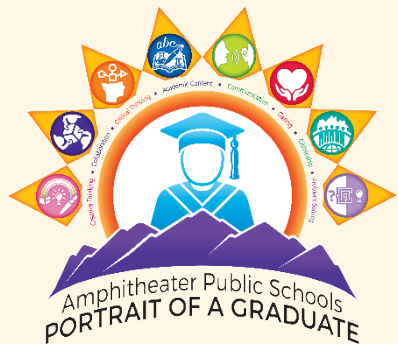




September 8, 2020

Superintendent's Report





Remote Learning Opening



- 12,100 students enrolled (713 in AAO; 426 Elem. and 287 Sec.)
- All teachers using consistent, uniform online learning platforms (Google Classroom or Seesaw). Necessitated by pandemic; but valuable for the future in terms of student/parent communication.
- Teachers and other educators:
 - have risen to the challenge
 - changed their pedagogy substantially and immediately
 - pursuing time consuming and exhausting work
 - to be commended for their work
- Online Professional Development to prepare; positive feedback and results; may even work better than in-person PD in some circumstances.



Remote Learning Opening



- Implementation of Labster to facilitate online experiments (NEW)
- Assessments occurring online for the first time resulting in significant data (TBA), but preliminary indications:
 - Learning losses have occurred due to pandemic and school closures (consistent with research)
 - We must act quickly to make up for the losses
- Management of schools and learning is much more difficult during these times, particularly in the context of polarized public views and interests
 - Principals and others have had to change their practices, assuage fears and worries, rearrange schedules, and more; they too are to be commended
- We have lost staff due to pandemic concerns



Remote Learning Access Update



- 4,000 Chromebooks due end by the of July have begun arriving.
- We continue working with private vendors, the Amphi Foundation and private donors to help provide internet access (hotspots, broadband, etc.):
 - GRIN (Suzi Hileman) - sponsoring access throughout the District.
 - Oro Valley Rotary Club and Impact of Southern Arizona sponsoring access in the north.
 - Already supporting families from 9 schools.
- Enrollment details
 - Cox is creating a dedicated portal for families starting next week, and Comcast has provided us unique enrollment codes.
 - Including information in paper packets and flyers.
 - Reach out: Answers@amphi.com



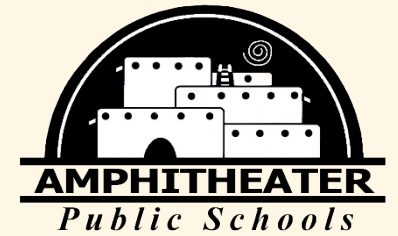
Remote Learning Access Update



- Continuing direct contact to families without internet.
- Cox Computer Distribution and Drive Thru Enrollment Event
 - Cox will be donating 50 computers to our District through the Amphi Foundation.
 - The Amphi Foundation and Cox will be holding a drive-thru enrollment and distribution event at Prince/AMS later this month.
 - All families needing internet will be invited to attend the event.
 - We are hoping for a visit from Wilbur and Wilma from UArizona to help hand out computers.



On-Site Supervision



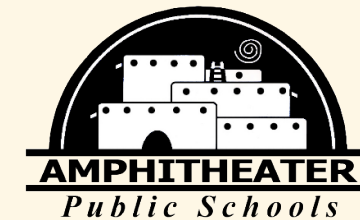
- Required by Gubernatorial Executive Orders 2020-51.
- For the week of 8-17, approximately 1,600 were expected based upon parent notifications
- Actual utilization has been approximately 100 or less per day district wide
- Does require advance “reservations” to ensure adequate staffing is present
- Staffing by support staff – bus drivers, campus monitors, and others



Financial Impact of Pandemic



- Costs for unemployment claims have sky-rocketed to over \$168,000 for the past quarter -- an increase of more than 1000% over normal annual costs
- Enrollment Stabilization Grant application deadline was September 4th; District did apply due to decline in enrollment
- However, the district will receive less funding (5% - 15% less) on a per student basis for remote every student in remote learning
- Significant costs incurred:
 - Learning materials and subscriptions
 - enhanced cleaning and sanitation supplies, equipment and staffing
 - overtime wages or contracted services due to absence/leave coverage
 - Estimated to exceed \$3,000,000 total



Meal Service Update

Food Service has been working hard to meet the needs of many of our students. They've distributed more than 444,105 meals to families in need during the school closure and summer feeding programs.

Their newest effort is allow families to pre-order food for curbside pickup. On Sept. 1, the first day of pickup in the new program, they served more than 1,150 meals at their test site Amphi High School.

Amphitheater Food Service

Now Offering Meal Pre-ordering!
Visit amphi.com for more info and to pre-order meals

Why Pre-order Meals?

- School Meals help extend your household food budget
- Using our curbside service saves you time shopping and prepping meals. It is easy and convenient...just grab and go!
- Expanded pick-up windows to fit all schedules
- Bring the kids for a fun and familiar outing during the school day
- Amphi school meals are delicious and balanced-especially for growing minds!
- Amphi meals offer a great value and may even be free if your household qualifies

Safe, Nutritious School Meals

Supporting Amphi Food Services through the purchase of school meals helps fund Cafe operations at all Amphi Schools.



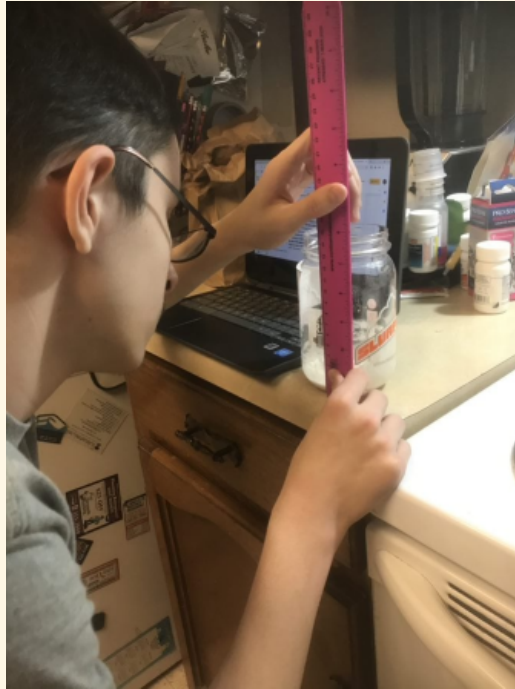
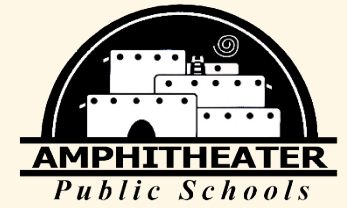
From Our Schools

Mesa Verde Elementary took an innovative approach to reading. They created a drive-through version of the book “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?”





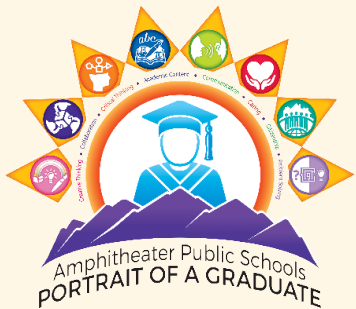
From Our Schools



Canyon del Oro students are making sourdough starters to practice the principles of scientific methodology. Students have the option to use their sourdough to bake bread or submit their data to a global citizen science project called Sourdough for Science run by North Carolina State University researchers.



Reopening








Where do things stand now?

- We have been watching state and local (most relevant) data for indicators allowing us to resume in-person learning.
- After a period of indicators climbing in wrong direction, more recent weeks have shown declines (the right direction).
- State's reopening benchmarks: 3 of 3 met.
 - CASES: a two-week decline in the number of cases OR a two-week of a case rate of less than 100 cases per 100,000 population within the county;
 - PERCENT POSITIVITY: for initial opening, two weeks of percent positivity less than 7% within the county; and
 - COVID-LIKE ILLNESS (CLI): two weeks with hospital visits due to CLI below 10% within the region.
- County's reopening benchmarks – all yellow and green are required for partial (hybrid) opening; all green required for full in-person opening



Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicator: Disease Data

- Declining cases over two consecutive weeks* (with complete reporting of cases) (Below 10 per 100K) 
- Percent Positivity below 5 % for two consecutive weeks 
- COVID-19 like illness I hospitals below 10% for two consecutive  weeks*




*(Not including the current week)





Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicator: Healthcare System Availability

- 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




- Timely case investigation ██████████
- Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hou ██████████
- Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home
 - Statewid ██████████





Where do things stand now?

PCHD Indicators Summary

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Current metrics guide against reopening presently. Metrics are expected and continuing to improve, however, and support *openings* very soon.

When all indicators are green: full reopening.





Reopening

- Expectation that all metrics will “go green” within the next few weeks.
- Full reopening still likely after Amphi Fall Break (Oct. 12)
- Guarantee of two-weeks advance notice
- Parent and Staff surveys to be conducted this week to assess interests and potential participation
- Bottom line: we will reopen. But, after doing so, we should expect intermittent closures after breakouts are possible. Thus, we must have remote abilities at the ready.





Reopening

- Growing concern regarding athletics
- New guidance from AIA late last week – not yet cleared for competition (FB)
- Reopening of school = Reopening of Athletic competition
- Reopening of competitions requires training/practice in advance
- Tuesday, September 15 Governing Board Meeting:
 - Proposal for reopening schools and athletics
 - Adherence to two-week advance notice for all constituents
 - To be informed by continuing advice from public health officials/agencies
 - To be informed by parent and staff input – surveys this week





Thank you

Rio Vista has two great community partners to thank! Tucson artist Camilla Ibarra painted a special mural at Rio Vista featuring the bulldog mascot in a superhero costume. This ties into the schools superhero theme for its Student of the Month program.

Also, Tucson Appliance Company and Kailey Melen donated appliances to the school.





Thank you!

The Amphi Foundation is not letting COVID-19 stop the Shoes for Smiles program.

The Foundation made a special drop off of shoes at Prince Elementary last week.

The Foundation will continue to provide shoes for our students, even if they can't take the kids along for the shopping trips!

