



# 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.**

October 2018

**Dear Dakota School District Students, Parents and Community Members:**

The 2018-2019 school year continues to be going really well. We are excited about the work that our staff is doing with our students and the quality of the relationships. The Dakota School Board conducted its regular September meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Below are some highlights from that meeting:

## **Conducted Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Hearing**

At last month's meeting the FY 19 budget was placed on display and a hearing was scheduled for 9/18/18. The hearing was conducted Tuesday.

## **Administrative Reports**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment Report**

Mr. Prusator reviewed the district's enrollment as of the sixth day of attendance. The overall district enrollment declined slightly, which has been the trend over the past several years. The total district enrollment is 804, down from last year's 813. The high school enrollment, however, is higher than it's been in recent years. You click on the following link to see the district's 6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment history.

[\*\*Dakota 6<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment History\*\*](#)

### **Keep Dakota Proud! Plan**

Mr. Prusator also gave a brief status report of the current year's Keep Dakota Proud! Plan, which represents the initiatives to improve the district. Many parts of the plan have been executed or are in progress. Others have not yet been started. You can click on the following link to see the September status of the KDPP. Please contact Mr. Prusator with any questions.

[\*\*Keep Dakota Proud Plan! September Status Report\*\*](#)

## **Adopted FY 19 Budget.**

The board placed the FY 19 budget on display at the previous months' meeting and adopted it Tuesday. Mr. Mathers briefly reviewed some highlights and adjustments over the course of the past month during the budget hearing. Overall, the FY 19 budget has a surplus of over \$100,000. The FY 19 budget includes many of the initiatives identified in the Keep Dakota Proud! Plan.

## **Adopted updated board policies.**

The board adopted the recommended policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) policy service. The updates are primarily due to changes in legislation, school code, or recent court decisions,

## **Approved bid for new district van**

At last month's meeting the board approved publicizing bids for a new district van. At Tuesday's meeting the board approved the low bid for a 2018 Chevy Traverse from Barkau Automotive for \$26,824.

## **Reviewed agenda for annual school board retreat**

The board reviewed the agenda for its annual retreat scheduled for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the State Bank of Davis. The retreat will start at 5:30 p.m. The board uses the retreat to monitor progress and begin making strategic decisions for future years.

## **Reviewed format for community focus group session scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th**

In their commitment to engage the community, the board has scheduled a

community focus group session for Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Dakota High School. The board utilizes this event to solicit feedback from community members to assist them in determining initiatives for improvement. At Tuesday's meeting the board reviewed the format and questions for small group discussion. This will be the board's fourth community focus group session. All community members are invited to attend and participate.

## **Approved Personnel Recommendations**

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Action</b>
Justin Siemens	Accepted resignation as JH/HS special education aide
Amanda Elmer	Accepted resignation as JH track coach
Scot O'Connor	Employed as agriculture teacher and FFA advisor
Corrine Philpot	Employed as early childhood aide
Renee Houghton	Employed as JH/HS special education aide
Barb Snyder	Employed as elementary cook
Charity Rhode	Employed as early childhood teacher
Stacie Geiken	Employed as daycare aide
Jessica Brinkmeier	Employed as JH/HS cook 3 hours per day
Approved Volunteer Coaches	Football: Colby Dace, Dan Sheets, Shane Riggle, Brad Edler Volleyball: Tyler Benning Golf: Kurt Mills Boys' Basketball: Taylor Burns Wrestling: Seth Milks, Shad Sutherland Softball: Shad Sutherland, Annie Peiffer

# STUDENT SERVICES

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

## Scholarships:

As scholarships come in they will be posted on the Jr/Sr High Student Services page of the district website. Keep in mind the busiest time for students will be the months of January, February and March, as that is when the majority of local scholarships are posted.

## Upcoming College Representative

### Visits:

Northern Illinois University: Nov 14

## Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

**(PSAT):** The PSAT is an optional exam for **juniors** who want a great practice opportunity for their mandatory SAT exam next April. This test is designed to measure verbal, writing, and mathematical abilities that are important to college work. It also serves as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT will be administered at the high school on **Wednesday, October 10th**, at a cost of **\$15.00** payable on the day of the test. Students were to have signed up by September 28th and were informed of this test in their US History classes and via announcements.

**Experience Highland:** Seniors interested in attending Highland Community College next fall may sign-up to attend a visit to campus on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Students will receive a campus tour and hear speakers discuss topics such as academics, registration, financial aid, etc. This is NOT the spring registration trip to HCC. Details on that will arrive in February. Students have until Monday, October 5th to sign-up for the Experience Highland trip.

**Northwest Illinois College Fair:** On **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, Highland Community College will host over 30 colleges, universities and trade schools in the YMCA gym. DHS **juniors** were given permission slips for this optional trip during their US History classes.

Seniors may also attend if they are still undecided and see Mr. Cline ahead of time.

**CollegeNOW:** As part of an agreement with Highland Community College, juniors and seniors who meet the criteria and gain administrative approval may opt to attend HCC as a dual credit student rather than attend DHS. All tuition and fees are the responsibility of the student. Please contact Mr. Cline for more details. Highland will be holding informational meetings the evenings of **November 12th** and **November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Sophomore Career Fair:** On **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**, all sophomores will attend a career fair at Highland Community College sponsored by CareerTEC. This event will not only allow students an opportunity to meet with people working in a wide variety of occupational fields, but will also serve as a recruitment day for students wishing to attend CareerTEC next year. Please be on the lookout for a permission slip in late October.



## What should your college-bound senior be doing in the month of October?

1. Completing any and all applications to 4-year colleges. Target date is November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is not necessary to apply to Highland C.C. until springtime.
2. Submitting all necessary accompanying paperwork such as letters of recommendation and personal statements.
3. Requesting transcripts be sent by Mr. Cline to any schools you have completed applications for.
4. Organizing your scholarship search by preparing a personal profile, collecting letters of recommendation, and writing a generic scholarship essay to be tweaked later.
5. Begin filing your FAFSA report for financial aid. The system opens October 1<sup>st</sup>, much sooner than the old date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't delay this process!

SENIOR PICTURES AND  
INFORMALS ARE DUE  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MR.  
RANKIN OR ON THE  
CLASS OF 2019 GOOGLE  
CLASSROOM.



On November 9th, Dakota High School will be host to a **Veteran's Day Program** in the high school gymnasium and a breakfast in the high school cafeteria. The breakfast will begin at 8:15, and the program will begin at 9:00. We will have former Illinois State Representative and Army Veteran Jim Sacia speak, and the Freeport NJROTC will perform a rifle drill. The Dakota High School band and choir will be performing as well. If you are, or you know someone who is a Veteran and know they would like to attend, RSVP by Friday, November 2nd by calling the high school office at 1-844-632-5682 or email Lisa Flynn at [lflynn@dakota201.com](mailto:lflynn@dakota201.com). Additionally, students will be bringing home forms to invite family and community members to this event.

**The Dakota Servant Leadership Group**  
**will be trick- or-treating around the Dakota area communities on Halloween night to collect nonperishable goods to be donated to food pantries in our community.**



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## **PTO SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

A book fair will be held the week of October 29<sup>th</sup> in the elementary library. A flyer will be sent home with elementary students the week prior.

**P/T CONFERENCES** will be held on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (4 – 7:30 pm) & Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (4 – 7:30 pm). Elementary conferences can be scheduled online using your child's SKYWARD account (click on the **conferences tab** located on the left side of your child's portal – then click on **All conferences** in the center of the screen and finally **select a time** to schedule your child's conference.) Questions can be directed to the elementary office or your child's homeroom teacher.

**FANNIE MAY FUNDRAISER** items can be picked up on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> during p/t conferences.

## **DATES FOR CALENDAR:**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 dismissal – SIP Day**

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – No School – Columbus Day**

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting @ High School @ 3:15 pm**

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Community flu shot clinic 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher conferences 4 – 7:30 pm & Fannie May pick-up**

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retakes for Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Elementary Halloween Parade starting @ 1:30 pm**



# NURSE'S NOTES

Just a reminder for parents of students in early childhood/PASS, K, sixth and ninth grades: Physical forms were due the first day of school. If you have not had your child's physical done, please do so as soon as possible. If you have been contacted by the nursing office in regards to missing physical/immunization information please make sure the information is submitted by the first part of October.

**Students not providing the school with proper documentation will be excluded from school on October 16<sup>th</sup> as per state law.**

Comprehensive vision exams (done by an optometrist or ophthalmologist) are required for all K students and any NEW student to an Illinois school regardless of grade and must be submitted by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline as well.

Dental exams are required for all K, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and must be submitted by May 15. The Elementary building will be hosting a dental clinic in February. Applications for this will be sent home with elementary students at a later date. All students in the district are eligible to apply.

If your child will need medication during the school year please contact the nursing office for information on policy and paperwork required. Do not just send in the medication with your child.

Head Lice checks are no longer being done unless a student is suspect of having them and if confirmed, then the class or students exposed will also be checked. Please monitor your children for head lice and remind your children to avoid sharing personal items such as combs and hats throughout the school year to help control the spread of lice within the school.

Hearing and Vision screenings will be done within the first quarter of school for grades Pre-K-6, 8, 10, special education, and new students to the district. If your child doesn't fall into one of these groups and you have a concern with their hearing or vision, please call the nursing

office and request a screening. Remember good vision and hearing is essential to learning!

Generally when a student gets an abrasion or cut at school, it is cleaned and then an antibiotic ointment and a bandage are applied. If you do not wish your child to have this topical medication used, please notify the school nurse.



## **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED**

Are you interested in obtaining a bus license and making some extra money?

There are 2 Dakota routes open. They will help you prepare for the tests and they pay for everything you need. Hourly wage is \$15.00 per hour for a regular route. If you are interested call the Transportation office at 815.232.0580 and talk to Dallas Pieper.





# Music Department

- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Taco Dinner sponsored by the Music Department  
4:30-6:00pm \$4 for taco dinner
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Parade – 6:30pm
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> DHS Marching Band performs at Home Football Game
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> DHS Marching Band @ “Autumn on Parade” festival parade in Oregon, IL
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> ILMEA District auditions at Huntley Middle School, DeKalb, IL
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Dakota High School Choir @ Home Volleyball Game
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> DHS Marching Band performs at Home Football Game
- Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> “Halloween” Fall Concert @ 7:00pm for Sixth Grade Band, Junior High Band and Junior High Choir @ DHS

## Cheesecakes Are Coming!

Plan ahead for your holiday dinners, parties and gatherings. The Dakota Music Department will be selling the famous cheesecakes in mid October. The delivery will be in November just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner. All proceeds will benefit the Dakota Music Department.

## ILMEA Auditions

Each year, music students have the option to audition for the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) District 8 Festival. The auditions are held to select the best musicians from Northwest Illinois for the festival. Students are busy preparing scales, arpeggios and their required pieces for the audition. The audition is held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Huntley Middle School in DeKalb, IL. If selected for the festival, students will attend on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at DeKalb High School to work with renowned guest conductors and prepare music for a concert later that day. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors that are selected for the festival have an added incentive as they are eligible for All-State. All-State students are the top musicians in the state and are selected based on their auditions from October. The ILMEA All State Festival will be held in January.

## “Jungle Book”

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Dakota Theatre Camp will be presenting “Jungle Book”. The camp is open to students in 5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade and high school drama club members serve as camp counselors. Students will spend several afternoons throughout mid October rehearsing to learn the show and learn the basics of theatre. The production will be presented on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5 adults and \$4 students.

## Calling all DHS Band Alumni!

Come re-join the Dakota High School Marching Band at Homecoming this year! We are inviting you to bring your instrument and join us at the Homecoming Game and perform with the current band for our Pre-game show. Homecoming is on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet for a quick rehearsal in the High School Music Room at 6:00pm. Please plan to arrive at 5:45 to obtain music and instruments. The pregame will take place at approximately 7:15pm. Music for the pregame includes “Zip A Dee Doo Dah”, “On Dakota” and “The Star Spangled Banner”. Dress for the alumni members is your favorite Maroon and White band shirt, sweatshirt and jeans. RSVP’s are required so we can secure an instrument and provide enough music. Please contact Annette Hackbarth, Band Director via email [ahackbarth@dakota201.com](mailto:ahackbarth@dakota201.com) or phone 844-632-5682 ext. 365 by October 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to you joining us for the evening!!

**2018-2019  
SCHOOL YEAR  
UPDATED 9/18/18**

August 16	Teacher Institute
August 17	Teacher Institute
August 20	First full day of student attendance
September 3	No School - Labor Day
September 7	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
October 5	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
October 8	No School - Columbus Day
October 19	End of Quarter 1
October 25	4-7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences
<b>November 1</b>	<b>4-7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences</b>
November 9	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
November 21	No School – Thanksgiving Break
November 22	No School - Thanksgiving Day
November 23	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
December 21	End of Quarter 2
December 24-Jan 4	No School - Winter Break
January 7	School Resumes
January 18	No School – Teacher’s Institute
January 21	No School – MLK Birthday
February 15	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
February 18	No School – Presidents’ Day
March 8	Early Release @ 11:30-SIP Day
March 8	End of Quarter 3
March 25 – March 29	No School – Spring Break
April 19	No School – Good Friday
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
May 31***	Tentative Last day of Student Attendance
June 3***	Tentative Teacher Institute
***	Tentative Last Day based on using all 5 Snow Days




# ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The next Dakota Athletic Booster meeting has been changed to Tuesday, October 16, 2018. It will be at 6:30pm in the high school office. Hope to see you there.

The Dakota Athletic Boosters is sponsoring a raffle for the entire month of November. The Dakota athletes will be selling cash calendars during October, by purchasing just one calendar, you may find luck and win up to \$500. Each calendar is \$10 or you can purchase 6 for \$50. Each school day, a name will be drawn and announced. That winner will receive the amount listed for that day on the cash calendar. You could be a lucky winner right before the holidays. Good Luck and thank you for your continued support.

We will continue to sell new Dakota Indian Apparel. Samples of the items are hanging in the Booster Trailer which is parked near the football field concession stand. On the DHS website, there is a link to place your orders. Please be sure to make all checks to "Dakota Athletic Boosters". Please contact Emily Moyer at 815-275-3365 or Kathy Sutherland at 815-541-2011 with any questions about these orders.

## \$10 FOR 1 CALENDAR OR \$50 FOR 6 CALENDARS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Dakota Athletic Boosters reserve the right to change the prize amounts based on low calendar sales. Drawings to be held by superintendents Mr. Mathers and Mr. Prusator.				1 \$50	2  \$150	3
4	5 2 Winners Each \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9  \$150	10
11	12 2 Winners Each \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50	15  \$150	16  \$250	17
18	19 2 Winners Each \$50	20 \$50	21 	22 	23 	24 
25 	26 2 Winners Each \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50	30  \$500	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p>Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Mac &amp; Cheese Broccoli Peaches Bread</p> <p><i>National HAIR Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>Dorito Chicken Green Beans Pears Breadstick</p> <p><i>Nat. Custodial Worker Day</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>French Toast</p> <p>Pork Sandwich w/g bun Carrots Cinnamon Applesauce</p> <p><i>Nat. Walk to School Day</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pancakes</p> <p>Walking Taco Black Beans Strawberries Condiments</p> <p><i>National TACO Day</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Muffin</p>  <p>Early Release No Lunch</p> <p><i>National SMILE Day</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>No School Columbus Day</b></p>  <p><i>Nat. Native American Day</i> <i>Fluffernutter Day</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Breakfast Sandwich</p> <p>Chicken Fajita Peppers and Onions Black Beans &amp; Corn Pineapple Condiments</p> <p><i>Nat. Moldy Cheese Day</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Biscuit &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham Cole Slaw Mandarin Oranges Have your <b>CAKE</b> &amp; eat it too</p> <p><i>Nat. Cake Decorating Day</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>French Toast</p> <p>Sausage Pizza California Blend Whole Apple Crackers</p> <p><i>Nat. Sausage Pizza Day</i> <i>National Apple Crunch Day</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cereal</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Pears Bread</p> <p><i>National Farmer's Day</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Fish Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Applesauce Bread</p> <p><i>National Grouch Day</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>Pork Nachos Green Beans Apricot Cups</p> <p><i>National Boss's Day</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>French Toast</p> <p>Creamed Chicken over Biscuit Corn Strawberry Cups</p> <p><i>National Take Your Parents to Lunch Day</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cereal</p> <p>Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Peas &amp; Carrots Fruit Cocktail</p> <p><i>National No Beard Day</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Banana Bread</p> <p>Pizza Burger w/g Bun Broccoli Peaches</p> <p><i>National Kentucky Day</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>Bagel Topper</p> <p>Corn Dog Mixed Veggies Strawberries &amp; Blueberries</p> <p><i>Nat. Color Day</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Breakfast Sandwich</p> <p>Soft Taco Spanish Rice Carrots and Celery w/ Dip Applesauce Cups</p> <p><i>Nat. Boston Cream Pie Day</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lasagna Roll Up Fresh Salad Pineapple Roll</p> <p><i>National Food day</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pancakes</p> <p>Beef Stew Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Corn Bread</p> <p><i>Sourest Day</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cereal</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Carrots Fruit Salad Bread Stick</p> <p><i>Nat. Breadstick Day</i></p>
<p>29</p> <p>Oatmeal</p> <p>Hot Dog w/g Bun Baked Beans Pears Condiments</p> <p><i>National Oatmeal Day</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Breakfast Sandwich</p> <p>Walking Taco Corn on the Cob Orange Slices Sweet Treat</p> <p><i>National Candy Corn Day</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>Doughnuts</p> <p>GHOULash Brooccoollii Boonanas</p> <p><i>Nat. Knock-Knock Jokes</i></p>	<p><b>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</b></p> <p><i>Juice &amp; Fruit served with every Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></p> <p><i>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office</i></p>

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> JHVB @ Lena 5:30  HSVB vs Milledgeville 6:00	<b>2</b> JHVB vs Aquin (H) 5:30  JHFB vs Play Off - Home  HSG (Boys) Regionals @ Galena	<b>3</b> HSG (Girls) Regionals @ Lena  HSVB @ Forresteron 5:00	<b>4</b> Homecoming Parade 6:30	<b>5</b> <b>Early Release 11:30 SIP Day</b>  Homecoming HSFB vs Amboy (H) 5:30  HSVB Var @ Huntley Tourn	<b>6</b> JHVB Tourn TBA  HSVB Var @ Huntley Tourn  HSVB FS@ Pec Tourn  Homecoming Dance 8pm-11pm
<b>7</b> Marching Band @ Oregon IL Parade	<b>8</b> <b>No School Columbus Day</b>  HSG (Boys) Sectionals @ Oregon	<b>9</b> HSVB vs Pec (H) 5:00	<b>10</b> HSG (Girls) Sectionals @ Aquin  HSVB @ Polo 5:00  PTO Meeting 3:30	<b>11</b> Juniors NWIL College Fair	<b>12</b> HSFB @ EPC(Lanark) 5:30	<b>13</b> IMEA Auditions TBA  HSVB Var @ Dakota Tourn
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> School Board Meeting 6:00pm	<b>17</b> HSVB @ Orangeville 6:00  Athletic Booster Meeting 6:30	<b>18</b> JHBB @ Lena 5:30  HSVB vs Aquin (H) Sr. Night  Presentation of Class Rings 2:40pm Jostens	<b>19</b> End of Qtr 1  HSFB vs Lena (H) Sr. Night 5:30	<b>20</b> HSVB FS @ West Carroll
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> JHBB vs Durand (H) 5:30  HSVB Regional Week	<b>23</b> Community Student/Staff Flu Shot Clinic 3:00-5:00pm	<b>24</b> HS Picture Retakes & Club/Organization Pictures	<b>25</b> 4:00-7:30 Parent Teacher Conferences  Seniors "Experience HCC"	<b>26</b> Class Ring Orders during Lunch	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> JHBB @ South Beloit 5:30	<b>30</b> JHBB @ Pearl City 5:30  Picture Re-Takes at Elementary Pre K-6	<b>31</b> Senior Pictures and Informals are due to the yearbook			

It is the time of year for insect bites and stings. The bugs are getting restless as they are preparing for winter and the weather turns cooler. Below is some basic first aid information to help address any bites or stings that happen:

## Insect bites and stings: First aid

By Mayo Clinic Staff

Most reactions to insect bites and stings are mild, causing little more than redness, itching, stinging or minor swelling. Rarely, insect bites and stings, such as from a bee, a wasp, a hornet, a fire ant or a scorpion, can result in severe reactions. Some insects also carry disease, such as West Nile virus.

### For mild reactions

To take care of an insect bite or sting that causes a mild reaction:

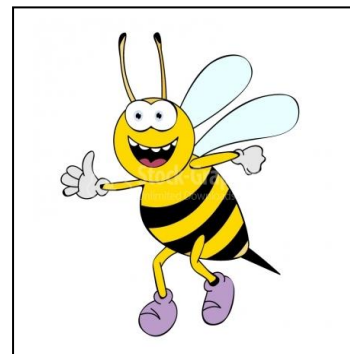
- Move to a safe area to avoid more bites or stings.
- If needed, remove the stinger.
- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Apply a cool compress. Use a cloth dampened with cold water or filled with ice. This helps reduce pain and swelling. If the injury is on an arm or leg, elevate it.
- Apply 0.5 or 1 percent hydrocortisone cream, calamine lotion or a baking soda paste to the bite or sting several times daily until your symptoms go away.
- Take an antihistamine (Benadryl, others) to reduce itching.

Usually, the signs and symptoms of a bite or sting disappear in a day or two. If you're concerned — even if your reaction is minor — call your doctor.

### When to seek emergency care

Call 911 or your local emergency number if the injured person experiences:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of the lips, eyelids or throat
- Dizziness, faintness or confusion
- Rapid heartbeat
- Hives
- Nausea, cramps or vomiting
- A scorpion sting and is a child



Take these actions immediately while waiting for medical help:

- Ask the person if he or she is carrying an epinephrine autoinjector (EpiPen, Auvi-Q, others) to treat an allergic attack.
- If the person says he or she needs to use an autoinjector, ask whether you should help inject the medication. This is usually done by pressing the autoinjector against the person's thigh and holding it in place for several seconds.
- Loosen tight clothing and cover the person with a blanket. Don't give him or her anything to drink.
- If the person is vomiting, position him or her to prevent choking.
- Begin CPR if the person shows no signs of circulation, such as breathing, coughing or movement.

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/first-aid/first-aid-insect-bites/basics/art-20056593?p=1>

You may find more information on Bee Stings specifically at <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/bee-stings>



# **Community Taco Dinner Homecoming Week**



**Thursday,  
October 4th**

**4:30 pm—6:00 pm**

The Music Department will be sponsoring a Community Taco Dinner on Thursday, October 4th from 4:30 - 6:00pm in the HS Cafeteria.

This dinner will be available for \$4 per person and will include 2 tacos, applesauce, cookie and drink. All profits from the dinner will go to support the HS Band and Choir trip to Walt Disney World.

*Come enjoy some tacos and then  
watch the Homecoming Parade!!*



**Show your Homecoming Spirit  
and Indian Pride!**

# Flu Immunization Clinic

Sponsored by the Stephenson County Health Department and Dakota School

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2018

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Where: Dakota Elementary School-Nursing Office

This clinic is open to all in the community/students/parent/staff.  
All consents must be completed and signed with payment included.

Cost: \$25.00

Cash or check payable to Stephenson Co. Health Dept.

Pediatric: Medical card/ALL Kids/some insurance and cash accepted.

Adult: Some insurance and cash accepted.

Inform provider at check in and current card must be presented.

\*\* Preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must have an adult present to receive the vaccine.  
Parents of children under 9 years will be questioned about the child's flu vaccine history.

\*\* Jr/Sr High students do not need a parent present if all paperwork/fees are presented correctly and parent signature is required on application.

Applications are available in the school offices or nursing office.  
SCHD 235-8271                      Dakota CUSD 201 844-632-5682



## 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

### ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA Public Law 99-519). The act required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop regulations for addressing asbestos in public and private elementary and secondary schools. On October 30, 1987, the EPA published the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule (40CFR Part 763 Subpart E). This Rule Stipulated, and our district has complied with the following key requirements:

- Identification of asbestos-containing materials in all school buildings.
- Development and implementation of asbestos management plans for each school.
- Regular surveillance and re-inspections of the condition of asbestos in the buildings.
- Designation and training of a person to oversee asbestos activities within the district and to ensure compliance with the regulations.

This memorandum is to advise you that asbestos management plans for the district schools were developed following the EPA ruling. These plans are regularly updated and are available for you to review.

Should you have any questions regarding this program or would like to review an asbestos management plan, please contact the Board of Education offices during normal business hours.

