

# 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.**

## Dakota Community Unit School District #201 District Newsletter

May 2018

*Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,*  
As we expected, the 2017-2018 school year has come to a fast finish with the month of May arriving. It has been a great year and we're looking forward to a good last month.

**Recognition** The Dakota School District recently received statewide recognition by being named to the 2018 Illinois Top 100 School Districts by BACKGROUNDCHECKS.ORG with a ranking of 81<sup>st</sup>. The methodology for ranking includes student academic performance, dropout rates, and school funding and poverty rates. The recognition is a tribute to the collective contributions of our staff, parents and community.

**College and Career Readiness** The 2017-2018 school year saw some significant advances in our high school students' participation in college level courses. In conjunction with Highland College, 23 students were enrolled in college courses taught by Highland staff on the Dakota campus for college credit. Additionally, several other high school students earned Highland College credit while being enrolled in mathematics courses taught by a Dakota staff member. We are anticipating nearly that same number of Dakota High School students will earn comparable Highland College credits next year.

Beyond that, next year Dakota staff will be teaching Advanced Placement U.S. History and Advanced Placement Biology, which are college level courses. College credit can be earned by earning a proficiency score on the end of year AP examination.

In regard to career readiness, the enrollment in career certification programs for next year has increased from 16 students to 40 students. These programs are offered through Career Tec, which is our regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) organization. The programs are typically taught at Highland College or at some location in Freeport. These programs generate career certificates for students and are targeted for employment opportunities in our region. Students are enrolled in the following certification programs next year: *auto body; auto mechanics; early childhood; cosmetology, culinary, health occupations, computers, criminal justice and NJROTC.* This is an exciting development

and we look forward to expanding student participation in these career certification programs.

**April 17 board meeting summary.** The Dakota School Board held its regularly scheduled April meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Below is a summary of the meeting:

**Approved 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan.** After developing and reviewing the draft plan over the past few months, the school board approved the 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan. The plan identifies the areas and initiatives where the district will primarily devote its resources. The areas highlighted in yellow are ones that will receive the highest priority for the 2018-2019 school year. The initiatives will also be implemented as resources become available. The following initiatives are scheduled to be addressed as most urgent in preparation for next year:

1. K-8 ELA Common Core curriculum study and recommendation is anticipated to be executed in May
2. Review and approve tuition support policy for dual credit in May/June
3. Commitment to CareerTec enrollment expansion in May
4. Post and solicit for 1 FTE counselor position in April/May

The other initiatives will either be recommended and/or evaluated as funding and time permits.

**Approved updates to board policy and agreement with IASB for PRESS Plus.** The school board approved the recommended policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) policy service. The updates were primarily due to changes in school code and or legislation. The board also approved policy updates in the areas of educational support staff, random drug testing for extra-curricular activities and alternative course credits to be consistent with current practice. The PRESS Plus agreement service with IASB provides updates to the customized board policy that the board completed last year. This service ensures that all updates to the board policy manual are done each time the board approves updates or makes changes. The cost of the service is \$1,795 annually. Continued on next page

**Approved catastrophic insurance renewal.** The school board approved an annual renewal for catastrophic insurance. The policy is required by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). The policy provides coverage for students in the event of a catastrophic injury taking place at school, school events or to and from school activities. The cost of the renewal is \$1,460.

**Reviewed draft of 2018-2019 student fees.** The board reviewed a draft schedule of student fees for the 2018-2019 school year for lunch prices, student registration and activity fees for next year. The board also reviewed a regional survey of what other district charge for fees. A recommendation for fees is expected at the May meeting.

**Reviewed building and grounds staffing and positions.** Mr. Prusator shared that with a recent resignation in the building and grounds department, the administration will go through the process of evaluating positions and determine if there is a more efficient, cost effective way to organize and staff the building and grounds department. A recommendation is expected at the May meeting.

**Personnel Actions**

Person	Action
Randy Suttman	Accepted resignation
Susan Steiner	Accepted resignation
Charity Rhode	Accepted resignation
Sarah Rampey	Approved voluntary transfer to JH language arts
Colby Dace	Employed as high school science teacher
Amanda Elmer	Employed as JH/HS PE and health teacher
Kim Toelke	Employed as high school head volleyball coach
Doug Visel	Approved retirement contract effective end of 2021-2022

Next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# MUSIC NEWS

- May 1, 2018 Spring Concert 7-12 Grade @ DHS Gym – 7:00pm
- May 7, 2018 Spring Concert 5-6 Grade @ DES Gym – 7:00pm
- May 8, 2018 Spring Concert 3-4 Grade @ DES Gym – 7:00pm



**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.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 18-19.**

Dakota Elementary and 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. 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.

**SPRING CONCERTS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade spring concert will be held on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Dakota Elementary Gymnasium. On Tuesday, May 8<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 9<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Thursday. Summer school will be invite only. The times will be 8:00 – 10:00 am (ELA) and 10:15 am – 12:15 pm (Math).

**SPRING OLYMPICS**

Spring Olympics will be held in the morning on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, for third and fourth grade students starting at 8:45 am and in the afternoon for first and second grade students starting at 12:30 pm.

Students in fifth and sixth grades will participate in Spring Olympics in the morning on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 9 am.

**Spring Olympics will be held at the high school track for ALL students.**



# STUDENT SERVICES

Britney Gerstner, Psychologist  
Diane Scaduto, Nurse  
Peggy Dieken, School Counselor  
Kevin Cline, Academic Advisor

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## 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, 2017

**ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT:** This year's awards night program is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 2nd 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:** May 15, 7:30 p.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECOGNITION:** May 16, 1:30 p.m.

**REPORT CARDS:** Final report cards will be posted on Skyward by May 30th.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING A MATH CLASS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN GRAPHING CALCULATOR.



Northern Illinois University's Continuing and Professional Education is excited to highlight some great opportunities for middle and high school students at our 2018 Academic Summer Camps.

A full description of each camp and online registration is available at [go.niu.edu/clascamps](http://go.niu.edu/clascamps)

Space is limited and special pricing is in effect until May 4!

Camps take place at our DeKalb campus.

# 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.

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.

There have been some changes to the Illinois immunization requirements: 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** as well. 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



# DAKOTA HORT CLASS PLANT SALES

Begins Monday, May  
7<sup>th</sup> through  
Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
3:30pm – 6:00 pm

**NOT OPEN ON**  
**SATURDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SORRY**

**REOPEN**  
Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
3:30pm - 6:00pm  
Or til Sold Out!!



## 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.

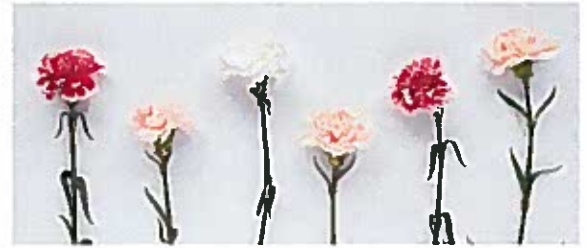


**Elementary**

**May 2018**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<p><b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></p> <p><i>WG = Whole Grain</i> Nutritional information is available in office</p>	<p>1 <b>Cinnamon Roll</b></p> <p>Pizza Broccoli Apple Slices Raisins</p>	<p>2 <b>Bagel Pizza</b></p> <p>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Pears</p>	<p>3 <b>Mini-Cinnis</b></p> <p>Chicken &amp; Waffle Peas &amp; Carrots Peaches</p>	<p>4 <b>Cereal</b></p> <p>Corn Dog Potato Orange Crackers</p>
<p>7 <b>PB&amp;J Graham</b></p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Pineapple Bread</p>	<p>8 <b>Pancakes &amp; Bacon</b></p> <p>Biscuit &amp; Gravy Green Beans Strawberries</p>	<p>9 <b>French Toast Stix</b></p> <p>Taco in a bag w/ Meat Corn Peaches</p>	<p>10 <b>Oatmeal</b></p> <p>Lasagna Roll-Up Peas Mandarin Oranges Bread</p>	<p>11 <b>Cereal</b></p> <p>Hamburger on a WG Bun Baked Beans Applesauce</p>
<p>14 <b>Pancake Pup</b></p> <p>Fish Peas Pears Bread</p>	<p>15 <b>Breakfast Burrito</b></p> <p>Hot Dog WG Bun Chips Carrots Apple Slices Cookie</p>	<p>16 <b>Pancake &amp; Sausage</b></p> <p>Taco in a Bag Carrots Orange</p>	<p>17 <b>French Toast Stix</b></p> <p>Pizza Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Crackers</p>	<p>18 <b>Cereal</b></p> <p>Cheeseburger WG Bun Baked Beans Pineapple</p>
<p>21 <b>Breakfast Surprise</b></p> <p>Taco WG Wrap Corn Peaches</p>	<p>22 <b>Breakfast Surprise</b></p> <p>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Bread</p>	<p>23 <b>PB&amp;J Graham</b></p> <p>Breakfast Burrito Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit Cheese Stick</p>	<p>24 <b>Cereal</b></p> <p>Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich Carrots Apple Slices Raisins Cookie</p>	<p>25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> 
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</b></p> <p><i>Juice &amp; Fruit served with every Breakfast</i></p>
<p><b>SCHOOLS OUT FOR THE SUMMER</b></p>				

# May 2018



## 7-12 Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><b>Menu subject to change.</b></p>	<p>1 <i>Egg/Cheese/ Muffin, Mixed Fruit</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Fajita, Peppers/Onions, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Gogurt</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Breakfast Burrito, String Cheese, Pineapple</i></p> <p><i>Turkey/Bacon Melt, Mixed Veg, Celery/Carrots/Dip, Pears, Cracker</i></p>	<p>3 <i>Biscuits/Gravy, Gogurt, Peaches</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Tot Bake, Peas, Applesauce, Pretzel Roll</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Cheesy Eggs, Bagel/Cream Cheese, Pears</i></p> <p><i>Taco Crunch, Spanish Rice, California Blend, Pineapple</i></p>
	<p>7 <i>Western Omelet, Tri Tater, Granola Bar</i></p> <p><i>Cheesy Roll-Ups, Green Beans, Peaches, Cheesy Bread</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Pineapple Bar</i></p> <p><i>Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Salad/Dressings, Strawberries</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Ham/Cheese Biscuit, Oranges</i></p> <p><i>Scalloped Potato/ Ham, Carrots, Apples, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p>10 <i>Cinnamon Waffles, Sausage Patty, Pears</i></p> <p><i>Cheese Burger, Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Chips</i></p>
<p>14 <i>Pancakes, Yogurt, Pineapple</i></p> <p><i>French Toast, Sausage Patty, Tri Tater, Strawberries</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Fruit Pizza, String Cheese, Cookie</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Dippers, California Blend, Oranges, Garlic Stick</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Pizza Bagel, Gogurt, Pears</i></p> <p><i>BBQ Pork Sami, Cowboy Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches</i></p>	<p>17 <i>Bacon Tot Bake, Granola Bar</i></p> <p><i>Pizza, Salad/Dressings, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Yogurt</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Apple Bosco, Cheesy Eggs, Potato</i></p> <p><i>Hot Dogs/Bun, Vegetable Salad, Carrots, Pears, Chips</i></p>
<p>21 <i>Cooks Choice</i></p> <p><b>HAVE</b></p>	<p>22 <i>Cooks Choice</i></p> <p><b>A GREAT</b></p>	<p>23 <i>Cooks Choice</i></p> <p><b>SUMMER!</b></p>	<p>24 <i>Cooks Choice</i></p>	<p>25 <b>Milk served with every meal.</b></p>

# Dakota CUSD #201

**May 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7-12 Spring Concert 7pm  HSBT @ Pecatonica 4:00	<b>2</b> HS Academic Awards Night 7:00pm	<b>3</b> HSBA vs DuPec Var(H) - JV(A) 4:30  HSSB vs Durand (H) 4:30 JV after  HSGT @ Lena (Conf Meet) 4:00 Conf Meet	<b>4</b> HSBT @ Winnebago 4:00	<b>5</b> Prom 8pm-11pm with Grand March 3:30 HS Gym
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5th/6th Gr Spring Concert 7 pm  HSBA vs DuPec Var(A) - JV(H) 4:30  HSSB @ Durand 4:30 JV after HSGT @ Forreton 4:00	<b>8</b> 3rd/4th Gr Spring Concert 7 pm  HSBA vs AFC, Varsity Home, JV @ AFC, 4:30  HSSB vs AFC (H) Var Only 4:30  JHT @ Lena (Conf Meet) 4:00	<b>9</b> PTO Meeting 3:30 Elem  JV Baseball vs Freeport, 4:30	<b>10</b> HSBA vs AFC Varsity Away and JV Home, 4:30  HSSB @ AFC Var Only 4:30  HSBT @ Pec (Conf Meet) 4:00	<b>11</b> HSBT FS @ Forreton (Conf Meet) 4:00  HSGT FS @ RiverRidge (Conf Meet) 4:00 t	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Softball/Baseball Post Season Begins	<b>15</b> HS Graduation 7:30pm	<b>16</b> JH Academic Awards and 8th Gr Recognition 1:30pm  Athletic Booster Meeting 6:30	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> HSBT @ Oregon (Sectionals)	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Spring Olympics 3rd/4th in AM and 1st/2nd in PM	<b>22</b> 6:00 School Board Meeting  Spring Olympics 5th/6th grade 9am-12	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Last Student Attendance Day	<b>25</b> Teacher's Institute	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



## **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) 6DA-KOTA or 844-632-5682**

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

Regional Office of Education #26 <http://homelessed.net>

Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (708) 848-0503

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

