

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.

District Newsletter

October 2017

Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

I hope that everyone has gotten off to a good start to the 2017-2018 school year. It's hard to believe that October is here. The Dakota School Board held its regularly scheduled September meeting on the 19th, in addition to holding the FY 18 budget hearing. The following are some highlights:

FY 18 Budget Hearing

Mr. Mathers briefly reviewed the FY 18 budget. The projected deficit in the three major funds (Education, Transportation and Building) is projected to be \$27,731. A copy of the budget was on file for the previous 30 days and available for viewing. The board adopted the FY 18 budget during the regular portion of the meeting.

Administrative Reports

6th Day Enrollment Report

I reviewed the district's 6th day enrollment. The districts PreK-12th grade enrollment is 813, which is one less from the previous school year. After several years of declining enrollment, the expectation is

that the enrollment will remain relatively stable for future years.

Principal Reports

Mr. Grey and Mr. Milburn updated the board on academic and social-emotional initiatives in their buildings. They also updated the board on goal setting processes and upcoming events.

Reviewed/approved district office financial support job descriptions

I reviewed and the board approved updated job descriptions for a District Finance Officer and a Bookkeeper. These positions will execute responsibilities consistent with the Skyward Financial program implementation and other necessary district level duties.

Board retreat scheduled for September 27th

I reviewed the time date and schedule for the board retreat to plan for this year and future years for the Dakota School District. As in the past, teacher representatives also participate. The retreat was scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th at 5:30 p.m. which will be held at the State Bank of Davis.

The school board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th at the Dakota Elementary School library.

Rob Punsater



Don McCollum, Custodian
Civil Service
Volunteer

Promoted to Sergeant in the Freeport
Auxillary Police



STUDENT SERVICES

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

Scholarships Currently Available:

- Mediacom World Class Scholarship Program: Due February 16, 2018

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:

1. Mount Mercy: Oct 16
2. Northern Illinois University: Nov 8

ACT Re-Take: The American College Testing Program (ACT) test is administered on six national tests dates yearly. College-bound seniors who wish to take the ACT test may do so on **October 28th** or **December 9th** at Highland Community College for a cost of \$58.50 including the ACT Writing portion (\$42.50 without Writing). Reports of scores may be sent to colleges, which may in turn use the scores as part of the admission process. See Mr. Cline in the Guidance Office if you need assistance in registering.

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 11th**, at a cost of **\$15.00** payable on the day of the test. Students were to have signed up by September 22nd and were informed of this test in their junior class meeting, US History classes and via announcements.

Experience Highland: Seniors interested in attending Highland Community College next fall signed-up to attend a visit to campus on **October 12th**. 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 had until Monday, October 2nd to sign-up for the Experience Highland trip.

Northwest Illinois College Fair: On Thursday, October 5th, 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 6th** and **November 16th**.

Sophomore Career Fair: On Thursday, November 9th, 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 1st. 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 1st, much sooner than the old date of January 1st. Don't delay this process!



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 16th 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 15th deadline as well.

Dental exams are required for all K, 2nd and 6th 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 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 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.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Will be Thursday 10/19/17 from 3:30 til 5:30. Anyone can participate. Open to students/staff/public. Some insurance, Medicare and medical cards (for pediatrics) are accepted. Parents need not be present for Jr/Sr high students but registration paperwork must be completed beforehand by a parent and brought with. Elementary students must have a parent present. Cost is \$25.00.

Athletic Booster News

The Dakota Athletic Boosters have two fun events coming up in October!

The flamingos are back and may be landing in your neighborhood during the month of October. As in prior years, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Association. It is always great to see the flamingo sightings in the area. If you are interested in having the flocks visit someone OR would like to protect your lawn from the flock, see the forms within this newsletter. Happy flocking!!!

We also have our annual Brewery/Winery Bus Tour coming up on October 21st! We're going WEST this year. Please see the attachment for the itinerary and registration information. Last year was a great time and the fall colors should be beautiful again! The bus has limited seating so we encourage you to sign up soon!

The Athletic Boosters continue to do great work on behalf of all of our Dakota athletes. Along with all of the big projects we've completed over the past 10 or so years (new baseball and softball fields and sidewalks, re-crowning the football field, adding the all-weather track that is enjoyed by athletes and community members alike, and the brick entrance wall), we also continue to award 6 scholarships yearly and purchase all of the team MVP plaques, senior plaques, athletic letters and pins and new items like the water-bottle drinking fountains in the HS, indoor batting cages at the elementary gym and extra equipment for the sports teams. Of course, none of this would be possible without your past support and donations and the continued support of our various fundraisers throughout the year, or by purchasing 50/50 tickets at games and visiting the concession stand, and for that we are truly grateful!

If you have students in athletics, you are automatically a member of the Boosters. Our board meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the HS Office Conference Room. We are always looking for and are happy to see new faces at our meetings! Please let any of the following Booster officers or board members know if you have any questions about these two events or our organization in general. Thanks so much!

Lisa Ebbers – Pres, April Zettle – VP, Julie Ryan – Sect, Teresa Wenger – Treas, Emily Moyer, Kathy Sutherland, Jodie Pieper





BREWERY & WINERY BUS TRIP

Saturday, October 21

10:15 am – 7:00 pm

We're going West this year! Stops include:

- ❖ Hawks Mill Winery – Browntown, WI
- ❖ Pecatonica River Taphouse – Warren, IL
- ❖ Galena Cellars Winery, Scales Mound, IL
 - ❖ Lena Brewing Company - Lena, IL
- ❖ Wishful Acres Farm & Brewery – Lena, IL

Cost: \$25/person

Includes Box Lunch (sandwich, chips, cookies), Snacks & Non-Alcoholic Beverages while traveling, Goodie Bag and Door Prizes

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE, SO REGISTER SOON!!

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW TO THE DAKOTA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE, 300 CAMPUS DRIVE, DAKOTA, IL 61018, ALONG WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO DAB, OR DROP OFF AT THE BOOSTER TRAILER DURING HOME FOOTBALL GAMES. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SANDWICH CHOICE BELOW.

Count Me In on the Brewery/Winery Tour October 21st!

Name _____ TURKEY or HAM; CHEESE: Yes or No; BREAD: White or Wheat
Name _____ TURKEY or HAM; CHEESE: Yes or No; BREAD: White or Wheat



You've Been Flocked!



Be in the pink with the Dakota Athletic Boosters! A good natured fundraising event will be held the entire month of October. This event will not only benefit our student athletes but also Breast Cancer Awareness. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Here's how it works! A flock of flamingos will be migrating through the Dakota district during the month of October. The flock will mysteriously land in several lawns. To remove flamingos by our Relocation Team, the home owner can make a small donation and suggest the next location for the flock to land. Instructions will be included with the flock of flamingos.

Protecting your property: Insurance is available for a limited time to protect your beautiful yard from these pesky birds. See the back of this letter for purchasing information.

Landing a flock: To order the flock to land in someone's yard, simply fill out the order form on the back.

Turn in completed forms to Julie Ryan at the Elementary School or call Emily Moyer (815)275-3365 or Kathy Sutherland (815)541-2011.

Thanks for your humor and support!





“No-Flocking” Insurance



The purchase of this No-Flocking Insurance guarantees that no flock of flamingos will roost on my lawn as they migrate around the Dakota area during the course of this fundraising event. The cost of this Insurance requires a Premium of only \$10. Insurance can be purchased until Friday, September 26. Remember preorders for flocking friends will also be taken. Get your insurance early to avoid these pesky flamingos. Please return completed form to Julie Ryan at Dakota Elementary School or call Emily Moyer (815)275-3365 or Kathy Sutherland (815)541-2011. Mark envelope “You’ve Been Flocked”.

Policy Holder Name: _____

Policy Holder Address: _____



Flock a Friend Order Form



Your Name (or can be anonymous!) _____

Name of Individual or Business to be Flocked:

Address: _____

Note: Flamingos are not allowed to land on public property or at apartment complexes.

Would you like to be notified when the flock lands?

If yes, contact info: _____

For \$25, a small flock (approximately 25 flamingos) will land in your friend’s yard! Please return completed form to the Dakota Elementary School in care of Julie Ryan or call Emily Moyer (815)275-3365 or Kathy Sutherland (815)541-2011. Mark envelope “You’ve Been Flocked”. Thank you for your humor and support!

Elementary School

OCTOBER 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 <i>Pancakes, Ham</i></p> <p>Roast Turkey Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit w/ Whipped Topping,</p>	<p>3 <i>Oatmeal w/ Blueberries, Gogurt</i></p> <p>Cheeseburger on a WG Bun, Carrots, Peaches</p>	<p>4 <i>Cinnamon Roll, Banana, Bacon</i></p> <p>Lasagna Roll-Up, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>5 <i>Pancakes, Sausage Patty</i></p> <p>Pulled Pork Sandwich, Corn, Spanish Rice, Strawberries</p>	<p>6 <i>Cheese Stick, Cereal</i></p> <p>NO LUNCH</p>
<p>9</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Columbus Day</p> 	<p>10 <i>Bacon & Cheese Biscuit</i></p> <p>Cheeseburger on a WG Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Banana</p>	<p>11 <i>Veggie Omelet, Slice of Bread</i></p> <p>Beef Stew, Corn Bread, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>12 <i>Pancake Pup</i></p> <p>Diced Creamed Chicken, Corn, Slice of Bread, Apple</p>	<p>13 <i>Cereal, Gogurt</i></p> <p>BBQ Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Pears</p>
<p>16 <i>Pancake, Sausage Patty</i></p> <p>Roast Pork, Peas, Applesauce Slice of Bread</p>	<p>17 <i>Waffle, Bacon</i></p> <p>Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Orange, Dinner Roll</p>	<p>18 <i>Yogurt & Granola, Banana</i></p> <p>Macaroni & Cheese, Carrots, Strawberries Slice of Bread</p>	<p>19 <i>WG Bagel, Peanut Butter, Strawberry Jam</i></p> <p>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Blueberries</p>	<p>20 <i>Cereal, Cottage Cheese</i></p> <p>Cheeseburger, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches</p>
<p>23 <i>Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit</i></p> <p>Chicken Fajita, Peas, Pineapple</p>	<p>24 <i>Oatmeal, Cheese Stick</i></p> <p>Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Pudding Cup, Strawberry Applesauce, Dinner Roll</p>	<p>25 <i>Fruit Muffin, Sausage Links</i></p> <p>Biscuits & Gravy, Sweet Potato Tots, Orange</p>	<p>26 <i>Homemade Coffee Cake, Bacon</i></p> <p>Cheeseburger on a WG Bun, California Blend, Pears</p>	<p>27 <i>Cereal, Gogurt</i></p> <p>Hot Dog on a WG Bun, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Mandarin Orange</p>
<p>30 <i>Sausage & Cheese Bagel</i></p> <p>Dorito Chicken, Corn, Peaches Fall Treat</p>	<p>31 <i>Waffle, Bacon</i></p> <p>Pizza, Tater Tots, Apple Slices</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><i>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office</i></p>

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7-12 Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>2 Ham/Cheese Biscuit</p> <p>BBQ Chicken/Bun, Tots, Baked Beans, Applesauce</p>	<p>3 Breakfast Pizza, String Cheese</p> <p>Pizza, Salad/Dressings, Corn, Pineapple, Gogurt</p>	<p>4 Scrambled Eggs/ Ham, Bagel</p> <p>Taco Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic Bread</p>	<p>5 Breakfast Slider, Fruit Muffin</p> <p>Turkey/Ham Sub, Carrots/Celery w/Dip, Pears, Dessert</p>	<p>6 Cereal, Breakfast Cookie, Yogurt</p> <p>NO LUNCH 11:30 DISMISSAL</p>
<p>9</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>10 French Toast, Patty</p> <p>Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potato, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple</p>	<p>11 Ham/Cheese Muffin Pizza</p> <p>Cheeseburger/Bun, Coleslaw, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Cheez-Its</p>	<p>12 Breakfast Bake</p> <p>Cream Chicken/ Biscuit, Peas, Strawberries</p>	<p>13 Biscuits/Gravy</p> <p>Baked Potato Bar, Chicken or Ham, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>16 Egg/Sausage/ Cheese Muffin</p> <p>Chicken Nugget Bake, Green Beans, Applesauce, Garlic Stick</p>	<p>17 Cheese Omelet, Tri Tater</p> <p>Hot Dogs/Bun, Tri Tater, Cheddar Harvest Chips, Peaches</p>	<p>18 Bacon/Egg/Tot Bake</p> <p>Taco Wrap, Spanish Rice, Corn, Pineapple</p>	<p>19 Apple Oatmeal, Sausage Links, Muffin</p> <p>Chicken Dippers, Stir Fry/Rice, Mandarin Oranges, Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>20 Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Parfait</p> <p>Beefy Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Pears, Garlic Toast</p>
<p>23 Pancake Sandwich</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo, California Blend, Mixed Fruit, Bread/Butter</p>	<p>24 Apple Bosco, Scrambled Eggs</p> <p>Goulash, Mixed Veg, Strawberries, Garlic Toast</p>	<p>25 Chocolate Chip Waffles, Sausage Patty</p> <p>Potato Soup, Cheesy Bread, Green Beans, Pineapple</p>	<p>26 Cheesy Hash-browns</p> <p>Chicken Fajita, Peppers/Onions, Spanish Rice, Corn, Peaches</p>	<p>27 Breakfast Burrito, Yogurt</p> <p>Cheesy Fries/w Nacho Meat, Salad/Dressings, Fresh Oranges</p>
<p>30 Pancake Wrap, String Cheese</p> <p>Dorito Chicken, Glazed Carrots, Pears, Dinner Roll/Butter</p>	<p>31 Cereal, Yogurt Breakfast Cookie</p> <p>Ham/Potato Bake, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Surprise Treat</p>		<p>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</p> <p>Juice & Fruit served with every Breakfast</p>	<p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> <p>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office</p>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 5:30 JHVB @ Pearl City	3 5:30 JHFB @ Chadwick (at Milledgeville) 9:00 B_Golf Regionals @ Aquin 5:30 JHVB vs LenaWinslow 5:00 HSVB vs Forresteron	4 9:00 G_Golf Regionals @ Galena	5 9:30 Junior Class NWIL College Fair 5:30 JHVB @ Aquin 6:00 HSVB @ Milledgeville (No Freshman)	6 Early Release @ 11:30 SIP Day 5:30 HSFB @ Amboy HSVB @ Huntley Tourn	7 IMEA @ Rockford Jefferson HS HSVB @ Huntley Tourn HSVB @ FS Pecatonica Tourn
8 1:00 HS Band Oregon Parade 1:00 Quiz Bowl	9 No School Columbus Day	10 7am Driver's Ed Classes Begin 5:30 JHFB PlayOff Game TBA 5:00 HSVB @ Pecatonica	11 3:15 PTO Meeting 7:00 Paint Your Pride Juniors PSAT Testing (Optional)	12 Senior HCC visit 4:00-7:30 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 HSVB vs Polo	13 5:30 HSFB vs EPC	14 9:00 VVB Dakota Tourn
15	16 6:00 HSVB vs Orangeville (No Freshman game)	17 7:00 Paint Your Pride 6:00 School Board Meeting	18 6:00 Athletic Boosters Meeting	19 4:00-7:30 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 HSVB @ Aquin	20 End of Qtr1 5:30 HSFB @ Lena	21 9:00 FSVB @ West Carroll Tourn
22	23 5:30 JHBB @ Durand HSVB @ Regional Week	24 PreK-6 Picture Re-Take Day	25 7-12 Picture Retakes and Groups/Club organizations	26 5:30 JHBB vs Tri County	27	28
29	30 5:30 JHBB vs South Beloit	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 (815) 599-1408

Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (708) 848-0503

Information Hotline IL State Board of Education (800) 215-6379

