



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.

April 2019

Dear Dakota School District Students, Parents and Community Members,

We hope everyone had a great spring break! We'll be coming down the homestretch of the 2018-2019 school year as we enter into April. I'm sure it'll go quickly.

The Dakota School Board conducted its regular March board meeting on Tuesday, March 19th. Below are some highlights from the meeting.

Student Recognition

The Dakota School Board recognized several DHS students who received state level recognition during the current school year. The following students were presented a certificate for their achievements: **Illinois State Scholars:** Ben Blocker, Bryan Dieken, Samantha Elliott, Morgan Graybill, Jacalyn Reifsteck, Kennedy Schroeder, Kyle Zimmerman.

IHSA All-Academic: Bryce Bicksler, Bryan Dieken, Jacalyn Reifsteck, Kennedy Schroeder, Mackenzie Schweickart, Laney Spradlin, Kyle Zimmerman.

Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA): Aleda Lee (band), Conner Elmer (choir), Hannah Wichman (choir).

IHSA Individual State Wrestling: Caleb Alber (fifth place), Andrew Wenzel (state champion).

Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA): Tabytha Toelke (3rd Team All-State).

Staff Recognition- The board also recognized elementary teachers Maime Curry and Heidi Ludolph for securing a \$13,500 grant award from the "100 Women Who Care" Foundation. The award will be used to support the Summer Reading/Bookmobile

Administrative Reports

Principal Reports

Dakota Elementary principal Jeff Milburn reported on the following items:

- ❖ Orton-Gillingham training (reading) for staff scheduled for March 18-19.
- ❖ ARC training (reading) for staff scheduled for March 21.
- ❖ The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) state assessment will be administered in March
- ❖ Kindergarten registration was held on March 7th.

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

- ❖ 8th grade students took the PSAT for the first time as part of the SAT preparation plan. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT on April 9th.
- ❖ The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR, state assessment), will be administered on April 17th and 18th.
- ❖ Placement testing for college dual credit has been completed. It is expected that the high school will have over 20 students enrolled in college English/psychology next school year.
- ❖ 35 students are currently registered for CareerTec programs for the next school year.
- ❖ Pete Alber is a nominee for the IWCOA Wrestling Coach of the Year, while Kevin Cline is nominated for the IBCA District 10 Coach of the Year.
- ❖ Annie, the Musical is scheduled for April 4, 5, and 6 in the Dakota High School.

Reviewed 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan.

The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan which acts as the district's improvement plan. Mr. Prusator shared that some of the uncompleted initiatives will likely be included in the 2019-2020 plan.

Approved updated board policies on display

The board approved updates to board policies. Most of the updates are in response to changes in legislation. The recommendations are provided by the Illinois Association of School Board's (IASB) policy department.

Reviewed draft of 2019-2020 Keep Dakota Proud! Plan

Similar to the February meeting, Mr. Prusator reviewed the 2019-2020 draft of the KDPP. The plan includes initiatives for consideration for next year. At this point items are being added to the list with the board planning to make a final approval for the plan at the April or May board meeting.

Rescheduled regular April meeting and scheduled organizational meeting

Due to the April 2nd school board election and vote canvassing timelines, the board voted to reschedule the regular April meeting from April 16th to Tuesday, April 23rd. The board will also conduct its organizational meeting by seating new board members and electing officers.

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Approved expanding extra-curricular activities to include bowling

In order to provide greater access to extra-curricular activities the Board approved the addition of a bowling team for boys and girls beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Approved sale of excess baseball uniform inventory to public

The board approved the release of old baseball uniforms for sale to the public. The uniforms are currently in storage with no plans of being needed for use. The proceeds will go to support the high school baseball activity account.

Approved administrative cost cap waiver hearing for the April 23rd board meeting.

Due to the changes in the way the superintendent position has been staffed over the past three years and the increased allotment of days and per diem for the current year, the expenditures in budgeted administrative expense line items are 5% greater than last year. Consequently, the district will file a waiver with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). A hearing is required prior to submitting the waiver. The hearing will be held prior to the April board meeting.

Approved cooperative hockey agreement with Monroe High School

The Board approved the cooperative hockey agreement with Monroe High School. This cooperative agreement has been in place for the past two years.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

The following personnel items were approved by the board:

- Sue Benters, accepted retirement request effective January 3, 2020 as daycare director
- Stacy Geiken, accepted resignation as daycare aide
- David Hanes (part-time art), accepted resignation
- Jill Spielman, approved as girls golf coach
- Tenured staff, employed for 2019-2020
- Employed as fifth year tenured status teachers for 2019-2020 school year Stacy Miller (Elementary PE) Sarah Pecararo (JH Math) Peggy Dieken (ES Guidance Counselor) Joe Free (HS English)
- Employed as fourth year probationary teacher for 2019-2020 school year. Sam Knaack (JH/HS PE)
- Employed as third year probationary teachers for 2019-2020 Christine Henke (Art) Lisa Kuper (Elementary Special Education) Cindy Koester (Elementary) Shannon Fisher (Elementary) Dawn Hastings (Elementary)
- Employed as second year probationary teachers for 2019-2020 Dan Sheets (JH/HS Special Education) Lisa Flynn (HS English) Colby Dace (HS Science) Katie Ries (JH/HS Counselor) Amanda Elmer (JH/HS PE) Jamie Myers (Elementary) Charity Rhode (Early Childhood) Scot O'Connor (HS agriculture)

The next regularly scheduled Dakota School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dakota Elementary School Library.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

Mark your calendars! Our one day only Mattress sale is coming to Dakota High School on Saturday April 13. The gym will be transformed into a furniture sales floor with numerous name brands and various sizes of beds. The sale will also include sheets, mattress pads and many different kinds of pillows. The proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of new scoreboards in the High School and Elementary School. We hope to see you there!

Spring Sports have just begun and we need you! We will be hosting two regionals. Our concession stand will be hopping and we will need many workers. Please call or email the high school office if you are available to help out. We would really appreciate all of the extra hands to help make this a big success.

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 17 at 6:30pm. We meet in the Dakota High School conference room. Hope you will come and join us as we continue to support our Dakota athletes.

Music Department



Upcoming Events

- ❖ April 4, 5 and 6 "Annie" Musical Production –DHS Gym 7:00pm Tickets \$6 Adults and \$5 Students
- ❖ April 13, 20189 IHSA Music Organization Contest @ Stockton HS – HS Band and Choir members
- ❖ May 3, 2019 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 6, 2019 Spring Concert 5-6 Grade @ DES Gym – 7:00pm
- ❖ May 7, 2019 Spring Concert 3-4 Grade @ DES Gym – 7:00pm
- ❖ May 14, 2019 Spring Concert 7-12 Grade @ DHS Gym – 7:00pm



ELEMENTARY NEWS



Illinois Assessment of Readiness for elementary students in grades 3 -6 will be held April 8th - 26.

Our students take federally required assessments every spring. These assessments help us understand how our students are growing academically compared to their peers across the state. Students will be utilizing their chromebooks 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 Thursday, April 4th. Brochures were sent home with students prior to break.

Spring Concerts & PTO Bookfair

May 6th - Fifth & Sixth Grade Concert @ 7 pm

May 7th - Third & Fourth Grade Concert @ 7 pm

The PTO book fair will host a Scholastic book fair this week and will be open on concert nights. Volunteers are still needed to help with the book fair. Please visit this website to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4da5a922a2f58-book>.

Thanks for your commitment to our school.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 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 & any legal paperwork (custody) that pertains to the child.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Dakota preschool screening will be held April 11th & 12th @ the elementary school. Appointments can be made online @ www.dakota201.org and click on preschool screening. We invite all children who live in the Dakota district aged 2 ½ - 5 years to participate. The results of these screenings will be used to determine eligibility in the preschool programs at Dakota for the 2019-20 school year. A major portion of a child's learning takes place during the preschool years and it is important to identify problems as early in a child's life as possible. We hope that you take advantage of the opportunity and schedule an appointment.

NURSE'S NOTES

Students in K, 2nd and 6th are required to submit proof of having seen the dentist by May 15. A dental exam record can be obtained from your dentist and must be dated within 18 months of the deadline. Many families still have not forwarded this information to the nursing office and final report cards will be held as per state guidelines until it is received.

Just a reminder that school physicals are required for Pre-K, K, 6th and 9th grades as well as new students to the district regardless of grade placement, showing proof of a school physical and immunizations. For the upcoming school year it may be easier to get into the doctor if you plan it early in the summer. Forms can be dropped off to the school offices anytime but are requested by registration week. If your child will need medication next school year remember to ask the doctor to complete the medication authorization forms while you are there. All students using emergency medications such as inhalers, insulin or epi-pens are required to submit some medication authorization even if they are self-administering. Please contact the nursing office for instructions.



STUDENT SERVICES

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

SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

- Highland Community College Foundation Scholarships: April 1, 2019
- Citizens Bank Scholarship: Due April 5, 2019
- Dakota Education Association: Due April 5, 2019
- DOE Foundation Scholarship: Due April 5, 2019
- Wanda Herrmann Memorial Scholarship: April 5, 2019
- DOE Foudation Trades Scholarship: April 9, 2109
- Jim Frisbie HCC Scholarship: Due April 12, 2019
- Austin Rux Scholarship: Due April 12, 2019
- Dakota Athletic Boosters Scholarship: Due April 5, 2019
- Esther Hutmacher Parriott Scholarship: Due May 1, 2019

***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 9th**. 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. Freshman and sophomores will also be taking a PSAT exam on this day from 8:10 until 11:30. *They will NOT be dismissed following their exam.*

HIGHLAND REGISTRATION:

Dakota High School and Highland Community College will continue in a partnership to register students for the fall semester. On **Tuesday, April 16th**, 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 8th. More specific details and instructions will follow. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Cline in the Guidance Office at 844-632-5682.

COLONY BRANDS CAREER FAIR is Thursday, April

4th. The well-publicized sign-up for seniors ended March 11th. 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 17th and 18th.

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT will be **Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:00 p.m.**

COLLEGE 101 Night: On **Wednesday, April 17th, at 6:00 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 16th 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.



MENU

April 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Cereal Lasagna Roll up Green Beans Peaches Bosco Stick Nat One Cent Day	2 Waffle, Sausage Beef Taco Corn Pears Condiments Nat PB&J Day	3 Breakfast Casserole Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Pineapple Bread Nat Walking Day	4 Breakfast Burrito Quesadilla Pizza Mixed Veggies Apple Slices Raisins Nat Burrito Day	5 Cinnamon Roll Bacon Fish French Fries Mixed Fruit Bread Nat Read a Road Map Day
8 Egg, Sausage, Bread Turkey & Gravy Tater Tots Strawberries Bread Nat All is Ours Day	9 Cereal, Gogurt Fiesta Pizza Corn & Beans Applesauce Crackers Nat Library Workers Day	10 Pancakes Sausage Sweet/ Sour Chicken Broccoli, Rice Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie Nat Siblings Day	11 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Mac & Cheese w/ Ham Cal Blend Strawberries Bread Nat Pet Day	12 Breakfast Pizza Fish Carrots Fresh Fruit Bread Nat Grilled Cheese Day
15 Bagel Topper Chicken Parmesan Lettuce Salad Peaches Bread Nat Take a Wild Guess Day	16 Donuts & Bacon Walking Tacos Corn Watermelon Condiments Nat Wear Your PJ'S to Work Day	17 Breakfast Casserole Spaghetti Green Beans Grapes/Banana Bread Nat Bat Appreciation Day	18 Cereal Cheese Stick Pork Tenderloin w/g Bun Mixed Veggies Orange Crackers Nat High Five Day	19 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY Nat Hanging Out Day
22 Pancakes Bacon McRib w/g Bun Carrots Pears Nat Jelly Bean Day Nat Earth Day	23 Baked Oatmeal Cheeseburger w/g Bun Waffle Fries Apple Slices & Craisins Nat Talk Like Shakespeare Day	24 Banana Bread Yogurt Ham or Turkey Sandwich Fresh Broccoli & Dip Mandarin Oranges Nat Administration Professionals Day	25 Muffin, Sausage Hot Dog w/g Bun Baked Beans Mixed fruit Crackers Nat Zucchini Day	26 Cereal Cheese Stick Chicken & Waffle (Syrup) Mashed Potato Gravy Peaches Nat Pretzel Day
29 Breakfast Pizza Chili PB&J sandwich on w/g Bread Carrots & Dip Applesauce Nat Zipper Day	30 Bagel Topper Chicken Taco Corn Fresh Fruit Condiments Crackers Nat Hairstylist Appreciation Day		1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL <i>Juice & Fruit served with every breakfast</i>	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE <small>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office.</small>

Dakota High School Presents



April 4th, 5th & 6th - 2019

DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL

7:00 pm

\$6.00 for adults

\$5.00 for students

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 JH Track Begins HSSB and BA @ Eastland 4:30	2 HSSB @ Pecatonica 4:30 HSBT @ Mville 4:00 HSGT @ Forreston 4:00	3 HSSB vs Hononegah (H) 4:00	4 MUSICAL "ANNIE" 7PM HSSB vs Pec (H) 4:30 HSBA vs Auburn (H) 4:00 HSBT @ Forreston 4pm HSGT @ Pec 4:00 ES Spring Pictures	5 MUSICAL "ANNIE" 7PM Spring Sports Picture Day	6 MUSICAL "ANNIE" 7PM HSSB @ Rockford East Tourn tbd HSBA @ River Ridge 11:00 HSBT @ LaSalle Peru 11:00
7	8 HSSB vs East Dubuque (H) 4:30 HSBA vs East Dubuque (H) 4:30 HSBT/GT @ Lena 4:00	9 11 th Grade Testing SAT (dismiss 12:30) 9 th 10 th Grade PSAT Testing HSSB-HSBA vs Polo (H) 4:30 JHT @ Forreston 4:00 HSBT @ Pecatonica 4:00	10 JHT (H) 4:30 HSGT @ Lena 4:00 PTO Meeting 3:30	11 HSSB-HSBA @ Polo 4:30 PBIS Family Night 6-7:30pm Pre-School Screening	12 IHSA Musical Org Contest HSGT @ Freeport 4:00 Pre-School Screening	13 DABoosters Mattress Sale 10 am-8pm IHSA Musical Org Contest
14 7 th /8 th Grade Testing Week IAR	15 HSSB and BA @ Lena 4:30	16 HSSB-HSBA @ Orangeville 4:00 HSBT @ Lena 4:00 HSGT @ 4:15 Winnebago	17 JHT @ Forreston 4:00 Juniors COLLEGE101 NIGHT 6:00 Room 2	18 HSSB-HSBA Orangeville (H) 4:00 JHT @ Lena 4:00 HSGT @ Oregon 4:00	19 <div style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL Good Friday</div> HSGT @ Freeport 4:00	20 HSSB @ Byron Tourn tba HSBA vs West Carroll (H) 1:00 HSBT/GT @ Rkfd Christian 9:00
21	22 IL Science Assessment Grade 8 and HS Biology Students HSGT @ Lena 4:00	23 HSSB vs Amboy (Var Home) (JV Away) 4:30 HSBA vs Amboy (H) 4:30 HSBT @ Forreston 4:00 School Board Meeting 6:00pm	24	25 HSSB @ Amboy (Var Away) (JV Home) 4:30 HSBA @ Amboy 4:30 JHT @ Monroe 4:15 HSGT @ Winnebago 4:15	26 HSBT @ Oregon 4:00	27 JR SR PROM
28 MAP Testing this week Grades 7-10	29 HSBA vs Pearl City (H) 4:30 JHT @ Winnebago 4:00 HSBT @ Lena 4:30	30 HSBA vs DuPec (H) 4:30 HSBT @ Pecatonica 4:00	STUDENT LAST ATTENDANCE DAY WILL BE MAY 31ST.			

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

