite, listen to tons of cool facts about the stadium, look through the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, tour the guest team locker room, and even go onto the field! We learned a lot about the business aspect of the stadium and what it takes to keep the stadium running. Submitted by Callie

Richards, Idalia FBLA Reporter



Parents:

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessment will be administered this Spring beginning April 17th, 2023 and ending April 21st. Grades 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th will take three units of math and three units of language arts. Grades 5th and 8th will take three units of math, three units of language arts, and three units of science. The 11th grade will take three units of science.

The majority of CMAS testing will occur over the duration of five days (4/17 - 4/21). The next week (4/24 - 4/28) will be allotted for make-up testing.

For a full schedule of the CMAS testing, please go to the Idalia School Webpage, Counselor's Corner, testing, and select 2023 CMAS Testing Schedule.

Please feel free to contact Caprise Cominiello with any questions at:

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** Any parents who wish to opt their child (ren) out of CMAS, the parent excusal form can be found on our school's website (idaliaco.us) under the*

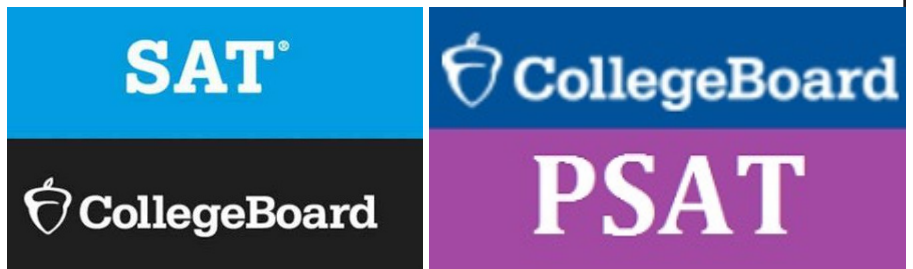
The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be administered in April for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. The 9th grade will participate in the PSAT 8/9 on April 14th, 2023. The 10th grade will participate in the PSAT on April 12th, 2023. The 11th grade will participate in the SAT on April 12th, 2023.

More information about PSAT/SAT can be found at [Colorado School Day SAT and PSAT | CDE \(state.co.us\)](https://www.collegeboard.com/sat/psat)

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The football bleachers will be replaced this summer. If you are interested in the existing bleachers please contact Mr. Johnson @ johnsonm@idalia-co.us



2023 Track Schedule

High School Track

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 28	Tribune	HST	2:00 MT
April 1	Limon	HST	9:00
April 10	Yuma	HST	9:00
April 14	District 6 Stadium-Greeley	HST	2:00
April 20	Wray	HST	12:00
April 22	Strasburg	HST	9:00
April 29	Akron	HST	9:00
May 3	Wray-League	HST	9:00
May 5	Elizabeth	HST	11:00
May 9	Windsor	HST	TBD
May 13	Limon	HST	9:00
May 18-20	State Track-Jeffco	HST	TBD

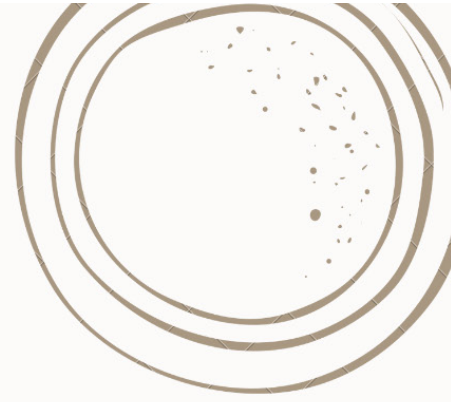
Junior High Track

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 14	Holyoke	JHT	9:00
April 18	St. Francis	JHT	1:00 MT
April 21	Wray	JHT	9:00
April 27	Burlington	JHT	10:00
April 28	Hi-Plains	JHT	10:00
May 8	Akron-League	JHT	9:00

JHT-Junior High Track

HST-High School Track





Community Calendars

Please help yourself. Feel
free to take more than one!



FIELD DAY CONCESSIONS



MAY 11TH, FIELD DAY

HAMBURGERS

HOT DOGS

TAQUITOS

DESSERTS

OTTER POPS

CINNAMON ROLLS AT 8 AM

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IDALIA MISSION STATEMENT

Idalia School District RJ3 will provide each child with the knowledge, skills, and qualities to become productive citizens upon graduation.

April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 HST @ Limon
2	3 FFA CDE@ Ft. Morgan	4	5 Walk/Bike to School Day	6	7 No School	8
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9	10 No School HST @ Yuma	11 FFA CDE@ NJC	12 SAT Testing	13 PSAT 9&10 Testing	14 Friday School JHT @ Holyoke HST @ Greeley	15 Prom
16	17 CMAS Testing	18 CMAS Testing JHT @ St. Francis	19 CMAS Testing School Board Meeting	20 CMAS Testing HST @ Wray	21 Friday School JHT @ Wray	22 HST @ Strasburg
23	24	25	26	27 JHT @ Burlington	28 No School JHT @ Hi-Plains District Art Show	29 HST @ Akron
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30 State FFA CDE's	1 State FFA CDE's	2	3 Walk/Bike to School Day HST League @ Wray	4	5 No School HST @ Elizabeth	6