



DAKOTA INDIANS

Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.

Our Mission is that Dakota Community Unit School District #201 will educate our Students by providing quality and diverse learning opportunities while collaborating with the community.

Dear Dakota School District Students, Parents and Community Members,

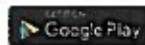
I am excited to announce a new mode of communication for the Dakota School District. We have created an App for the district. The App is available at no cost in the Google Play Store for android devices and the App Store for Apple devices (Dakota CUSD 201). Once downloaded, please click on the settings icon to sign up for customized notifications for the groups you would like to receive. By customizing your notifications, you will eliminate unnecessary texts/emails that do not pertain to you or your child. The new App will provide you with access to Skyward, Efunds, calendar, employment opportunities and district social media pages. We have also re-designed our district website (www.dakota201.org) to make it more user-friendly. Go Indians!!



Stay up to date on what's happening!

Some of the features on our new app include:

- Follow events on the district calendar
- Fund lunch and pay fees with Efunds
- Push notifications



Jason Grey,
Superintendent

March 2020

Congratulations to our wrestling team who won the Sectional Championship and will be competing in Bloomington for the State Championship on Saturday, February 29th! Please support the Team and sign-up for the student fan bus by calling the high school.

Congratulations also to the Boys' basketball team for winning the NUIC conference championship for the first time in 13 years. Good luck as they play for the Regional Title in Polo on Friday, February 28th.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the school year 2020-21 will be held Thursday, March 5TH.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING will be held April 2nd & 3rd.

Registration instructions listed on page 2

UPCOMING EVENTS: The PTO Buy One Get One Free Book fair will be held the week of May 4th @ the elementary in conjunction with the May elementary concerts. Please watch for the sign-up genius e-mail to volunteer.

REWARDS/INCENTIVES for our SCHOOL:

- **GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS:** The PTO still receives benefits from box tops via the phone App. You no longer need to cut and send box tops in. Please download the App to your phone and select Dakota elementary & our PTO will receive the cash benefits when you scan your purchased receipt that included General Mills products.
- **CASEY'S Rewards:** The school also receives benefits from Casey's. Please use the school phone 844-632-5682 to apply rewards to the school account. You can also donate to the school when you redeem (using your personal account) your reward points by clicking on cash for classroom, searching Dakota IL and selecting Dakota Elementary or Dakota Jr/Sr High.



NURSE'S NOTES

Parents of K, 2nd, 6th & 9th grade students: Many school dental forms have not been submitted to the nursing office. Forms must be received by May 15th and dated 18 months prior. If your child has seen the dentist, please contact the dental office and have a copy sent to school. If your child has not seen the dentist, please make an appointment to complete this mandated state requirement and submit it before the May 15th deadline.

All students who participated in the school dental clinic were given paperwork to take home for communication with parents on the results. If your child was referred to a dentist for follow up, you are encouraged to do so. If you did not see this paperwork, please contact the nursing office for your copy.

It is still cold and flu season so please remember to check your children closely before sending them to school. They must be fever free (temperature below 100 degrees) and medication free that might be lowering a temperature (acetaminophen/ibuprofen and may be found in some combination cold/flu medications) within 24 hours before returning to school. This is a health department guideline to help control the spread of illness. Also, remember aspirin products should not be given to children.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2020-21.

Dakota Kindergarten Registration will be held on Thursday, March 5th, 2020, in the elementary cafeteria from 2 – 6 pm. The registration process will take approximately one hour. You will need to bring the following items to register:

- Courthouse Original birth certificate
- Social Security #
- Proof of Residency -2 forms - mortgage statement/tax bill or current lease, two current bills that associate your name to the physical address. (proof is not needed if a sibling is currently enrolled with same address)
- Guardianship/legal paperwork that may apply to the kindergarten student

Children must be 5 on or before September 1, 2020, to be eligible for kindergarten. **It is not necessary for the child to attend, as students will not be screened prior to the school year. This registration is especially important in determining the number of kindergarten students for next year. If you are unable to attend on this day, or have any questions, please call the elementary school office at 1-844-632-5682**

PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING

Preschool screening will be held April 2nd & 3rd at Dakota Elementary School. This screening will take approximately one hour and includes assessment in the areas of communication, coordination, general development and vision and hearing. We invite all children ages 2 ½ years – 5 to participate in this program. The results of these screenings will be used to determine eligibility into the pre-school programs at Dakota Elementary for the 2020-21 school year. If you know of other families in the Dakota District who have preschool age children, please share with them. This program is of proven value. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity. A major portion of a child's learning takes place during the preschool years and it is important to attempt to identify problems as early in a child's life as possible. Please schedule your child's appointment starting March 2nd, by visiting our website www.dakota201.org and click on the Preschool Screening Tab on the home page. If you do not have internet access, please call the elementary office @ 1-844-632-5682 for assistance.

JOB OPENING

LEAD DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL TEACHER

The Dakota Learn & Play Child Care Center is looking for a lead preschool/daycare teacher. The program serves children aged 3 to 11 years. Our program offers a 3 year old preschool/daycare program, 4 year preschool/daycare program and a school age before and after school program. We are looking to hire a DCFS qualified teacher or a candidate that is willing to become DCFS qualified. This is a full time-year round position.

Qualifications:

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Must be at least 19 years of age
- Three letters of reference
- Ability to pass background check
- Early Childhood Education Experience

Preferred but not necessary: CPR/First Aid/ Food Handlers certificate, Physical Exam/TB Test, some college coursework in early childhood education

Benefits:

- Paid time off – vacation
- Dental insurance
- Health insurance
- Vision insurance
- IMRF Retirement
- Paid Holidays

Please apply online @ www.dakota201.org & click on the employment tab or call Melissa McAloon @ 844-632-5682 ext 271 with questions.

STUDENT SERVICES

Kevin Cline-Assistant Principal
Tina Buske -School Counselor K-6
Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist
Katie Ries-School Counselor 7-12
Diane Scaduto-Nurse

SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

Merle and Beulah Iserman Scholarship: March 2, 2020
Harlan Rigney Memorial Scholarship: March 12, 2020
Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship: March 15, 2020
Lincoln-Douglas Kiwanis Youth Service Scholarship: March 15, 2020
My Friend's Closet Thrift Shop Scholarship: March 30, 2020
Schardt Orthodontics Scholarship: March 31, 2020
Freeport Garden Club Scholarship: March 31, 2020
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: April 1, 2020
DEA Dakota Education Association: April 1, 2020
Citizens State Bank Scholarship: April 3, 2020
DOE Foundation Scholarship: April 3, 2020
Wanda Herrmann Scholarship: April 3, 2020
DOE Foundation Trades Scholarship: April 3, 2020
Jim Frisbie HCC Scholarship: April 3, 2020

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Highland Community College Foundation gives thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to students in all fields of study. Students should log on to Highland's website at www.highland.edu and click on "Scholarships." Descriptions and printable applications can be obtained directly from the website. If you would like Mr. Cline to send your applications in for you, your completed application should be turned in by Wednesday, **March 18th**, so an official transcript can be attached. Highland must have all applications and transcripts by **April 1, 2020**. *In addition, you must have completed your FAFSA report and had the results send to HCC in order to be eligible.*

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES!!!

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUICKSTART REGISTRATION PROCESS

Dakota High School and Highland Community College will continue with a new method of registering students for the following school year. Rather than coming to Dakota to administer placement tests in March and returning in April to register students, HCC will be inviting all Dakota students who plan to attend Highland to their campus on **Thursday, April 16th**, to complete both parts of the process. We will be taking a bus that morning to Highland where students will be tested in math, reading and writing. Some students may be exempt from testing due to their high ACT/SAT scores or previous HCC placement exams. After testing, students will have a chance to meet with an HCC advisor, discuss their future plans and register for next fall's classes. Students will also be introduced to Highland's computer system and allowed to tour campus facilities. More details will be available in the April newsletter. A sign-up will be posted when students return from spring break. In early March, a representative from Highland will visit

DHS to meet with our students about registration and kick off this exciting process.

PSAT TESTING:

On **March 12th**, all **8th graders** will be taking a Preliminary SAT test (PSAT). This 3-hour test will serve as great practice for the actual SAT exam taken in April of the junior year. Students will be given a predictor as to how ready they are for the SAT test and also help facilitate an individual practice plan for the future. Results will be returned before the end of the school year. On **April 14th**, all **9th and 10th graders** will be taking their PSAT exam. This is the same day as the juniors take the SAT.

ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT of READINESS (formerly PARCC) TESTING:

IAR testing will be conducted this April. We will be testing junior high students the week of April 13th. Good attendance this week is very important.

SAT TESTING:

All juniors will be taking the SAT test on **April 14th**. This mandatory test is paid for by the state of Illinois and is a requirement for graduation. Students will be registered and fill out all necessary pre-test paperwork here at school. Attendance is extremely important this day as make-up options are extremely limited. Juniors will be dismissed at approximately 12:30, following completion of the exam.

COLONY BRANDS CAREER EXPO:

On April 1st, Dakota seniors will have the opportunity to attend a Career Expo at Colony Brands in Monroe. Students will learn about the various departments in the company and the vast employment opportunities within. In addition, *all students who attend will receive a \$350 scholarship to whatever college they choose to attend!*

WHAT SHOULD YOUR COLLEGE-BOUND SENIOR BE DOING DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH?

1. Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships!!!
2. If attending HCC, preparing for your Quickstart visit on April 16th by preparing for Placement tests and thinking about possible courses.
3. Those going away to 4-year schools should be receiving housing information this spring, the final step in securing your spot for the fall. This often comes with a non-refundable deposit, so be prepared to make that final commitment.
4. You should have already filed your FAFSA and received your SAR (student aid reports) from your college choices. **Now is the time to negotiate with them and try to receive as much aid as you can!**



Music Department



Upcoming Events:

March 7th - IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Stockton High School

March 18th Music in Our Schools Assembly @ Dakota Elementary Gym – 8:45 am

March 20th NUIC Conference Music Festival Concert @ Dakota High School – 7:00pm - Admission charged

April 2, 3rd & 4th “Mary Poppins” Production @ 7:00 pm

April 18th IHSA Music Organization Contest @ Stockton High School for High School Band and Choir

Music in Our Schools Month

March has been officially designated by NAfME: The National Association for Music Education for the observance of Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM[®]), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community and to display the benefits school music brings to students of all ages.

To help celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, the Dakota Music Department will be sharing “A Musical Showcase” to our elementary students on March 18th, during the school day. This concert will feature the Junior High Band and Choir, Sixth Grade Band, Fifth Grade Band and selected elementary classes. This showcase concert will demonstrate the many facets of music education available to the students in the Dakota School District.

Students will also be participating in the “World’s Largest Concert” as they learn and perform the same musical pieces with thousands of students from around the world throughout the month.

High School Solo/Ensemble Contest

Dakota High School Band and Choir students will be participating in the IHSA Solo/Ensemble Contest on Saturday, March 7th at Stockton High School. Students will be participating in various events which include solos, duets, and ensembles in both instrumental and vocal.

“Mary Poppins”

Rehearsals are well underway for our Dakota production of “Mary Poppins”. Music and choreography are being learned, set construction and painting have begun. There are over 50 members of the cast and crew from the High School and Junior

High! Mark your calendars for April 2, 3rd & 4th on the DHS Stage at 7 pm.

Papa Murphy’s Pizza Fundraiser

Papa Murphy’s Pizza will be hosting a fundraiser for the Dakota Music Program on Wednesday, April 8th. Papa Murphy’s will donate 20% of all online and in store purchases on this day to the Dakota Music Department. Order online @ PapaMurphy’s.com or in the store:
1713 S. West Ave.
Freeport, IL
(815) 233-7272 (PAPA)

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS



On Saturday, April 25th, we hope you will join us for a night of fun at Backroad Barn and Gardens (12341 N Springbrook Rd, Davis) for the Athletic Boosters Spring Fling. There will be beverages, appetizers, silent auction baskets, and great music. Tickets will be on sale starting March 1st @ a cost of \$25. We hope to see you there!

The Mattress Sale is returning April 18th. The high school gymnasium will be transformed into a showroom of various types of mattresses to be ordered. All mattresses will be covered with 5-10 year warranties and have free delivery within 20 miles of the school. There will also be mattress covers, pillows, and sheets available for purchase.

Community support is very much appreciated and we hope to see you at both events!





Last summer the school and a local business from Forresteron sent Doug Visel to Las Vegas to become an Accredited Skill Evaluator (ASE). The ASE is responsible for performing skill evaluations for candidates who are pursuing their credential in woodworking. There are over 225 accredited evaluators in North America in nine regions of the country and one Province. Skill Evaluators come from both industry and education and must have demonstrated expertise in the tools they wish to become qualified to evaluate. They must also be well versed in the Skill Standards that cover those tools.

The Woodwork Career Alliance of North America was founded in 2007 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The WCA's mission is to develop and administer a unified set of Skill Standards for the wood products industry. Since 2011, WCA has developed observable and measurable performance standards and assessments for more than 300 woodworking machine operations. In addition, WCA has issued more than 2,500 credentials, a portable, personal permanent record documenting each holder's record of woodworking skill achievements. More than 130 high schools and post-secondary schools throughout North America are WCA EDUcation members

These schools are demonstrating their commitment to making sure their woodworking programs are in line with the industry's needs for candidates who have been trained to safely operate equipment and have demonstrated the aptitude to continue growing their woodworking skills.

Doug Visel comments, "I decided to join the WCA because of the national certification that students can obtain as well as the standardized nationally recognized assessments in the program. I'm hoping local business partners recognize and value my certified students in the hiring process. And I'm also hoping that it brings more local and state recognition to my program, in regards to level of quality and what is to be expected of my students."

The 29 new EDU members for the 2019 - 20 include 13 schools in Wisconsin, four each in North Carolina and Illinois, and two in California. The other six schools are located in Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, Utah, Washington and Alberta, Canada

The 4 schools in Illinois are-
Dakota High School, Dakota, IL
Hononegah Community School, Rockton, IL
Pecatonica High School, Pecatonica, IL
Ridgewood High School, Norridge, IL

March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	3 Pork Nachos Fiesta Beans Apple Slices	4 Hot Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Roll Soup Carrots & Dip Pears	5 Chicken & Waffle Green Beans Mixed Fruit	6 Fish Carrots Coleslaw Applesauce
9 Mash Bowls Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Dragon Juice Orange (HS Only)	10 Soft Taco Pintos & Cheese Lettuce, Sour Cream, Salsa Whole Apple	11 Lasagna Roll Up Bosco Stick Green Beans Mixed Fruit	12 Pork Dinner Baby Baker Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	13 SIP DAY EARLY RELEASE 11:30
16 Beef Stew Corn Bread Sweet Potatoes Peaches	17 Taco in a Bag Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream Corn Pears Treat	18 Quesadilla Spanish Rice Carrots Banana Side Kick (HS Only)	19 Cheeseburger W/G Bun Baked Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Mixed Fruit	20 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS INSTITUTE 
23 SPRING BREAK 23-29	24 	25 	26 	27 
30 Pulled Pork – Shepherd's Pie Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce Dinner Roll	31 Chicken Strips Bosco Stick Broccoli Pears			MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Dakota CUSD #201

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 PTO Meeting 3:30 – elem	12	13 Early Release 11:30 SIP Day End of Qtr3	14
15	16	17 School Board Meeting 6:00pm HSBB @ Freeport 4:30	18 Dakota Athletic Boosters Meeting 6:30	19 HS Track (H) Co- Ed – 4:30 HSSB @ Forreston 4:30	20 No School Teacher Institute	21 Servant Leadership HCC HS (co-ed) Track @ Platteville tbd HSSB @ Davis Junction (Stillman Valley) 11 am
22	23 No School Spring Break HSSB @ Hononegah 4:30	24 No School Spring Break	25 No School Spring Break HSBB (H) Warren 4:30	26 No School Spring Break HSSB @ Sterling Newman 4:30 HSBB (H) – Sterling Newman 4:30	27 No School Spring Break HS(co-ed) @ Illinois Wesleyan tbd	28
29	30 Red Cross Blood Drive @ HS 12:30 - 6:30 HSSB (H) Forreston 4:30	31 HS (co-ed) Track @ Forreston 4:00 pm				

— \$ —

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING



ORGANIZATION NAME *Dakota Music Program*
HERE



HOW: Order online at PapaMurphys.com or in Store!



WHEN: *April 8, 2020*

WHERE: 1713 S. West Ave 815-233-7272(PAPA)
Freeport, IL 61032



Papa Murphy's will donate 20% of your online or in store purchases to the organization

Looking to raise money for your organization?
Contact your local Papa Murphy's to get started!



At listed locations for a limited time. Not valid with other offers. Distribution of flyers at Papa Murphy's locations is prohibited. Also available in-store when you bring in this flyer or mention organization's name.

Aspirin and Children

Giving aspirin or aspirin containing products like Bayer Aspirin or Pepto-Bismol to children is dangerous. But do you know why? There is a rare but deadly illness that can affect the liver and brain called Reye's syndrome. A relationship was found between this disease and children who had consumed aspirin after a recent viral illness such as the flu or chickenpox. Since wide-spread recommendations in the medical field to avoid aspirin products in children, worldwide numbers of this disease have dramatically reduced.

Reye's syndrome is found exclusively in children less than 16 years of age and generally seen during the winter months. Typical presentation is a previously well child who appears to be recovering from an upper respiratory tract infection and suddenly on about the 4th to 6th day develops severe vomiting, diarrhea, listlessness and irritability. If left untreated, a child can develop seizures, brain damage, liver failure and possible death. Lipid accumulation occurs in the liver and other organs and this causes increased pressure on the brain. Liver function tests to check liver enzymes are done. Once diagnosis is confirmed, attempts are made to prevent or reduce edema in the brain. Survivors of Reye's syndrome often have severe mental abnormalities and learning disabilities. It is often misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, poisoning, mental illness or drug abuse.

DO NOT give **ANY** aspirin to a child, especially a child with a fever or other symptoms of a viral infection, the flu or chickenpox. When aspirin is taken by children under these conditions, it may cause Reye's syndrome.

Early symptoms may consist of all or a few of the following:

- Forceful vomiting lasting for several hours getting worse instead of better
- Severe headache
- Staring spells or a stupor
- Fast, rapid breathing
- Drowsiness
- Memory loss and disorientation
- Hallucinations
- Behavior which is aggressive or uncooperative

Aspirin or Salicylic Acid is found in the following products as well as many more so please read labels carefully before administering to a child:

Bayer Aspirin, Ecotrin, Excedrin, Pepto-Bismol, Aspercreme, Bengay, Sportscreme

More information can be found at websites like: www.nlm.nih.gov, www.mayoclinic.org, and www.kidshealth.org.



Educational Rights of Illinois' Children & Youth in Homeless Situations

It's your right.....Do you know someone who is homeless and has children or teens needing to get to school?

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO SCHOOL SUCCESS.

Homeless children have the right to:

- Stay in their old school OR
- Go to the school near where they are staying.
- Immediate enrollment, even without records
- Transportation to school, if needed.

Illinois schools have people called liaisons who work to help children and teens who are homeless get to school and stay there. If you have any questions about the educational rights of homeless children and youth in Illinois, you can call any of the following:

Your Local School Homeless Liaison: Jason Grey (844) 632-5682

The Opening Doors Project: Adult Learning Resource Center (847) 803-3535

Regional Office of Education #8 <http://homelessed.net>

Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (708) 848-0503

Information Hotline IL State Board of Education (800) 215-6379

