



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 2021

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

It is hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of the 2020-21 school year! As we wrap up this unprecedented year, we have started to prepare for the upcoming school year. Elementary School Principal, Jeff Milburn, has accepted the Superintendent position in Orangeville. Greg Midgett has been hired as the new Dakota Elementary Principal. Mr. Midgett has 14 years of administrative experience and we are excited to welcome him to Dakota! His official start date is July 1st, but he recently spent a day at the elementary meeting staff & students. If you would like to reach out to him, his Dakota email is gmidgett@dakota201.com

Jason Grey, Superintendent

Class of 2021 Graduation

It is our goal to make this ceremony as much like a traditional Dakota graduation experience, but comply with the IDPH & ISBE guidelines. As guidelines and precautions are subject to change, these plans could also be altered.

DATE: Sunday, May 16th @ 2 pm

LOCATION: Football Stadium

RAINDATE: Monday, May 17th @ 6 pm

Each graduating senior will receive 4 tickets to be used by family and friends. The ceremony will include all the customary elements including performances by the band and choir, guest speakers, processional & recessional, diploma presentations & photographs.

Please contact Mr. Bay, high school principal, @ 844-632-5682 with questions.

Preschool Screenings:

Preschool screenings will not be held in person due to the pandemic. However, we are encouraging parents to complete screening forms for admittance into the 2021-22 Preschool for All program. Please complete this Google form to request the required screening packet:

<https://forms.gle/TxhRtgUan1nuUrAN8>

Children eligible for preschool screening will turn three years old during the 2021-22 school year; and

be a resident of Dakota School district.

Children who are 3-4 years old before September 1, 2021 will be prioritized for enrollment.

Junior/Senior PROM

It is our goal to make this as much like a traditional Dakota Prom experience while also adhering to IDPH & ISBE guidelines. Maximum capacity is 70 attendees and all COVID precautions (social distancing, face masks, hand sanitation) will apply. Also, participants are limited to students in Dakota District only. Ticket sales will be available beginning in April.

DATE: Saturday, April 24th, 2021

LOCATION: Rieman's Backroad Barn & Gardens

GRAND MARCH: 4-5 pm at the Dakota Football Stadium

Academic Awards Night will be **Wednesday, May 5th, at 6:00 p.m.** This year's event will be for **SENIORS ONLY.** Each student will be allowed to bring 2 guests. Academic awards for grades 7-11 will be given out during the school day the last week of school.

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, April 2 – No School

Monday, April 5 – No School

Tuesday, April 20th - Board Meeting 6pm

STUDENT SERVICES

Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist
Tina Buske-School Social Worker
Katie Ries-School Counselor
Sabrina Brown – School Nurse
Paula Rau – School Nurse
Kevin Cline-Assistant
Principal/Academic Advisor

SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

Highland Community College Foundation Scholarships: Due April 1, 2021
Citizens Bank Scholarship: Due April 5, 2021
DOE Foundation Scholarship: Due April 1, 2021
Wanda Herrmann Memorial Scholarship: April 1, 2021
DOE Foundation Trades Scholarship: April 1, 2021
Jim Frisbie HCC Scholarship: Due April 2, 2021
Merle and Beulah Iserman Scholarship: Due April 2, 2021
Dakota Athletic Boosters Scholarship: Due April 9, 2021
Stephenson Co. Farm Bureau Ag Scholarships: Due April 16, 2021
Esther Hutmacher Parriott Scholarship: Due May 1, 2021

*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 13th. 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.

PSAT TESTING:

All freshman and sophomores will be taking the PSAT exam on **Tuesday, April 20th**, 8:15-12:00.

HIGHLAND REGISTRATION:

Dakota High School and Highland Community College will continue in a partnership to register students for the fall semester. On **Thursday, April 15th**, 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 1st**. 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 ext 386

IAR testing for junior high students in ELA and Math will be **April 22nd and 23rd**.

3RD – 6TH Grade Illinois Assessment of Readiness

Our students take federally required assessments. These assessments help us understand how our students are growing academically, compared to their peers across the state. Students will be utilizing their chrome books for these assessments. **Please encourage your child to do their best and your cooperation in scheduling appointments around these days is appreciated. Testing is scheduled April 6th – 23rd.**

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

1. Students should be making their final commitment to their college of choice, securing housing and finding out when summer orientation/registration days are.
2. Students attending HCC should be preparing to attend the HCC Quickstart April 15th where they will take their placement tests and register for fall classes.
3. Make a final scholarship push.
4. 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.



NURSE REMINDERS

Dental Exams need to be submitted to the office by May 15th for students in grades K, 2, 6 & 9th grades.

Also, incoming Kindergarten students need a comprehensive eye exam as well as physical and dental.

Dakota has school bus driver & bus monitor positions open. Starting pay is \$15.00 an hour for bus drivers and \$11.00 an hour for monitors. If interested, please contact Freeport Transportation @ 815-232-0580.



ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Isn't it a great thing to see our athletes out on the courts and on the fields? We are so thrilled that the students are getting to play! We would love to see new faces to help us as we work to provide and plan support for our athletes. We are looking for creative ideas to support each team. Please come and join us at our next meeting, April 21st, at 6:30 at the high school.

The DAB scholarships scholarship forms are available on the school website. Encourage your senior to apply and submit the application by April 9th.

We have Indian Pop Sockets for sale. Please inquire at the high school office. They are \$6.00 a piece. They would make fantastic Easter basket fillers!!

GO INDIANS!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events:

April 29th, 7th – 12 Grade Spring Concert

7-12th Grade Spring Concert

The Junior High Band and Choir, the Dakota Jazz Band and the High School Band & Choir will be presenting their spring concert on Thursday, April 29th. We are exploring options for in-person attendance as well as presenting the concert through Facebook Live for a virtual performance. Details will be announced in the future.

IHSA Contest

While the IHSA Contest is a major performance in our yearly curriculum, the event will be a bit different this year, with the IHSA Contest hosting a virtual event on Saturday, April 17th. In the days ahead, both the HS band & Choir will be recording their performances in preparation for this event.

All-State Musicians

Following the successful

auditions in the fall, three students were selected for participation in All-state ensembles. Aleda Lee was selected for All-state band, Allison Liszka for All-state Orchestra and Autumn White for Honor's Choir. With this honor, these students participated in the Virtual All-state Workshop on Saturday March 20th. Honor

masterclasses were presented by leading musicians in the country.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

The music department will be presenting a "Broadway Review" musical on May 21st and 22nd in the DHS Gym/Stage. Rehearsals have begun and the set is being created. This show will be lots of fun as we celebrate Dakota's greatest hits from past musicals. The Broadway Review will include many of the favorite songs from shows over the past 20 years at Dakota. More information will be forthcoming, so mark your calendars!

MISCELLANEOUS

Elementary Spring Pictures will be taken on April 23rd. Brochures will be sent home with elementary students prior.

YMCA Informational Meeting for Summer Daycare - Thursday, April 22nd @ 5:30 in the elementary cafeteria.

For additional information, or if you are unable to attend this meeting, please call the YMCA @ 815-235-2467. Masks are required.

Community Church Closet

Faith Community Church has an entire basement of free clothes for parents & children of all ages. Please call the church office @ 815-865-5638 to schedule an appointment to benefit from this opportunity.

Dakota School District #201

April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:00 JH Volleyball @ South Beloit 6:00 HSVB @ Orangeville (No FS)	2 No School - Good Friday	3 10:00 HSVB @ Stillman Valley 11:00 VarFB vs Durand/Pec @ Auburn
4	5 No School 5:00 HSVB @ Pecatonica 5:00 JH Volleyball vs Orangeville 5:30 FSFB @ EPC (Lanark)	6 5:00 JHFB (H) Stockton 6:00 HSVB @ Pearl City (No FS)	7 5:00 JH Volleyball @ Orangeville	8 6:00 HSVB vs Pearl City (No FS)	9 5:00 VarFB (H at Harlem) vs LeWin	10 10:00 HSVB @ AFC
11	12 5:00 FSFB (H) vs East Dubuque 5:00 JH Volleyball @ Aquin	13 5:00 HSVB vs Aquin 5:00 JHFB (H) EPC	14 5:00 JH Volleyball vs Aquin	15 5:00 HSVB @ Aquin	16 5:00 VarFB (H at Harlem) vs Orangeville	17 10:00 HSVB vs Sycamore
18	19 5:00 HSVB vs East Dubuque 5:00 FSFB (H) vs Galena	20 5:00 JHFB @ Galena 6:00 Board of Education Meeting	21 5:00 HS Volleyball vs Durand	22 5:00 HSVB vs Pecatonica	23 Elementary Spring Pictures 7:00 VarFB @ Stockton HS	24 Junior Senior Prom
25	26 5:30 FSFB @ Forreton	27	28	29	30	



2021 -2022 Calendar

Dakota Schools

August 16	Teacher Institute
August 17	Teacher Institute
August 18	First full day of student attendance
September 3	Early Release @ 11:30 SIP Day
September 6	No School - Labor Day
October 8	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
October 11	No School – Columbus Day
October 15	End of Quarter 1
October 21	1:00 dismissal 2-7:30 pm Parent Teacher Conferences
October 26	4-7:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences
November 12	Early Release @ 11:30 - SIP Day
November 24	No School – Thanksgiving Break
November 25	No School - Thanksgiving Day
November 26	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 17	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
December 17	End of Quarter 2
December 20-Jan 2	No School - Winter Break
January 3	Teacher Institute
January 4	School Resumes
January 17	No School – MLK Birthday
February 11	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
February 21	No school – President's Day
March 11	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 18	Early Release @ 11:30 – SIP Day
March 21 – March 25	No School – Spring Break
April 15	No School – Good Friday
April 18	No School – Easter Monday
May 24	Last day of Student Attendance (if no ER days used)
May 25	Teacher Institute

Dakota Elementary APRIL 2021 Menu

<p align="center">All Breakfast & Lunch are FREE through end of the school year</p>	<p align="center">Breakfast & Lunch served with 1% White or Chocolate Milk</p>		<p>1 B-WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Banana, WG Crackers, Milk</p>	<p align="center">NO SCHOOL</p>
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<p>12 B-WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Ham & Cheese, WG Bun WG Cheez Its Fresh Carrots Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>13 B-WG Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Taco In A Bag (meat & cheese) Salsa Peaches WG Cracker Milk</p>	<p>14 B-WG Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Orange Chicken WG Fried Rice Baby Carrots Pears Fortune Cookie Milk</p>	<p>15 B-WG Poptart, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-WG Mini Pancakes, Yogurt String Cheese Strawberries Veggie Juice Milk</p>	<p>16 B-Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Pizza Tossed Salad Peas Banana Milk</p>
<p>19 B-WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk L- Quesadilla Tortilla Chips & Salsa Pears WG Crackers Milk</p>	<p>20 B-WG Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Sub Sandwich WG Bun WG Goldfish Broccoli Peaches Milk</p>	<p>21 B-WG Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Chicken Patty WG Bun WG Chips Veggie Juice Banana Milk</p>	<p>22 B-WG Poptart, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Hamburger WG Bun WG Sun Chips Green Beans Orange Slices Milk</p>	<p>23 B-Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Hot Dog WG Bun Popcorn Baked Beans Apple Slices Milk</p>
<p>26 B-WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-WG Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Applesauce Graham Crackers Milk</p>	<p>27 B-WG Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Orange Slices Milk</p>	<p>28 B-WG Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Ham & Cheese, WG Bun WG Cheez Its Fresh Carrots Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>29 B-WG Poptart, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Cheeseburger WG Bun WG Chips Veggie Juice Apple Slices Milk</p>	<p>30 B-Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk L-Bosco Sticks W/ Marinara Sauce Sidekick Slushie Pears Goldfish Crackers Milk</p>

Grades 7-12 MENU - APRIL 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1% Milk served with every meal.</p> <p>Juice & Fruit served with breakfast.</p>	<p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>		<p>1 Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Bacon Cheeseburger WG Bun Fries Peaches</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No School Good Friday</p>
<p>5</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>6 Donut /Yogurt</p> <p>Pizza Corn Fresh Orange Treat</p>	<p>7 Waffles</p> <p>Turkey/Bacon/Cheese Wrap Potato Salad Baked Beans Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>8 Biscuits/Gravy</p> <p>Scalloped Potato/Ham Glazed Carrots Hot Apple Slices W/G Dinner Roll/Butter</p>	<p>9 Cereal/Cheese Stick</p> <p>Baked Chicken Broccoli/Cauliflower W Cheese Pears Bread Stick</p>
<p>12 Ham/Cheese/Biscuit</p> <p>Meatball Sub Italian Green Beans Pineapple</p>	<p>13 Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Gravy Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>14 French Toast</p> <p>Lettuce Salad/Grilled Chicken/Fixings Fresh Broccoli Strawberries</p>	<p>15 Cheese Omelet/Tri Tater</p> <p>Quesadilla Country Blend Peaches</p>	<p>16 Parfait/Granola Bar</p> <p>Tater Tot Nachos Black Beans/Roasted Corn Applesauce</p>
<p>19 Breakfast Cookie</p> <p>Horseshoe/Texas Toast, Patty Fries/Cheese Sauce Pears</p>	<p>20 Breakfast Tornado</p> <p>Creamed Chicken/Biscuit Peas/Carrots Pineapple</p>	<p>21 Pancake Wrap</p> <p>Pork Tenderloin W/G Bun Salad/Fixings Broccoli Banana</p>	<p>22 Egg/Sausage/Cheese/Muffin</p> <p>Taco over Nacho Chips Spanish Rice Corn Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>23 Strudel</p> <p>Orange Chicken/Rice Egg Roll Mixed Veg Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie</p>
<p>26 Breakfast Riser</p> <p>Honey BBQ Chicken/Biscuit Green Beans Applesauce</p>	<p>27 Pancake Bites</p> <p>Ham/Potato/Cheese Bake California Blend Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>28 Bagel/Cream Cheese, Cheese Stick</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Celery/Carrots/Dip Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>29 Apple Bosco Stix</p> <p>Mac/Cheese Peas Peaches Garlic Toast</p>	<p>30 Chicken Biscuit</p> <p>Sloppy Joe WG Bun Baby Reds Baked Beans Pineapple</p>