



# 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.**

May 2019

## Dear Dakota School District Students, Parents and Community Members,

The school year is coming to a fast close. It's been a great year and we're grateful for the role that students, staff, parents, and community have played in making it go so well. The Dakota School Board conducted the organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Below is a summary of what took place at the meeting.

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### New board members seated

Based on the results from the April 2nd election, the following were seated to the Dakota School Board:

- Tom Liszka (4 year term)
- Jesse Milks (4 year term)
- Carie Panoske (4 year term)
- Eric Stiegler (2 year term)

The remaining board members are currently in the middle of four year terms which include: Colette Binger, Karen Kleckner and HeiDee Meier.

### Election of Officers

The newly seated board's first task was to elect board officers to two year terms. The following board members were elected:

- Karen Kleckner, President
- Colette Binger, Vice-President
- Carie Panoske, Secretary

### Board meeting dates and times set

The newly seated board also established meeting dates and times for the next

year. Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary library. The exceptions to those dates are July (no meeting); August (2nd Tuesday due to no July meeting and start of school year); and November (2nd Tuesday due to the annual school board conference).

### Outgoing board members recognized

The board recognized Holly DiModica and Scott Hillman for their distinguished service to the Dakota School Board and district. Holly served for six years, while Scott served for four.

### Administrative Reports

#### **3rd quarter financial summary**

Mr. Mathers provided the board with a summary report on the district's third quarter finances. He shared that both revenues and expenditures are in good shape relative to the budget.

### Principal Reports

Dakota Elementary principal Jeff Milburn reported on the following items:

- Conducted a "soft" lockdown safety drill
- Conducted state testing for grades 3-6
- Administered pre-school screening using "play-based" assessment
- Conducted ARC training (reading) for staff, which constituted the 18th training over two years.
- Several staff members participated in threat assessment training at Highland College

Dakota JH/HS principal Jason Grey reported on the following:

- 25 seniors attended the Colony Brands Career Expo with each receiving a \$350 scholarship.
- 10 students attended the Highland College Quickstart Registration Day. Students were able to take entrance examinations and register for fall courses.
- Dakota juniors and seniors are enrolled in over 40 Highland College courses for the fall semester.
- 35 students are currently registered for CareerTec programs for the next school year.
- 7th and 8th grade students took the state assessment. The state science assessment was also administered.
- Advanced Placement exams for biology and U.S. history will be given on May 10 and 14.

### Approved the 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

The Board reviewed and approved the 2019-2020 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan which acts as the district's improvement plan. The plan has been reviewed over the past several months and directs the district's resources to ensure continuous improvement including but not limited to: instructional programming, facilities, technology and staffing.

### Reviewed and placed updated board policies on display

The board reviewed the most current issue of policy recommendations from the Illinois Association of School

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Boards. Many of the recommendations reflect changes in school code or the impact of recent court cases. There are a couple of new policies which address retirement severance payment for educational support staff and behavioral threat assessment. The policies will be on display with the possibility of being adopted at the May 21 board meeting.

#### Approved adoption of English Language Arts (ELA) textbooks for grades 7-9

Mr. Grey reviewed the process and recommendation for a new ELA textbook for grades 7, 8, and 9. Teachers evaluated several textbooks and determined that the Pearson ELA program would most effectively meet the academic needs of students. The textbook program will be implemented in the fall.

#### Approved application for administrative cost cap waiver

Prior to the start of the regular board meeting, the board conducted a hearing for the administrative cost cap waiver. The waiver is necessary due to an increase of over 5% in the current budget over last year's expenditures. The board approved the waiver application during the regular portion of the meeting.

#### Reviewed the status of district's violence prevention/emergency planning program

Mr. Prusator provided an update on the work of a district level Violence Prevention/Emergency Planning team which consists of parents, law enforcement, elementary staff, JH/HS staff, administrators and two board members. He reviewed the framework of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) recommendations and the district's progress on those recommendations.

#### Approved Dakota Career Readiness Plan

Mr. Grey shared the background on the development of the Dakota Career Readiness Plan. Members of the JH/HS staff and administration worked with CareerTec to meet the plan requirements, which is a component of the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

#### Approved Request for Proposal (RFP) for parking lot repair, sealcoating, restriping and construction of blacktop behind Dakota Elementary School.

Mr. Mathers reviewed the scope of work in the RFP, which is included in the Keep Dakota Proud! Plan. Once the bids are received and evaluated, the administration will make a recommendation on moving forward.

#### Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

- Sandra Mennenga-accepted resignation effective end of 2018-2019 school year
- Doug Visel-accepted resignation as Varsity Club Advisor
- Allie McCallips-accepted resignation as freshman volleyball coach
- Michelle Brashaw-employ as an elementary cook
- Jamie Fuchs-approved maternity leave through September 27, 2019
- Diane Lawson-employed as superintendent/ board secretary

**The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.**

## Music Department

### Upcoming Events

- ❖ May 3, 2019 Fine Arts Night – 5:00-8:00pm Visit the art, carpentry and metal working exhibits by Dakota students. In addition, you will hear musical selections from the HS Band, HS Choir, Chorale, and Jazz Band throughout the night.
- ❖ May 6, 2019 Spring Concert 5-6 Grade @ DES Gym – 7:00pm
- ❖ May 7, 2019 Spring Concert 3-4 Grade @ DES Gym – 7:00pm
- ❖ May 14, 2019 Spring Concert 7-12 Grade @ DHS Gym – 7:00pm

### JH/HS MATH DEPARTMENT

Our calculators have run their course! The math classes will no longer have any class room sets of calculators for the students to use. Students will need to start bringing their own calculators. It would benefit your child the most if they had a Texas Instrument TI-84 Family Graphing Calculator.



### ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 19-20

Dakota Elementary AND the Jr./Sr. High School will again be having on-line registration for returning students.

On-line registration will take place in July. Instructions will be posted on our website ([www.dakota201.com](http://www.dakota201.com)).

**If there is a change of address, you will be required to provide two forms of address verification prior to completing the on-line registration process.**



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## ELEMENTARY YEARBOOKS

Elementary yearbooks will be arriving in May. Yearbooks were not pre-ordered, so first come first serve. Watch your child's backpack for the form with pricing information.

## SPRING CONCERTS

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade spring concert will be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Dakota Elementary Gymnasium.

On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will perform their spring concert. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm.

## ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Elementary Summer school dates will be July 8<sup>th</sup> –August 1<sup>st</sup> Monday-Thursday. Summer school will be invite only. The times will be 8:00 -10:00 am (ELA) and 10:15am-12:15 pm(MATH)



# NURSE'S NOTES

**Dental forms** are required for K, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and must be submitted by May 15 or final report cards will be held. For the 2019-2020 school year and beyond, all 9<sup>th</sup> graders will also be required to submit the dental exam form.

Just a reminder for parents of students entering: Pre-K for the first time (Early Childhood/PASS/Dakota Daycare or

Nursery School); and K, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall: **Physical forms** are required! New students to the district must have an Illinois physical if moving from out of state regardless of grade. Forms may be picked up at any of the school offices. Sports physicals are not sufficient. All children must have on file a record of having received the inoculations to prevent communicable diseases, which are mandated by state law. Completed physicals may be turned in now but are requested by registration. State law requires that students be excluded from school after October 15 if the proper form is not on file.

Illinois immunization requirements dictate students 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> must have Tdap, and 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders must have Meningococcal Vaccine.

The state also requires all K students and all new students to an Illinois school to have a **vision exam**. This is to be turned in at time of the physical.

Medications and inhalers, etc. belonging to students will be sent home the final day of school with the students. Please look for them when your child gets home. If your child will not be in school the last day please contact the nursing office to make arrangements to get your child's medication. Turn in new medication administration forms, signed by both parent and physician, during registration if medication will be needed next school year. These forms can also be picked up in the school offices.

Health History updates: If your child has any surgery, medical problems, etc. during the summer, please notify the nurse so their health records may be updated. This includes changes in physicians and medication. Medical history forms should be turned in for each new student, including incoming kindergarten students.

Reminder for parent without any health insurance coverage: The Stephenson Co. Health Dept. offers services for low-income families to obtain sick/well child services for children from birth to 18 years of age. For more information they can be reached at 815- 235-8271

# STUDENT SERVICES

Kevin Cline-Academic Advisor  
Peggy Dieken-School Counselor  
Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist  
Katie Ries-School Counselor  
Diane Scaduto-Nurse

## **SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:**

- **ESTHER HUTMACHER PARRIOTT SCHOLARSHIP:** Eligibility-Seniors pursuing higher education in the fall; must be a resident of Stephenson County but outside the city limits of Freeport; \$1,000 for HCC, \$2500 for 4-year college or university; visit [www.roe8.com](http://www.roe8.com) for application; Deadline-**May 1, 2019**

**ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT:** This year's awards night program is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m.** in the high school gym. This evening is set aside to honor those students who have exhibited outstanding academic and/or attendance accomplishments. Each department will honor one or more students. In addition, a number of local scholarships will be awarded. It is indeed an exciting evening. Those students being honored will be contacted in late April. These students and their families are welcome to come and enjoy the proceedings.

**JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER SCHOOL:** Any junior high student who does not pass one or more core courses must either attend summer school to complete their requirements or be forced to repeat that course the following year. Students who fail more than 2 core courses will repeat the entire grade. *Summer school begins June 10<sup>th</sup> and runs through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:** May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECOGNITION:** May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**REPORT CARDS:** Final report cards will be posted on Skyward by June 6th.

## Skin Cancer or Cataract Risk Factors

With the temperatures getting warmer just a bit each day, everyone is excited about getting outside in the sunshine. However, its rays are getting stronger and we need to remember our “**GOOD SUN SENSE**”.

Use this quick assessment to check your risk for skin cancer:

- Fair skin that freckles or burns easily
- Red, blonde or light brown hair
- Blue, green or hazel eyes
- Any moles
- Family history of skin cancer
- A history of sunburns early in life
- Excessive sun exposure (frequent play or work outside)
- Use of tanning beds

The more statements you checked, the higher your risk for developing skin cancer or cataracts. Darker-skinned people have a lower risk of skin cancer, but they are not immune. Although dark skin provides some protection against skin cancer it does not protect against painful sunburns or premature aging and wrinkling. Also, darker-skinned people who do not wear sunglasses may develop cataracts from sun exposure.

Vulnerability to skin cancer is not a matter of racial heritage or ethnicity, but is based on the darkness or lightness of an individuals skin. Each person should consider the factors listed above and assess his/her own risk. Everyone needs to practice sun safety every day.

## Sun Damage

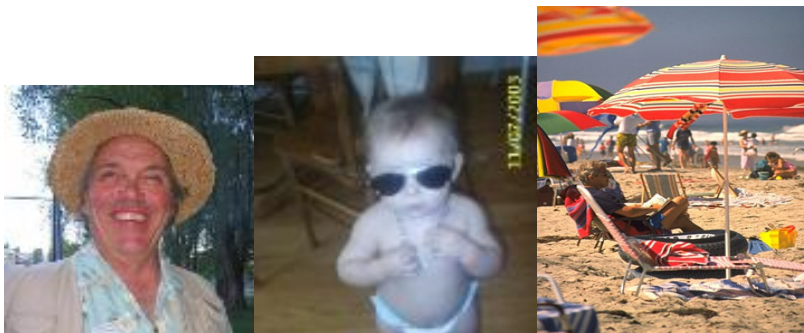
**SKIN CANCER**-too much time in the sun can cause your skin to grow unwanted “bad” cells that can turn into skin cancer.

**SUNBURN**-too much time in the sun can cause your skin to burn. This causes your skin to be red, tender and may also have blisters. The more times your skin gets burned, the more at risk you are for skin cancer.

**SUN SENSITIVITY**-some people are very sensitive to the sun. As a result, they may develop bumps, hives, blisters or red areas.

**EYE DAMAGE**-too much time in the sun can cause cloudiness in your eye lens as you get older. This is called a cataract.

**WRINKLING**-too much sun can change the appearance of your skin. It may start to look tough and leathery.





# Dakota Schools Menu

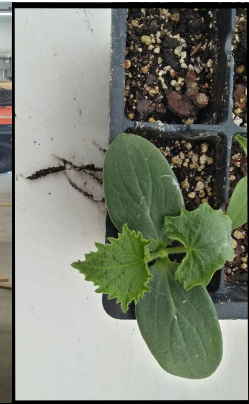
## May 2019

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>  <small>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office.</small>	<b>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</b>  <i>Juice &amp; Fruit served with every breakfast</i>	<b>1 Pancakes &amp; Sausage</b>  Pork Sandwich w/g Bun California Blend Peaches  <b>Nat School Principals' Day &amp; MAY DAY</b>	<b>2 Banana Bread &amp; Gogurt</b>  Chicken & Noodles Carrots Pears Bread  <b>Nat Brothers &amp; Sisters Day</b>	<b>3 Pancake Pup</b>  Pizza Green Beans Berries Crackers  <b>School Lunch Hero Day</b>
<b>6 Breakfast Burrito</b>  Mac & Cheese Broccoli Applesauce Bread  <b>Melanoma Day</b>	<b>7 Pancakes &amp; Sausage</b>  Fiestada Pizza Corn Pineapple Cracker  <b>National Teacher's Day</b>	<b>8 Eggs &amp; Sausage</b>  Cheeseburger w/g Bun Sugar Snap Peas/Carrots Mandarin Oranges  <b>National School Nurse Day</b>	<b>9 Cinnamon Roll</b>  Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit Bread Stick  <b>National Butterscotch Brownie Day</b>	<b>10 Cook's Choice</b>  Chicken & Waffle Fresh Salad Apple Slices  <b>National Clean Your Room Day</b>
<b>13 Cereal</b>  Turkey Tater Tots Fruit Cocktail Day Bread  <b>National fruit Cocktail Day</b>	<b>14 Biscuit &amp; Gravy</b>  Walking Taco Green Beans Pears Condiments  <b>National Buttermilk Biscuit Day</b>	<b>15 Cereal Bar</b>  Lasagna Roll-up Carrots Apples & Peanut Butter Cookie  <b>National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day</b>	<b>16 Waffle &amp; Bacon</b>  Chicken Cucumbers & Tomatoes Pineapple Bread  <b>National Do Something Good For Your Neighbor Day</b>	<b>17 Cook's Choice</b>  Pizza Broccoli Fruit salad Bread Stick  <b>National Pizza Party Day</b>
<b>20 Breakfast Burrito</b>  BBQ on w/g Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Chips  <b>National Be a Millionaire Day</b>	<b>21 Bagel Topper</b>  Hot Dog w/g Bun Chips Carrots Apple Slices Cookie  <b>National Waiters &amp; Waitresses Day</b>	<b>22 Oatmeal</b>  Popcorn chicken French Fries Fresh Orange Cracker  <b>National Maritime Day</b>	<b>23 Biscuit &amp; Gravy</b>  Pizza Green Beans Pineapple Cracker  <b>National Taffy Day</b>	<b>24 Cook's Choice</b>  Cheeseburger w/g Bun Carrots Fresh Salad  <b>National Sunscreen Day</b>
<b>27 No School Memorial Day</b>  <b>National Grape Popsicle Day</b>	<b>28 Cook's Choice</b>  <b>National Hamburger Day</b>	<b>29 Cook's Choice</b>  <b>Learn About Composting Day</b>	<b>30 Cook's Choice</b>  <b>National Water Flower Day</b>	<b>31 Cook's Choice</b>  <b>National Macaroon Day &amp; National Smile Day</b>



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> HS Academic Awards 7pm	<b>2</b> HSSB @ Durand 4:00  HSBA vs (DuPec) @ Pecatonica 4:30  HSGT Conference Meet @ Forreton 4:00	<b>3</b> Ag Day Sale 4pm-7pm  <b>FINE ARTS NIGHT 5pm-8pm @ High School Gym</b>  HSBT @ Winnebago 4:00	<b>4</b> Ag Day Sale 9am - 1:00pm In Greenhouse and Shop  HSBA @ Polo 11:00
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5/6 Grade Spring Concert 7pm DES  HSSB (H) HSBA (H) Ashton Franklin Center 4:30  HSGT @ Forreton 4:00	<b>7</b> 3/4 Grade Spring Concert 7pm DES  JHT Conference Meet @ Lena 4:00	<b>8</b> PTO Meeting 3:30 @ DES  HSGT Sectionals @ Oregon 4:00  HSBA vs Milledgeville 4:00	<b>9</b> HSSB @ Ashton Franklin Center 4:30  HSBA @ Ashton Franklin Center 4:30  HSBT Conference Meet (H) 4:00	<b>10</b> HSSB @ Barrington Tourn tba	<b>11</b> HSSB @ Barrington Tourn tba
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HSBA Regional Week  HSBT/GT- FS Conference @ Pecatonica 4:00	<b>14</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Spring Concert 7pm	<b>15</b> Athletic Booster Meeting 6pm	<b>16</b> SENIORS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  HSBT Sectionals @ Lena  HSGT State Finals @ Charleston	<b>17</b> SENIORS GRAD.PICTURES AND PRACTICE 8:00  HSGT State Finals @ Charleston	<b>18</b> HSGT State Finals @ Charleston
<b>19</b> 2019 Graduation 3:00pm HS Gym	<b>20</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Holocaust	<b>21</b> School Board Meeting 6:00pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> HSBT State Finals @ Charleston	<b>24</b> HSBT State Finals @ Charleston	<b>25</b> HSBT State Finals @ Charleston
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>   9-11 Grade Finals with Early Dismissal 2:00	<b>30</b> Jr High Awards and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition 1:30pm  9-11 Grade Finals with Early Dismissal 11:30	<b>31</b> Last Day of Student Attendance  Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm-6pm  9-11 Grade Finals with Early Dismissal 11:30	



Ag Sale Days  
 May 3: 4-7 PM  
 May 4: 9 AM- 1 PM  
 At Dakota High School Shop &  
 Greenhouse  
 For Sale: Seedlings,  
 Welded Art, Woodworked Crafts,  
 Potted Plants, and Bunnies.



## 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: Bob Prusator (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

