

## 5/1/2020 - Weekly Board Notes

### Seth Deniston - School Start Times Committee Update:

The School Start Times Ad Hoc Committee met on April 22nd over Zoom, and reviewed data from the community survey that went out in February. Over 2500 responses were received, and the data can be reviewed on our website: <https://www.cdaschools.org/Page/9050>. The committee also voted 11 to 8 to recommend that the School District flip elementary and secondary start times starting with the 2021-22 school year. The committee will meet once more on May 20th to finalize the recommendation and minority report for the June board meeting.

### Kate Orozco - Elementary Update:

We heard some encouraging information about the **Math is Cool** 5th grade event held several nights ago. Please click [here](#) for information about that event from **Charlene Babb**.

Math Is Cool  
April 2020

I wanted to let you know that Math is Cool was last night for 5th grade. I don't know what the results are as of right now, but I wanted to let you know that there were 93 5th graders that were present from CDA, Post Falls, Liberty Lake, and surrounding areas.

The directors, Gregg Sampson and Tom Tosch, lead the troops on Zoom. As you know, the actual competition was cancelled due to the coronavirus and our money was refunded. The event last night was free and I know it was not a simple thing that they threw together for students. It was well thought out and planned.

It was a bit crazy at first, but I taught them the power of the mute button and once it got started, it was fantastic! Our kids, who are kind of wearing down from this crazy time, joined forces with their teams via Zoom and came together for 3 1/2 hours and did some great math!

My ALP Colleagues, Tracey from Skyway, Heather from Fernan, Lynda from Ramsey, and myself were cheering them on from a technological distance. It was quite a beautiful thing and as their ALP teachers, we couldn't have been more proud. It was cool, because math is and I thought you would like to know! :)

PS...the 4th Grade Competition will be May 19th and I understand there will be 300 4th graders participating on line. That kind of hurts my head thinking about the logistics of it, but again...there is a mute button and kids are excited about math! What more could we ask for during this time? :)

*Charlene Babb,  
ALP Teacher 3rd-5th Grade  
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**Kate Orozco - Elementary Cute Factor:**

One Atlas parent shared with her first grade teacher that this has become her daughter's new favorite place to read. The parent also added, **"Thanks for all you do!"**



**Katie Graupman - Engagement Data By School:**

**SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.**

**Mike Nelson - "Phase 2" Data request - AP Enrollment And Exam Performance:**

Attached is the next section of the Board's requested data comparing performance at our high schools. The attached slides show the changes in AP enrollment and number of exams taken since 200,7 as well as, the performance on exams between 2015-2019. I hope that these slides may be helpful to you and am glad to answer further questions.

Next week, you'll see data about online course enrollment including PLATO Learning and IDLA.

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**Kate Orozco - Teacher Leader Academy Participants:**

The Teacher Leader Academy participants are continuing to work with PD Coach, **Katy Karschney** through zoom meetings in order to explore problems of practice, study one another's Google classrooms, and share online learning approaches in order to continue to improve literacy. The enthusiasm of the participants coming together, to continue the momentum, have been encouraging.

**Jeff Voeller - Emergency Plus Attendance For April 27 - May 1:**

DATE	RAMSEY	SKYWAY
4/27	28	18
4/28	25	26
4/29	28	24
4/30	32	27
5/1	29	19

**Seth Deniston - Technology Updates:**

- We are continuing to check out Chromebooks & Hotspots each Wednesday from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM at CHS. School staff checked out close to 100 devices last week.
- We have also been communicating with families without Internet. Middle and High school students can check out hotspots, and we are starting to open up to some Elementary students as well. Additionally, Wi-fi outside all schools has now become operational for staff and student accounts with maps posted on

the website: <https://www.cdaschools.org/Page/9579>. Signage will be posted at parking lot entrances soon. Equipment is also here for Wi-Fi on 5 buses; installation and placement to be decided next.

- Through the Idaho Business for Education (IBE) group, we are working with Intermix on providing internet to the Lakeside, Silver Lake & Riverstone apts. We also talked with Spectrum, and have included details on their offer in communications with families.
- Remote tech support needs are starting to level off, both for students and staff, after the initial high demand for our services.
- We are working on adding functionality to Google Classroom via a third party tool to sync information from Skyward automatically, such as class titles, rosters, and parent/guardian information. We will be implementing additional functionality for the 2020-21 school year and creating classes automatically prior to school starting.

#### **Jeff Voeller - Grab And Go Meal (April 27 - May 1) Updates:**

**SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.**

#### **Mike Nelson - Form Created For High School Grade Change Requests:**

With the approval of the resolution last week allowing students to opt for letter grades in high school coursework, we have created a form that our principals can provide to interested parents/guardians. The form details the ramifications of the change and requires a parent signature in order to be processed. Completed forms will also be kept in the students' cumulative records, if they are needed to confirm a selection.

We are also tracking these choices and will have percentages of students who will be graded with letter grades by building in the coming weeks, in addition to elections by demographic, current GPA, and program enrollment.

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#### **Jeff Voeller - Construction Update:**

**NExA continues to move along at a rapid pace:**

- Upstairs mechanical and front office rough in is nearly complete.
- First floor classroom drywall is hung and they are starting to tape.
- Grind and Polish of concrete floors is underway.
- Exterior Brick Veneer Wainscot is wrapping up.
- Exterior Siding will begin next week.
- Site drainage swales and concrete curbing for parking areas are under way.

*< Photos Attached to view some of the progress >*



**Prairie Ave Median Work:** Had a preconstruction conference with NNAC and JUB Engineering last week. Work scheduled to begin Monday, May 11th.





