

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

April 2018

Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,
 We hope everyone had or is having a good spring break. Once we return, the school year will likely come to a close very quickly.

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

Continued to place updated board policies on display
 Last month, 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. In addition to PRESS recommendations, updates to policies regarding random drug testing, alternative course credits and educational support personnel were also put on display. Those policies are updated to be consistent with existing practice. The updated policies are available in the district office.

Approved the 2018-2019 calendar
 The board approved the 2018-2019 school calendar. A representative group of staff reviewed and provided feedback on two calendar options. The approved calendar includes the following highlights:

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 student attendance with no snow days

At the last meeting, a proposal for integrating a one hour weekly early release into next year's calendar was presented with the calendar. After administrative review, that consideration is being removed for next year. The utilization of ½ day school improvement and teacher institute days are included in next year's calendar.

Approved 2018-2019 Ombudsman agreement
 The school board approved the 2018-2019 contract with Ombudsman, which is an alternative program for students who are not being successful in the regular education program. It's

a computer-based program where students can move at their own pace. Ombudsman issues its own diploma. The regional program is housed in Winnebago. The agreement secures three seats for Dakota students for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approved preventative maintenance contract
 The board approved a five year preventative maintenance agreement with GeoStar to maintain facility systems and equipment in the district's two buildings. A major emphasis of the preventative maintenance program is to address the new equipment that was installed during the past summer for the facility project, in addition to existing equipment. The first year of the contract is \$7,200.

Keep Dakota Proud! Plan update
 Mr. Prusator provided an update to the KDPP plan with an updated priority list, which included costs for the various initiatives for the 2018-2019 school year. The plan will be recommended for approval at the April meeting.

Approved renewal agreements for Highland College Now and IHSA
 The board approved annual agreements with Highland College for the College Now program where a high school senior is enrolled as a full time student at Highland and with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Personnel Ations

Person	Action
Annie Curran	Accepted resignation as JH/HS PE/Health teacher
Susan Steiner	Accepted resignation as JH English teacher
Sandy Crawford	Accepted resignation as Pre-K classroom aide
Sarah Russell	Accepted resignation as instructional aide
Abigail Schroeder	Accepted maternity leave request
Theresa White	Terminated position as an instructional aide at Jr/Sr high school due to illness.

MUSIC NEWS

Upcoming Events:

April 5, 6 and 7 "The Sound of Music" Musical Production –
DHS Gym 7:00pm
Tickets \$6 Adults and \$5 Students

April 14, 2018 IHSA Music Organization Contest @
Forreston HS – HS Band and Choir
members

April 22, 2018 Dakota HS Band joint concert with
Highland Community College Concert Band
@ HCC – 3:00pm

April 27, 2018 Fine Arts Night – 5:00-8:00pm
Featuring work by 5-12 grade Dakota Art
Students, Judged Art Show, Musical
Performances and Awards presentation @
7:30pm

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

The hills will soon come alive with "The Sound of Music" on
the Dakota stage. 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" "My Favorite Things" and many more.

Mark your calendars for "The Sound of Music" on April 5, 6,
& 7 on the DHS Stage at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 for
adults and \$5.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased
ahead of time in the high school office or at the door.



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"The Sound of Music" on April 5, 6, & 7**

Tenured staff	Employed for 2018-2019
Elizabeth Frautschy (Elementary) Cathy Korwin (HS Spanish)	Employed as fifth year tenured status teachers for 2018-2019 school year
Stacy Miller (Elementary PE) Sarah Pecararo (JH Math) Peggy Dieken (Guidance Counselor) Joe Free (HS English)	Employ as fourth year probationary teachers for 2018-2019 school year.
Sam Knaack (JH/HS PE)	Employed as third year probationary teacher
Christine Henke (Art) Lisa Kuper (Elementary Special Education) Cindy Ziegler (Elementary) Shannon Fisher (Elementary) Dawn Hastings (Elementary)	Employed as second year probationary teachers
Dan Koester	Employed as JH/HS second shift custodian
Becky Zueger	Employed as elementary cook at 6.25 hours per day
Amanda Elmer	Employed as junior high track coach

Next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, April 17th.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

**PARCC TESTING for elementary students in grades 3 -6
will be held April 3rd – 20th.** Students will be utilizing their
chrome books or the computer lab for these assessments. You
can ensure your child does his/her best by helping in the
following areas:

- Making sure your child attends school on testing
days.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest.
- Making sure your child eats breakfast each morning.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about the test
directions if unsure.
- Encourage your child NOT to worry about this
assessment.
- Encourage your child to do their best, sharing your
confidence in their ability.

ELEMENTARY SPRING PICTURES will be held on
Tuesday, April 3rd. Brochures were sent home with students
prior to break.

Spring Concerts & PTO Bookfair
May 7th - Third & Fourth Grade Concert
May 8th- Fifth & Sixth Grade Concert

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year was
held in March. If you were unable to attend, please call the
elementary office at 844-632-5682 or stop in the elementary
office to complete the registration papers. To register, you will
need two forms of address verification, the child's certified
birth certificate.

STUDENT SERVICES

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

SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

- Highland Community College Foundation Scholarships: April 1, 2018
- Adkins Energy LLC Scholarship: April 2, 2018
- Jay Polhill Memorial Scholarship: April 7, 2018
- Dakota Education Association: Due April 6, 2018
- D.O.E. Foundation Scholarship: Due April 6, 2018
- Wanda Herrmann Memorial Scholarship: April 6, 2018
- Dakota Lions Scholarship: Due April 6, 2018
- Jim Frisbie HCC Scholarship: Due April 6, 2018
- Dakota Athletic Boosters Scholarship: Due April 6, 2018
- Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship: April 21, 2018
- Esther Hutmacher Parriott Scholarship: Due May 1, 2018

***All scholarship applications and/or links are found on www.dakota201.org. Select "Jr/Sr High" and "Guidance."**

SAT TESTING:

All juniors will be taking their state mandated SAT exam here at DHS on **Tuesday, April 10th**. Testing will begin at 8:10 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 1:00 p.m. With a signed permission form, juniors may be dismissed from school at that time. There will be no CareerTEC for juniors on this day.

HIGHLAND REGISTRATION:

Dakota High School and Highland Community College will continue in a partnership to register students for the fall semester. On **Tuesday, April 24th**, we will be busing all students who are committed to attending Highland to the Freeport campus where they will take their placement exams, meet with an advisor, register on-line for courses and receive a campus tour. A sign-up sheet will be posted after spring break with a deadline of **April 13th**. More specific details and instructions will follow. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Cline in the Guidance Office at 449-2812.

COLONY BRANDS CAREER FAIR is Friday, April 6th. The well-publicized sign-up for seniors ended March 9th. Students will tour the Colony Brands design center in Monroe and learn all about the many career opportunities available within a company like Colony Brands such as business management, marketing, accounting, math/statistics, computer systems, art, graphic design, photography, CAD, English, just to name a few. **All students will receive a \$350 scholarship to the college of their choice just for attending.**

PARCC testing for junior high students in ELA and math will be **April 11th and 12th**.

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT will be **Wednesday, May 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.**

COLLEGE 101 Night: On Wednesday, April 25th, at 6:30 p.m., the Guidance Office will hold an informational meeting for **parents of juniors (or any other interested parents)** who are new to the college process. Topics of discussion will include but are not limited to the college research, application and acceptance process, financial aid, and scholarships. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your questions answered and concerns addressed early in the game. The summer before senior year is an incredibly important time in the college process. Don't miss the boat!

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

- Students should be making their final commitment to their college of choice, securing housing and finding out when summer orientation/registration days are.
- Students attending HCC should be preparing to attend the HCC Quickstart April 24th where they will take their placement tests and register for fall classes.
- Make a final scholarship push.
- FAFSA should have long been filed and SAR should have been received. Make your final negotiations with your school's financial aid office to secure as much aid as you can for next fall.



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





Playground Buddy Bench

Fostering Friendship is an important part in child development. With positive friendships children learn many different social skills to include: acceptance, playing fairly, identifying and dealing with different emotions, listening and teamwork.

Children learn and grow in a variety of environments. The school environment is a critical time when children explore how to choose friends, how to keep friends, how to be a friend and how to be a good teamplayer.

Here at Dakota Elementary School we foster positive relationships and encouraging friendship building in various ways. Daily peer interactions occur in the classroom, physical education, art and music class. Opportunities to support relationship building can also occur during lunch and recess. Exploration of relationship building can be a time of happiness, shyness, sadness and frustration.

Beginning in April, we have a new playground addition that includes a Buddy Bench donated by the Bordner Family. The Buddy Bench is an idea and innovation attributed to second-grader Christian Bucks, of York, Pennsylvania, who reportedly first spotted a buddy bench in a brochure for a school in Germany. The power behind the idea of the bench is embedded in its simplicity. If a student is feeling lonely at recess, the bench has been designated as a seating area where students who are feeling lonely or upset can seek camaraderie." More information on the buddy bench can be found at www.buddybench.org.

INCLUSION AND KINDNESS



Beginning in April, students will be asked to perform acts of kindness. After a student has done 5 acts of kindness, they will add a heart to our KINDNESS TREE that will be located near the front entrance of the school. Watch your child's backpack for more details!

Learning to Be a Good Friend – A Guidebook for Kids written by Christine Adams

What Is Friendship?

"Friendship" means having friends. Everyone needs friendship in his or her life.

Having a friend makes you feel happy inside. It's nice to care about someone and know that he cares about you, too!

How to Make Friends?

Be friendly – say hi and smile. Tell a kid that his social studies project is cool. See if he wants to play with you and what he'd like to play.

If you see kids playing a game, and a kid makes a good move, say, "Nice shot." Wait until the game slows down and then ask to play.

Always have a "fun attitude." Grab a ball and say, "who wants to play?" If no one does, just go on to something else. Soon others might join you.

How to Be a Friend?

To have friends, you need to BE a friend. This means sharing, taking turns, and being fair. Treat your friends the way you want to be treated.

Do nice things for your friends.

Take turns doing things each of you like.



DAKOTA HORT CLASS PLANT SALES

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

NOT OPEN ON
SATURDAY MAY 12TH
SORRY

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



K-6 Menu

APRIL 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 Breakfast Sandwich</p> <p>Bagel Pizza Peas Applesauce</p>	<p>3 French Toast Sticks</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Green Beans Apple Slices Crackers</p>	<p>4 Banana Bread</p> <p>Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Carrots Pears</p>	<p>5 Yogurt & Granola</p> <p>Biscuit & Gravy Mixed Veggies Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>6 Cereal Bar</p> <p>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce California Blend Pineapple Pretzel Stick</p>
<p>9 Waffle & Bacon</p> <p>Chili Cheese Fries Carrot Sticks Pineapple Breadstick</p>	<p>10 Pancake Pup</p> <p>Turkey Cheesy Broccoli w Rice Green Beans Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>11 Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Strawberries Crackers</p>	<p>12 Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Beef Stew Corn Bread Peas Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>13 Cereal</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Cauliflower w/ Cheese Cherries Grahams</p>
<p>16 Breakfast Sandwich</p> <p>Hot Dog WG Bun Potato Wedges Orange</p>	<p>17 Scrambled Eggs w/ Cheese</p> <p>Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo Peas Applesauce Bread</p>	<p>18 Cheese Omelet Bread</p> <p>Broccoli Cheese Soup Ham Sandwich Carrots Strawberries</p>	<p>19 Pancakes & Bacon</p> <p>Pizza Peas & Carrots Peaches</p>	<p>20 Cereal Bar</p> <p>Taco in a Bag Spanish Rice Southern Beans Peaches</p>
<p>23 Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>24 Bagel Pizza</p> <p>Tater Tot Dinner Carrots Pears Roll</p>	<p>25 Oatmeal</p> <p>Lasagna Roll-Up Green Beans Mixed Fruit Bread Stick</p>	<p>26 Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Ham or Turkey Wrap Veggies w/ Dip Apple Slices</p>	<p>27 PB&J Grahams</p> <p>EARLY RELEASE 11:30 (No Lunch)</p>
<p>30 Cereal</p> <p>Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Peaches Bread</p>			<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><small>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office.</small></p>

April 2018

7-12 Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>2 Cinn Waffles, Sausage Patty, Pears</p> <p><i>Orange Chicken, Rice, Egg Roll, Broccoli, Pineapple,</i></p>	<p>3 Fruity Oatmeal, Bacon, Yogurt, M Fruit</p> <p><i>Pizza, Garden Salad, Corn, Peaches, Elfs</i></p>	<p>4 Egg/Cheese/Muffin, Applesauce</p> <p><i>Taco Crunch, Spanish Rice, Green Beans, Pears, Chips</i></p>	<p>5 French Toast, Gogurt, Peaches</p> <p><i>Pancake Wrap, Tri Tater, California Blend, Oranges, Yogurt</i></p>	<p>6 Breakfast Burrito. String Cheese, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Chicken Patty, Sweet Mac Salad, Peas & Corn, Applesauce</i></p>
<p>9 Western Omelet, Tri Tater, Granola Bar</p> <p><i>Lasagna Roll-Ups, Mixed Veg, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p>10 Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Applesauce</p> <p><i>Chicken Parmesan Spaghetti, Carrots, Pears, Garlic Stick</i></p>	<p>11 Cheesy Eggs, Bagel Cream Cheese, Pears</p> <p><i>Taco Chicken Bake, Spanish Rice, Peas, Pineapple</i></p>	<p>12 Biscuits/Gravy, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><i>Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches, Snack</i></p>	<p>13 French Toast, Sausage Patty,</p> <p><i>Bacon/Turkey Melt, Pretzel Bun, Celery/Carrots, Apples, Crackers</i></p>
<p>16 Pancakes, Yogurt, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Pizza Quesadilla, Green Beans, Pears, Cheez-Its</i></p>	<p>17 Ham/Cheese Biscuit, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><i>Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Mexi Rice, California Blend, Applesauce</i></p>	<p>18 Pizza Bagel, Gogurt, Pears</p> <p><i>Spaghetti/Sauce, Peas/Carrots, Mixed Fruit Cheesy Bread</i></p>	<p>19 Bacon Tot Casserole, Granola Bar</p> <p><i>Cheese Burger, Pretzel Bun, Baked Fries, Corn on Cob, Pineapple, Gogurt</i></p>	<p>20 Breakfast Slider, Hashbrowns, Peaches</p> <p><i>Baked Potato/Ham, Broccoli, Mixed Veg, Peaches, Roll</i></p>
<p>23 Hashbrown Casserole, Breakfast Cookie, Pineapple</p> <p><i>Popcorn Chicken Bowl, California Blend Applesauce, Stick</i></p>	<p>24 Apple Bosco Stix, Cheesy Eggs, Peaches</p> <p><i>Mac/Cheese/Ham, Glazed Carrots, Strawberries Bread/Butter</i></p>	<p>25 Breakfast Taco Bowl, String Cheese</p> <p><i>Dorito Chicken, Peas, Apples, Pretzel Roll</i></p>	<p>26 Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Parfait, Granola Bar, Pears</p> <p><i>Meatball/Bun, Veg Salad, Green Beans, Oranges, Dessert</i></p>	<p>27 Cereal, Bar, Yogurt, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>NO LUNCH EARLY RELEASE AT 11:30</p>
<p>30 Chocolate chip Waffles, Sausage Patty, Peaches</p> <p><i>Cheesy Hashbrowns, California Blend, Peas/Carrots, Peaches, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> <p><small>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office.</small></p>	<p>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</p>		

Dakota CUSD #201

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HSBA Varsity vs Aquin (H) 4:30	3 Elementary Spring Pictures HSSB vs Pec (H) 4:30 HSGT @ Forreston 4:00	4	5 MUSICAL "The Sound of Music" 7pm HSSB vs Pec (A) 4:30 HSGT @ Pecatonica 4:00 HSBT @ River Ridge 4:00	6 MUSICAL "The Sound of Music" 7pm	7 MUSICAL "The Sound of Music" 7pm HSBA @ RiverRidge 11:00 JV after HSSB @ Rockford East Tour
8	9 HSGT @ Lena 4:00	10 HSBA @ Polo 4:30 JV innings after HSSB @ Polo 4:30 HSBT @ Pecatonica 4:00	11 HSGT @ Lena 4:00 3:15 PTO Meeting	12 HSBA vs Polo (H) 4:30 JV innings after HSSB vs Polo (H) 4:30	13 HSGT @ Freeport 4:30	14
15	16 HSBT @ Lena 4:00	17 HSBA Varsity vs Orangeville (H) 4:30 HSSB vs Orangeville (H) 4:30 HSGT @ Forreston 4:00 HSBT @ Winnebago 4:15 School Board Meeting 6:00	18 Athletic Booster Meeting 6:30 HSBA JV @ Orangeville 4:30 (DH) HSGT vs Pearl City/Genoa (H) 4:30 HSBT vs Pearl City (H) 4:15	19 HSBA Var @ Orangeville 4:30 HSSB @ Orangeville 4:30	20 HSSB vs Lena (H) 4:30 HSGT @ Oregon 4:00 HSBT @ Oregon 4:00	21 DAB Spring Fling Fundraiser 7pm-11pm HSBA vs Lena (H) 11:00 JV after HSSB @ Byron Tour HSGT and HSBT @ Rockford Christian 9:00
22	23 HSSB vs E.Dubuque (H) 4:30 HSGT @ Lena 4:00	24 HSBA vs Amboy 4:30 JV(H) - Var(A) HSSB vs Amboy 4:30 JV(H) - Var(A) HSBT @ Forreston 4:00	25	26 HSBA vs Amboy 4:30 JV(A) - Var(H) HSSB vs Amboy 4:30 JV(A) - Var(H) HSGT @ Winnebago 4:15	27 Early Release @ 11:30 SIP Day	28
29	30 HSBT @ Lena 4:00	<p>JUNIORS SAT TESTING April 10th 8-12:30</p> <p>7th and 8th GRADE PARCC April 9th -12th</p> <p>ELEMENTARY PARCC TESTING April 3rd – 20th ELEMENTARY MAPS TESTING April 30th – May 11th</p>				

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

