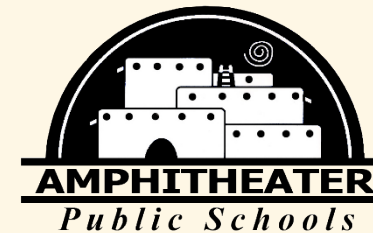




Superintendent's Report

Governing Board Meeting
December 8, 2020





Views from our Schools

- Learning Activities
- Thank You!



From Our Schools



First-graders in Mrs. Jech's class at Donaldson Elementary recently spend some time learning about nests and who lives in them. The students researched nests, collected materials outside, and then used them to build part of the nest for their call hedgehog -- Pinecone Hazel Hedgie.



Amphi High physics teacher Mr. Salcido used an activity where students created giant bubbles to teach students about color, Iridescence, and the wave property of light.

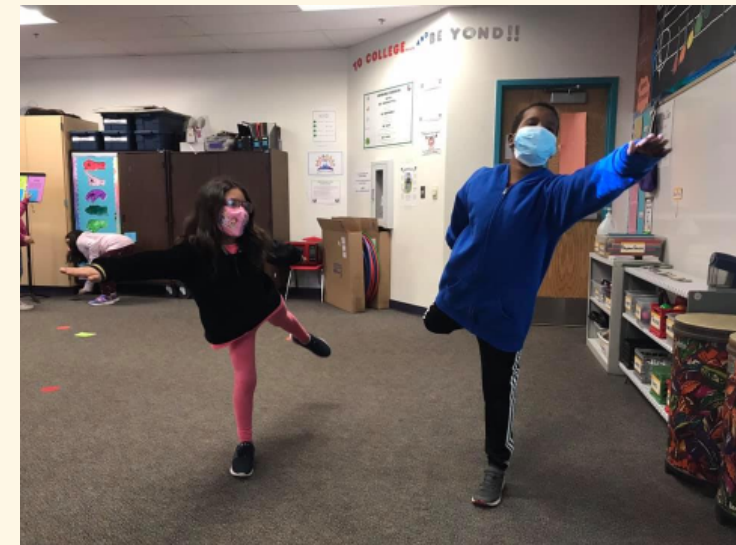


From Our Schools

Wilson K-8 staff and students held a goodbye parade for longtime groundskeeper Wayne MacGowan. Mr. MacGowan has worked at Wilson since 2001 and has worked in the District even longer, coming into the Amphi Family in 1986.



At Prince Elementary, second- and third-graders are in the process of working on their Nutcracker ballet unit in Music. They are learning about the four elements of ballet: dance, acting, music and costumes.





From Our Schools



Check out the Mesa Verde Motor Lab put together by Mrs. Schleicher. The lab features all kinds of activities, including carpet skating, reindeer hula-hooping and drawing a figure-eight snowman.



From Our Schools



Amphie is back to his regular duties. He has been visiting schools throughout the District to spread good cheer. Each day as we lead up to Winter Break, Amphie visits a school for a photo shoot. The picture is posted on Facebook, and our followers guess where he is.



Thank you



The Amphi Foundation's Shoes to Smiles program was at it again earlier this month. Six children at Lulu Walker received new shoes.



COVID safety protocols have required schools to shut off drinking fountains, so students must remember to bring a refillable water bottle to school. The Amphi Foundation purchased and distributed 250 reusable water bottles so that schools will have some to hand out as needed.

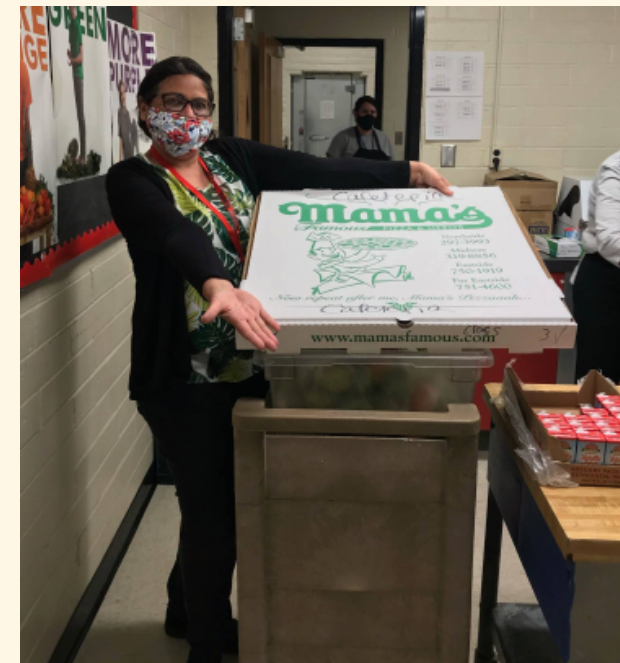
Thank you, Officer Lucero and Officer Figueroa! These two school resources officers from Prince Elementary and Amphitheater Middle School, respectively, sponsored five families for Thanksgiving.





Thank you

The Amphi Foundation has a long history of supporting the District. Just before Thanksgiving, they took on an extraordinary project to show employees appreciation and gratitude. The gesture came in form of giant pizzas – 200 of them, and 80 trays of salad – all from Mama’s Pizza! The food was distributed to every school and department over the course of two days.





Reopening Update





Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicator: Disease Data

	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Cases over two consecutive weeks (with complete reporting of cases)			
Percent Positivity			
COVID-19 like illness			



Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicator: Healthcare System Availability

	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Lab Testing Availability and Utilization			
Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for 2X the current COVID cases (+ surge) – Statewide			
Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders			





Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicator: Public Health Tracking and Prevention

	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Timely case investigation			
Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours			
Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home – Statewide			





Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicators Summary

• 2 

• 5 

• 2 

(November 27)

4 

3 

2 

(December 3)

Current County health metrics still guide only toward hybrid learning presently.

When all indicators are green: full reopening



School COVID-19 Info per PCHD

- The transmission rate inside schools (county-wide) is about 2.8%.
- The number of cases in schools is growing but the vast majority of cases are being contracted outside of schools.
- Community-based spread is the big issue – not school spread.
- Mitigation (masks, social-distancing and contact tracing) is working and keeping COVID-19 outbreaks out of schools.
- Of 72 school campus transmission cases, 46 were associated with athletic activities such as football or cheerleading.

"The last thing that we need to do as a preventative measure — the very last thing — is shut down our schools," Eller says. "That should be the absolute last option on the table. We should be taking away all the other options before that: The bars need to get closed down; the gyms should close back down, the restaurants. From a public-health approach, that's the correct way to do it."

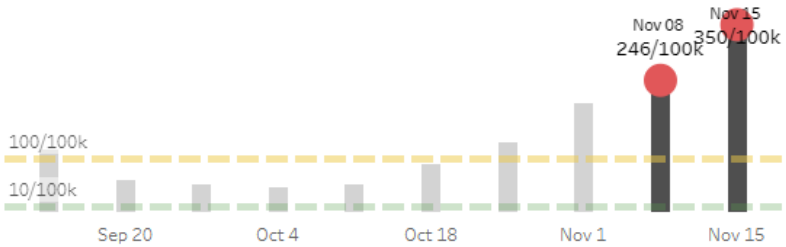
"The problem isn't the schools," he said. "So why would we shut down something that isn't part of the problem. The problem is all these other social settings. ... It doesn't make sense to shut down something that's working."

Brian Eller, PCHD Schools Liaison,
as quoted in Ariz. Daily Star, December 5, 2020

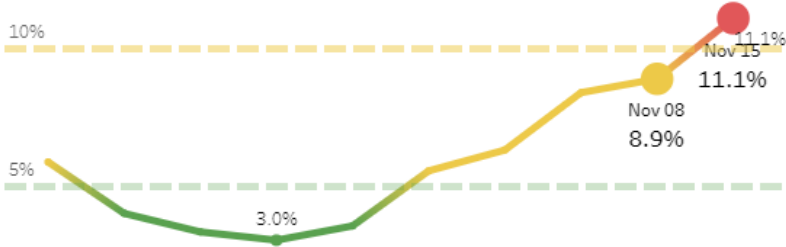


State School Guidance: Hybrid Model

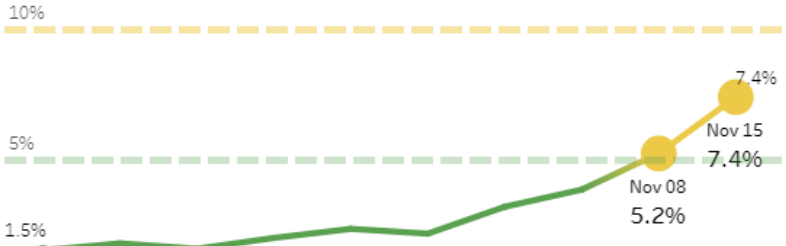
1) Cases per 100,000 individuals

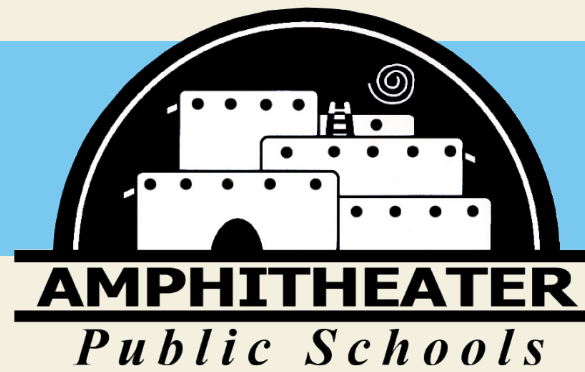


2) Percent positivity

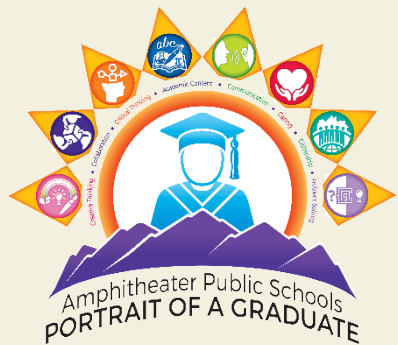


3) Hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses in the region



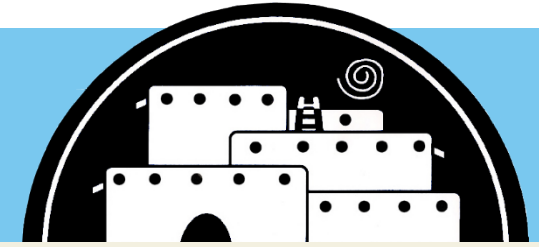


Update from School Operations



Mike Bejarano

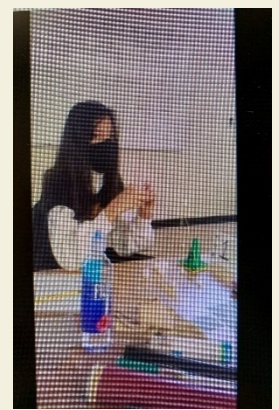
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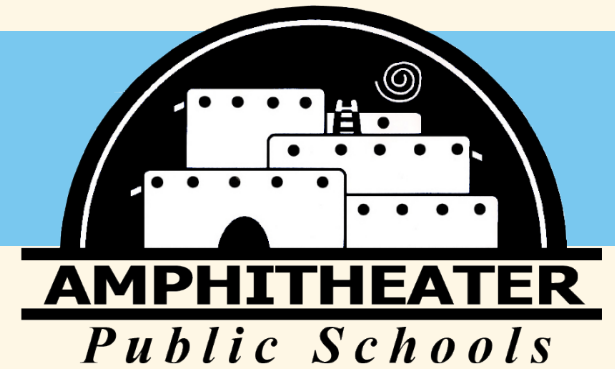
Our schools are finding creative ways to make the Hybrid model work. Here are a few examples:

- Spirit Week
- DNA Lab
- Engineering collaboration
- Choir Practice
- Club Meetings [Choir Practice](#)
- Selfies for Student IDs
- STEM- Puppet Making, Graham Cracker Houses and Marshmallow and Spaghetti Challenge



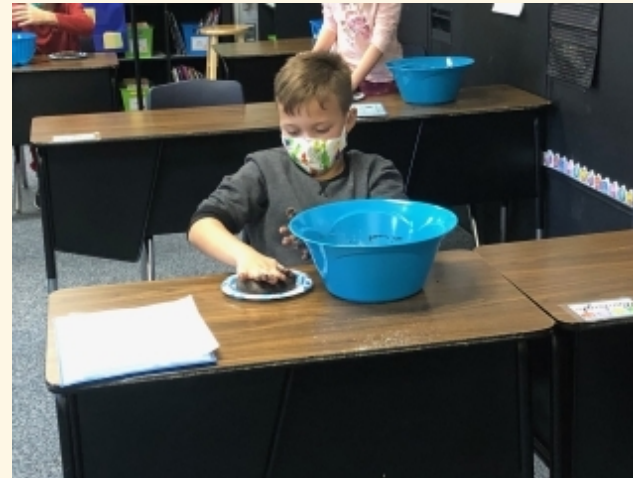
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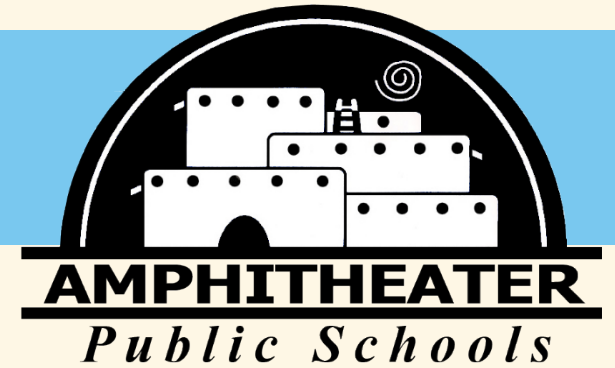
Creative Approaches to Hybrid Instruction

- High student engagement on the two in-person days
- AAO STEM boxes from a STEM Can Grant
- Mesa Verde students learning about rocks and minerals and creating their own fossils



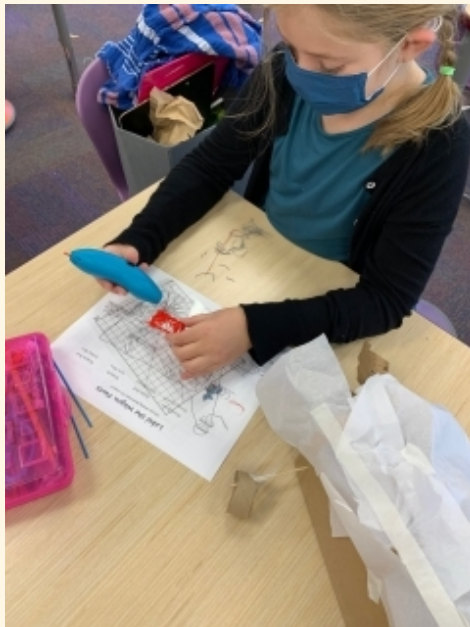
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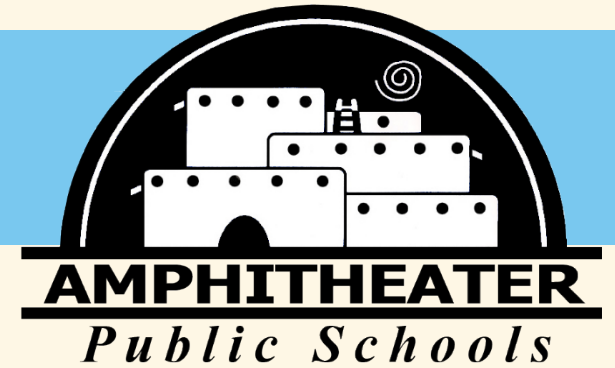


Creative Approaches to Hybrid Instruction

- At Innovation Academy a new twist on Oregon Trail....3D design pens
- At Donaldson noticing a transfer of skills from SEL to other curriculum areas
- Painted Sky band concert “drive thru” for parents



Challenges



- Increasing the number of students who “log on” and engage during at home learning days
- Covering for both certified and classified employees who are either sick or in quarantine

Amphi Academy Online Update

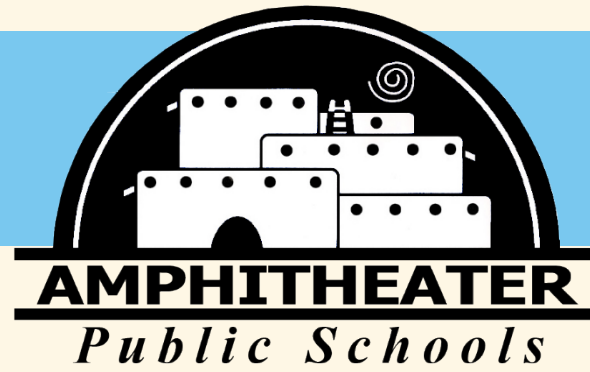
Wait List Numbers as of December 8, 2020

Elementary: 83

Secondary: 177

AAO Elementary Survey





Questions?

