

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

March 2018

Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

It's hard to believe that the spring season is just around the corner. The school year continues to move quickly and we hope it continues to be a good one for you and your family.

Below are some board actions/highlights from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on February 20, 2018.

Placed updated board policies on display

The school board placed updates to board policy on public display. The updates are provided through PRESS, which is a service provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The updates typically reflect changes to state code and/or decisions in recent court cases. A board committee will review the policies prior to being recommended at the March meeting.

Reviewed draft of 2018-2019 calendar

The board briefly reviewed a draft of the tentative 2018-2019 school calendar. A representative group of staff reviewed and provided feedback on two calendar options. The draft calendar includes the following highlights on the calendar receiving the most support:

Thurs/Fri, August 16 and 17	Opening teachers' institutes
Monday, August 20	First day of student attendance
November 21-25	Thanksgiving break
December 22-January 6	Christmas break
March 23-March 31	Spring break
May 23	Last day of student attendance with no snow days

As part of the calendar presentation, a recommendation was made to incorporate weekly one-hour early release days to provide staff with collaborative time to develop and implement academic and socio-emotional programming. The early release plan will be finalized and communicated with final calendar approval recommendation being made at the April meeting.



Renewed cooperative hockey agreement with Monroe High School

The school board approved a cooperative hockey agreement with Monroe High School. The initial agreement was approved by the board last year. 8 high schools make up the cooperative hockey team which includes schools from Wisconsin and Illinois.

Approved postings for summer positions

The board approved posting for seasonal building and grounds positions. These positions include mowing, trimming, painting and routine maintenance on the buildings or grounds.

Keep Dakota Proud! Plan update

Mr. Prusator provided a brief review of additions to the 2018-2019 plan.

Reviewed Dakota Lead in Water Report (LIW)

Mr. Mathers reviewed a summary from a new mandatory test (for elementary buildings only) which measures the amount of lead in water used for drinking or food preparation. Our elementary building had a couple of drinking fountains and sinks with elevated lead levels. Those fountains are currently inoperable and are in the process of being replaced. A letter went out to parents notifying them of the results.

Personnel Actions

Person	Action
Tina Schlueter	Transferred to JH/HS head secretary
Holly Olson	Employed as JH/HS assistant secretary
Deanna Kraft	Employed as district technology specialist
Kate Woessner	Accepted resignation as high school science teacher effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year
Cindy Luy	Accepted retirement request effective 2/12/2018
Cindy Ziegler	Approved as fresh-soph softball coach
Robert Cravens	Employed as fresh-soph baseball coach
Steve Olson	Employed as high school boys' track coach
Jennifer Geiseman	Employed as junior high track coach
Gena Ayres	Approved unpaid leave March 19-23
Trish Krug	Employed as full-time agriculture teacher for the 2018-2019 school year
Annie Peiffer	Approved as volunteer softball coach
Tami Peterson	Accepted retirement request effective end of 2018-2019 school year
Craig Mathers/Bob Prusator	Approved as part-time interim superintendents for 2018-2019 school year

STUDENT SERVICES

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

- Pearl City Elevator Ag First Scholarship: March 3, 2018
- Pearl City Elevator Jim Vondra Memorial Scholarship: March 3, 2018
- Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship: March 15, 2018
- HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: April 1, 2018
- Jay Polhill Memorial Scholarship: April 7, 2018
- DOE Foundation Scholarship: April 6, 2018
- Wanda Herrmann Scholarship: April 6, 2018
- Dakota Athletic Boosters Scholarship: April 6, 2018
- Jim Frisbie HCC Scholarships: April 6, 2018
- Dakota Education Association Scholarship: April 6, 2018
- Dakota Lion's Club Scholarship: April 6, 2018

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 Friday, **March 16th**, so an official transcript can be attached. Highland must have all applications and transcripts by **April 1, 2018**. *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 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 **Tuesday, April 24th**, 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 8th**, all freshmen and sophomores 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.

PARCC TESTING:

PARCC testing will be conducted this April. We will be testing junior high students the week of **April 9th**. Elementary PARCC testing (3-6 grades) will be done **April 3-20th**. Good attendance this week is very important.

SAT TESTING:

All juniors will be taking the SAT test on **April 10th**. 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:

In April, 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 24th 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!**



ELEMENTARY NEWS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19.

Dakota Kindergarten Registration will be held on Thursday, March 8th, 2018 in the elementary from 2 – 6 pm. The registration process will take approximately one hour. You will need to bring the following items to register:

- Original birth certificate from court house
- Social Security #
- Proof of Residency - (mortgage statement/tax bill or current lease, two current bills that associate your name to the physical address).
- Guardianship/legal paperwork that may apply to the kindergarten student

Children must be 5 on or before September 1, 2018 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 school office at 844.632.5682.**

PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING

Preschool screening will be held March 15th & 16th this year at Dakota Elementary School. To schedule an appointment, please call the elementary office at 844.632.5682. 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 2018-2019 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.

NURSE'S NOTES

Parents of K, 2nd and 6th grade students: Many school dental forms still have not been submitted to the nursing office. They must be received by May 15th and dated 18 months prior to that date. If your child has seen the dentist please contact the dental office and get a copy sent to school. If your child has not seen the dentist please make an appointment to complete this mandated state requirement and get it submitted before the deadline. State law dictates that report cards are to be held if this report is not received.

All students who participated in the school dental clinic were given paperwork to take home for communication with parents on their results of the visit. 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.

We have had many students at school with cold and respiratory flu symptoms. Please remember to check your children closely before sending them to school. Must be fever free (temperature below 100 degrees) and no medication 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 never be given to children.

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 or 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.kidshhealth.org.



MUSIC NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- March 3 IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Stockton High School
- March 16 NUIC Conference Music Festival Concert @ Pecatonica High School Gym – 7:00pm, Admission charged
- March 21 Music in Our Schools Assembly @DES Gym – 8:45 am
- April 5, 6 & 7 “The Sound of Music” Production @ 7:00pm
- April 14 IHSA Music Organization Contest @ Forreton 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 21st 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 3rd at Stockton High School. Students will be participating in various events, including solos, duets and ensembles in both instrumental and vocal events.

“The Sound of Music”

Rehearsals are well underway for our Dakota production of “The Sound of Music”. Music and choreography are being learned, set construction and painting have begun. There are over 60 members of the cast and crew from the High School, Junior High and elementary!

The final collaboration and musical between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become one of the world’s most loved musicals. When a postulant (played by Cassidy Elmer) proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is sent to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain (Hayden Rankin). With an eventual marriage between the two, they must then escape the Austria that they love as the Nazis invade. Come enjoy this musical classic, featuring such songs as “Do, Re, Mi”, “Edelweiss”, “So Long Farewell” and many more.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
“The Sound of Music” on April 5, 6, & 7
on the DHS stage @ 7pm

IHSA Girls’ Basketball Tournament National Anthem

Cassidy Elmer has been selected to sing the “National Anthem” for the IHSA Girls’ Basketball 3A and 4A Tournaments at Redbird Arena on Saturday, March 3rd. Cassidy earned the opportunity to audition based on her ILMEA audition scores. Only the top students on each voice part are selected to audition for this honor at the Illinois Music Educators Convention held in Peoria in January.

Congratulations to Cassidy Elmer for this great honor!

PBIS Elementary Family Night – Save the Date

Please come join us Thursday, March 22nd from 6-7:30 pm
for family fun, games & crafts.
Details will be forth coming.

Save The Date

Athletic Boosters SAVE THE DATE

Spring Fling
Grand River Hall
April 21, 2018
7 - 11 PM

Band: Blind Bogey
Silent Auction Items, Appetizers, Beverages
Cost: \$25 a person

Elementary

March 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</p> <p><i>Juice & Fruit served with every Breakfast</i></p>	<p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> <p><i>WG = Whole Grain</i> Nutritional information is available in the office.</p>	<p>¹ Bagel Pizza</p> <p>Cheese Ravioli Broccoli Clementine Bread Stick</p>	<p>² Cereal, Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Fish WG Bun Carrots Strawberries</p>
<p>⁵ Cereal Cheese Stick</p> <p>Chicken & Waffle Peas Applesauce</p>	<p>⁶ Pancakes Sausage Links</p> <p>Pork Sandwich WG Bun Green Beans Pears</p>	<p>⁷ Bosco Stick</p> <p>Taco WG Wrap Mixed Veggies Orange</p>	<p>⁸ Bagel Pizza</p> <p>Ham Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll</p>	<p>⁹ Cereal Yogurt</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla CA Blend Peaches</p>
<p>¹² Cereal Cheese Stick</p> <p>Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Carrots Strawberries Slice of Bread</p>	<p>¹³ French Toast Sausage links</p> <p>BBQ WG Bun Broccoli Applesauce</p>	<p>¹⁴ Bosco Stick</p> <p>Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Corn Peaches Garlic Bread</p>	<p>¹⁵ Bagel Pizza</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Gold Fish Crackers</p>	<p>¹⁶ Cereal Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Peas & Carrots Orange Cookie</p>
<p>¹⁹ Cereal Cheese Stick</p> <p>Chicken Taco on WG Wrap Carrots Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>²⁰ Pancakes Sausage Links</p> <p>Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Slice Peas Strawberries</p>	<p>²¹ Bosco Stick</p> <p>Lasagna Roll-Ups Green Beans Pears Bread Stick</p>	<p>²² Bagel Pizza</p> <p>Hot Dog WG Bun Corn Apple Slices Granola Bar</p>	<p>²³ Cereal Yogurt</p> <p>Fish WG Bread Mashed Potatoes Gravy Mixed Veggies Fruit Cocktail</p>
<p>²⁶ No School-Spring Break</p> <p>Eat a Red Fruit</p>	<p>²⁷ No School-Spring Break</p> <p>Eat Green Veggies</p>	<p>²⁸ No School-Spring Break</p> <p>Drink Milk</p>	<p>²⁹ No School-Spring Break</p> <p>Drink OJ (orange juice)</p>	<p>³⁰ No School-Spring Break</p> <p><i>Wash Hands Before Eating. Stay Healthy</i></p>

March 2017

7-12 Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<p>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</p> <p><i>Juice served with every Breakfast</i></p>	<p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> <p><i>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>French Toast, Gogurt, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Taco Crunch, Spanish Rice, Corn, Pineapple Snack Cracker</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fruity Oatmeal, Bacon, Yogurt, Mixed Fruit</p> <p><i>Fish W/G Bun, Mixed Veg, Applesauce, Dessert</i></p>
<p>5</p> <p>Egg/Cheese/Muffin Applesauce</p> <p><i>Ham/Potato/Cheese Bake, Broccoli, Peaches, Bread/Butter</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mini Cinnamon Waffles, Sausage Patty, Pears</p> <p><i>Goulash, Peas/Carrots, Pears, Cheez-Its</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cheesy Hashbrowns, Granola Bar, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Chicken Noodle Casserole, Peas Pineapple, Garlic Stick</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ham/Cheese Biscuit Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><i>Cheeseburger WG Bun, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cereal, Breakfast Bar ,Yogurt, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><i>Cheese Calzones, California Blend, Mandarin Oranges</i></p>
<p>12</p> <p>Bacon/Tot Casserole Granola Bar, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Open Face Turkey Sami Mashed Potato, Corn, Mixed Fruit</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce</p> <p><i>Scalloped Potato/ Ham, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce, Dinner Roll/Butter</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Biscuits/Gravy Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><i>Baked Chicken, Green Beans , Pineapple, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cheesy Eggs, Bagel Cream Cheese, Pears</p> <p><i>BBQ WG Bun, Veg Salad, Mixed Veg, Peaches, Harvest Cheddar</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Apple Bosco Stix, Cheesy Eggs, Peaches</p> <p><i>Broccoli Cheese Soup Cheesy Bread, Celery/Dip, Pears</i></p>
<p>19</p> <p>Pancakes/Syrup Yogurt, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Popcorn Chicken, California Blend, Mandarin Oranges,</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Western Omelet, Tri Tater, Granola Bar, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><i>French Toast, Patty, Tri Tater, Strawberries</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pizza Bagel, Gogurt, Pears</p> <p><i>Turkey/Ham Melt, Broccoli/Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Snack Crackers</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fruit Pizza, String Cheese, Peaches Breakfast Cookie,</p> <p><i>Cheeseburger Mac, Mixed Veg, Applesauce, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Breakfast Burrito String Cheese, Mixed Fruit</p> <p><i>Cheese Pizza, Corn, Peaches, Gogurt</i></p>
<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> 
<p>NO SCHOOL—SPRING BREAK</p>				

Dakota CUSD #201

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 JHGB vs Conf Tourn (H)	3 JHGB vs Conf Tourn (H)
4	5	6	7	8 Kindergarten Registration 2pm-6pm	9 End of Qtr3 Spring Sports Picture Day	10 Chicago Trip 10:30am-11pm
11	12	13 HSBA HSSB @ Aquin	14 HSSB @ Hononegah 4:30 Swanson Park	15 PreSchool Screening (by apnt) PTO Meeting 3:15 HSSB vs Aquin (H) HSBA vs Freeport (V-H, FS-A) 5:00	16 PreSchool Screening (by apnt) Music Fest @ Pecatonica	17
18	19 HSBA @ Guilford 4:30 HSSB vs Guilford (H) 4:30 HSGT vs Lena (H)	20 6:00 School Board Meeting HSBA HSSB vs Forreston (H)	21 6:30 Athletic Booster Meeting RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1PM-5PM	22 PBIS Family Night 6:00 - 7:30 HSBA @ Forreston HSSB vs Forreston (H)	23 HSBT @ Forreston 4:00	24 HSBA vs Warren DH 11:00 V-A, FS-H
25	26 No School Spring Break	27 No School Spring Break HSBA HSSB @ Milledgeville HSGT @ Dixon 4:15	28 No School Spring Break	29 No School Spring Break HSBA HSSB (H) vs Milledgeville	30 No School Spring Break	31

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

TEMPORARY RECORD DESTRUCTION

The Dakota High School Office destroys the TEMPORARY record of each student five years following graduation or the year scheduled for graduation. This year the District will destroy the temporary records for the class of 2013. These records are available if you wish to inspect them until June 1, 2018. The District keeps the PERMANENT record on file for sixty (60) years.



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