



# 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 2019

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

The Dakota School board is hosting the fifth community focus group session on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at Dakota High School. The board utilizes this event to get feedback in order to improve the school district for its students. We would appreciate your attendance and participation focusing on the future of the school district. There will be a brief overview of the district's programs, finances, demographics and strategic plan as well as sharing information about the impending facility improvement project. We will follow with breaking participants in small groups with a board member and school representatives acting facilitators. Following the small group discussion, community members will reassemble to share highlights from the discussions. The district will document and utilize the feedback in the development of goals and priorities. Your participation is important for the future success of your school district and we hope you can attend! Please RSVP to the district office @ 844-632-5682 to confirm your attendance.



## FLU SHOT CLINIC

A community flu immunization clinic will be held October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the elementary health office. All are welcome to participate. The cost is \$30 and medical cards and some insurance cards are accepted. You must have the card present.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### PARENT/TEACHER

CONFERENCES will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 7:30 pm and on October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 7:30 pm. Conferences can be scheduled online using your child's SKYWARD account. There will be a tab on the left side labeled conferences.

### PTO FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK

FAIR will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a scheduled time they can shop during school with their class. Parents will have the opportunity to shop during conference times on October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

### PTO FANNIE MAY FUNDRAISER PICK-UP

Fannie May orders can be picked up October 23<sup>rd</sup> during p/t conferences. Reminder – all orders need to be delivered for qualifying students to participate in the limo/pizza party. Thanks to all that participated!



# STUDENT SERVICES

**Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist**  
**Katie Ries-School Counselor**  
**Diane Scaduto-Nurse**  
**Kevin Cline-Assistant Principal**

## 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:

University of Illinois-Champaign:  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 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 16th**, at a cost of \$15.00 payable on the day of the test. Students were to have signed up by September 20<sup>th</sup>, and were informed of this test in their class meeting, English classes and via announcements.

Northwest Illinois College Fair:  
On **Thursday, October 24<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 11th** and **November 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Sophomore Career Fair: On Friday, **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 Community College. Our students are already in their system.

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>, which is much sooner than the old date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't delay this process!

## ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

We are still IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE Booster trailer to sell 50/50 tickets and for volunteers for the concession stand for all football games; jr.high/j/v and varsity. If you volunteer for three time slots, you will receive an all season pass to get into home games for free! Please call Tina at the high school office to schedule your times to help us out!

Check out the Dakota Boosters Fanwear brochure included in this mailing. Orders are due in the high school office October 15<sup>th</sup>.

# NURSE'S NOTES

Just a reminder for parents of students in Early Learning Academy (formerly 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 complete 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>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<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. Please contact the nursing office first.

Head Lice checks are no longer being done unless a student is suspect of having them. If confirmed, 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 so your child's name can be added to the screening list. Remember good vision and hearing are 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.

## Hearing and Vision

State Law mandates that all students in K+ and new students to an Illinois school have a comprehensive vision screening. The State of Illinois mandates that all students in Pre-K+, K+, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, special education and new students to the district are required to participate in the school based vision screening and all students in K+, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, special education and new students to the district are required to participate in the school based hearing screening. Dakota screens all students Pre-K- thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, new students and special education students. The students who do not pass the initial screening process are rescreened approximately two to three weeks later. Not all children who fail the screening test have a hearing or vision loss but are suspect and are referred for a more thorough medical evaluation. The sooner your child is seen by a doctor, the more likely his/her difficulty can be corrected and serious problems avoided. Often a hearing or vision loss is not noticed by a parent or teacher. The eyes and ears are paired organs and many times the child has learned to accommodate and manages to "make due".

If your child:

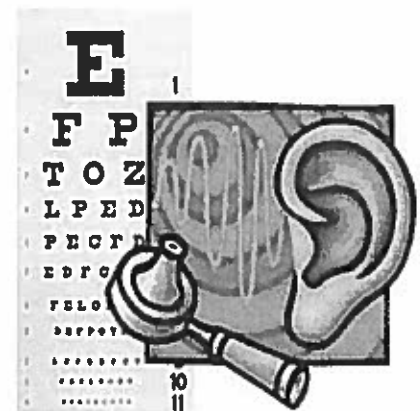
1. Does not respond to questions or responds slowly
2. Says "huh" or "what" often and needs questions or words repeated
3. Has problems with speech and/or language
4. Has ear infections, colds or allergies
5. Often shows signs of inattentiveness
6. Watches your face carefully when you are talking
7. Complains of ringing or buzzing in the ears
8. Complains of pain, fullness or itching in the ears

9. Often pulls, rubs or scratches at the ear
10. Fails the hearing screening at school and has been referred - your child may have an ear problem or hearing loss.

If your child:

1. Loses their place while reading
2. Avoids close work
3. Shows body rigidity while looking at distant objects
4. Holds reading material closer than normal
5. Shows excessive head movements
6. Poor sitting posture/position or facial expressions while reading such as frowning/excessive blinking/scowling or squinting
7. Tilts head or thrusts head forward
8. Rubs eyes often
9. Complains of headaches
10. Does little or no voluntary reading
11. Sits very close to the T.V. or computer
12. Fails the vision screening at school and has been referred then your child may have a vision problem.

**Good vision and hearing are essential to learning!**



## MUSIC NEWS

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>, at Huntley Middle School in DeKalb, IL.

If selected for the festival, students will attend on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</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.

### ‘FROZEN KIDS’

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Dakota Theatre Camp will be presenting the brand new production of “Frozen Kids”. The camp is open to students in 5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The 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 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and students cost \$4.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/3 – DHS Choir performs “The National Anthem” @ Home volleyball game

10/5 – DHS Marching Band @ Northern IL University Band Day, DeKalb, IL

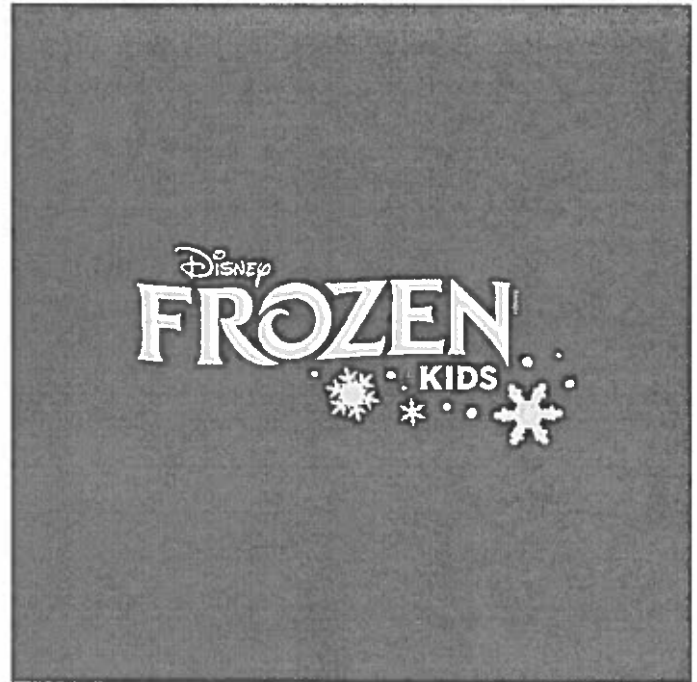
10/6 – DHS Marching Band @ “Autumn on Parade” festival parade in Oregon, IL

10/12 – ILMEA District auditions at Huntley Middle School, DeKalb, IL

10/18 – DHS Marching Band @ Home Football game

10/22 – “Halloween” Fall Concert @ 7 pm for 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, junior high band & Junior High Choir @ DHS

10/25 – DHS Marching Band @ Home Football game



## PTO NEWS

PTO needs your help at various events during the year. Please visit the websites below to volunteer at the PTO Scholastic Book fair, Hearing & Vision Screening or PBIS events.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

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

### HEARING & VISION:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DA5A922A2F58-vision>

### PBIS Rewards:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DA5A922A2F58-pbis>

Dakota School Lunch Menu October 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1. Taco Meat, Cheese, Romaine Lettuce Tomatoes/Salsa, Refried Beans, 3 Bean Salad Mixed Fruit	2. Pulled Pork WG Bun Coleslaw Corn Apple Slices, Raisins	3. Orange Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Fortune Cookie Mandarin Oranges	4. Mac & Cheese Glazed Carrots WG Garlic Toast Strawberries
7. Chicken Tenders WG Dinner Roll Carrots Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Peaches	8. Lasagna WG Garlic Toast Green Beans Pears	9. Scalloped Potatoes & Ham WG Roll Romaine Lettuce Salad Carrots Pineapple	10. Chicken Fajitas Peppers/Onions Beans & Rice Banana	11. <b>SIP DAY</b> <b>EARLY RELEASE</b> <b>11:30</b>
14. <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	15. Spaghetti, Meat Sauce Bosco Stick Salad Green Beans Grapes	16. Open Faced Hot Turkey WG Bread Broccoli Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Applesauce	17. Taco in a Bag Zesty Beans Rice Peaches	18. Biscuit & Gravy Egg & Sausage Patty Hash brown Potatoes Strawberries
21. Chicken Burger WG Bun Tomato/Onion/Lettuce Baked Beans Sliced Orange	22. *NEW ITEM *Horseshoe Texas Toast, Beef Patty, French Fries, Cheese Sauce Peaches	23. All Beef Hot Dog, WG Bun Corn/Mexican Street Corn Pineapple	24. Pulled Pork Nachos Fresh Veggies Spinach Mandarin Oranges	25. Pizza Green Beans Fruit Slushy Apple Crisp
28. BBQ, WG Bun Green Beans WG Chips Pears	29. Chicken & Waffle Baked Beans Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit	30. Cheeseburger WG Bun French Fries Dragon Juice	31. Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots Whole Apple	

# Dakota CUSD #201

## October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> HSG vs Stockton @ Freeport 4:00  HSVB (H) vs Pec 5:00  JHVB @ South Beloit 5:30  JHFB @ Orangeville 4:30  Special Board Meeting - 5:30 – Elem Library	<b>2</b>  JHVB @ Orangeville 5:30	<b>3</b> NUIC B/G Golf conference @ Silver Ridge, Oregon  JHVB (H) vs Orangeville 5:30  HSVB (H) vs Durand 6:00  High School Hearing Vision Screening	<b>4</b> VarFB 7:00 @ East Dubuque  Jostens Day ! Presentation for Senior Class for Graduation Regalia  Freshmen order Class Rings During Lunch	<b>5</b> NIU Band Day  JHVB Conference @ Lanark All  Dog Jog sponsored by Class of 2021  XC Freeport Inv @ HighlandCC 8:30
<b>6</b> Marching Band Oregon Autumn on Parade	<b>7</b> FSFB 5:30 @ East Dubuque  HSG Boys Regional @ Lake Carroll  JHVB (H) vs Lena 5:30	<b>8</b> HSG Girls Regional @ Lake Carroll  JHVB @ Aquin 5:30  JHFB @ Playoffs TBA 5:30  HSVB @ Orangeville 6:00	<b>9</b> Driver's Ed Classes Begin 7am  PTO Meeting @ Elem 3:30	<b>10</b>  HSVB @ Forreton 5:00	<b>11</b> <b>Early Release 11:30 SIP Day</b>  VarFB 7:00 @ Galena  VarVB @ Huntley Tourn  Seniors Order Graduation 10:00 to 11:30	<b>12</b> VarVB @ Huntley Tourn  SoVB @ Pecatonica Tourn
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> No School Columbus Day  FSFB 5:30 @ Galena  HSG Boys Sectional @ Park Hills	<b>15</b> HSVB @ Polo 5:00	<b>16</b> PSAT (practice SAT) Juniors 8am to 12pm	<b>17</b> HSVB (H) vs Aquin 6:00	<b>18</b> VarFB 7:00 (H) Orangeville  End of Qtr1	<b>19</b> FrVB @ Pearl City Tourn
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Fall Concert for 6th-8th Gr  JHBB @ Forreton 4:30	<b>23</b> <b>Early Release 1:00</b>  PTC 2:00 - 7:30pm PTC	<b>24</b> HSVB @ AFC 5:00	<b>25</b> VarFB 7:00 (H) Stockton	<b>26</b> SoVB @ West Carroll Tourn  XC Regionals TBA
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> FSFB 5:30 (H) Stockton  JHBB @ Durand 5:30  VB Regionals @ Dakota	<b>29</b>  VB Regionals @ Dakota	<b>30</b> PTC 4:00pm - 7:30pm  VB Regionals @ Dakota	<b>31</b> JHBB @ Eastland/ Shannon 5:30  VB Regionals @ Dakota		

