NOVEMBER
2026

DAKOTA CUSD
#201

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ELEMENTARY NEWS

As we put a cap on the first quarter, I am happy to say that we have quite a bit to celebrate. We had over 140 students who had perfect attendance during the first quarter - this is a fantastic number given some of the illness that ran through our building. We had more than 50 students earn straight As in the first quarter. As you have read in Ms. Keffer's November update, we have much to celebrate with our Illinois Report Card designation.

Moving into these winter months, we have a number of fantastic events to look forward to. Dakota Elementary will be the home for this year's Dakota Veteran's Day Celebration on November 11; Mr. Wade has been working hard to plan another great event, and our staff and students are very excited to celebrate our community members who have served in the armed forces. Our Fall Family Reading Night is scheduled for November 19; Mrs. Kraft and her team of staff members have been planning another fun event centered around literacy and reading. We look forward to seeing and celebrating with many of our families at these events this month.

Jr. High & High School News

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with teachers and stay involved in your student's education.

Dakota Jr./Sr. High School also celebrated first-quarter academic success by recognizing students who earned Honor Roll and High Honor Roll with certificates. We are excited to share that 127 students earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher, including 49 students who achieved a GPA of 3.8 or higher. Congratulations to these students on their hard work and dedication. What a great start to the school year.

DISTRICT UPDATES

The recently released Illinois Report Card recognized Dakota Elementary School as Exemplary, the highest possible designation; Dakota High School as Approaching Exemplary, the second-highest designation; and Dakota Junior High School as Commendable, the third-highest designation. We celebrate the hard work of our students and staff while recognizing opportunities for continued growth. The Junior High's designation reflects a need to improve assessment outcomes for specific student populations. In response, the school will develop an improvement plan focused on targeted support, stronger student outcomes, and sustained improvement.

We recently emailed families a survey to gather feedback on Chromebook use and students' preferred ways of learning. Your responses will help guide the formation and work of a district committee centered on a book study of The Digital Delusion. The committee will examine research on technology in the classroom and use parent feedback to help develop thoughtful district practices for technology use. Thank you for sharing your perspective and supporting this work.

The end of the month brings Thanksgiving break. We hope that you enjoy your time with your families and we are incredibly grateful for your support and partnership.

Thank you,

Jenny Keffer, Superintendent
Dakota CUSD #201



DAKOTA MUSIC DEPARTMEN EVENTS

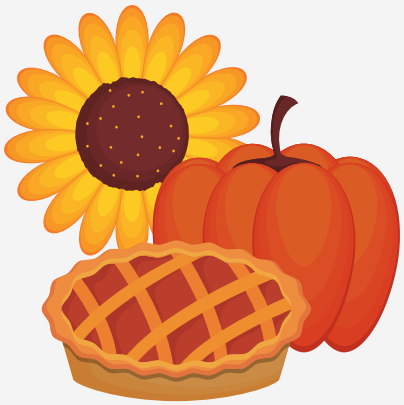
November 7 Dakota Theatre Camp Performance of "Willy Wonka Kids" at DHS Gym 7:00 pm
Admission is $8 Adults and $5 Student
November 11 Veteran's Day Breakfast & Assembly
November 21 ILMEA Festival
December 3 grades 7-12 Holiday Concert
December 7 grades K-2 Holiday Concert
December 8 grades 5-6 Holiday Concert

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Reminders

November 13 early dismissal at 11:30 SIP Day
November 25-27 No School Thanksgiving Break

LOOKING AHEAD
December 18 early dismissal 11:30
December 21 - January 1 No School Winter Break



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

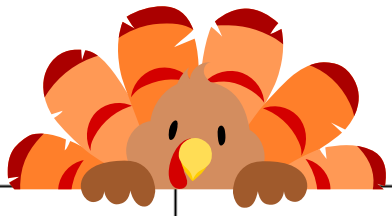
The Technology Department will be starting Chromebook checks in the Elementary School in November. Teachers will sign up for a timeslot and at that time one of the techs will go to the classroom and do a quick check of all student Chromebooks and chargers. This will help us identify any issues early and get them resolved so that the Chromebooks continue to be in good working order.

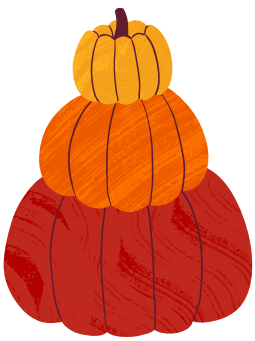
Parents please remind your students to treat their Chromebook gently and with respect so we can continue to keep everything in good working order.

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TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT & PTO EVENTS

November 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pancake Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Bacon Ch Burger W/G bun Potatoes Bites Tropical Fruit	3 Cheese Omelet Hashbrown Sausage Fruit Juice Milk BBQ Chicken Pizza Broccoli & Cheese Pineapple	4 Breakfast Bake Fruit Juice Milk French Toast, Sausage Hashbrown Dragon Juice Applesauce	5 Apple Bites Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Italian Sliders Cali Blend Carrots/Dip Strawberries	6 Cinnamon Roll Parfait Fruit Juice Milk Turkey Dinner Potatoes/Gravy Green beans Peaches Dinner Roll, Treat
9 Breakfast Pup String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Grilled Chix/Bacon On Garlic Toast Mixed Veg Mixed Fruit	10 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit Juice Milk Taco Crunch/Shell Corn Spanish Rice Pears	11 Chicken Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk Italian Pull Apart Salad/Dressings Peas & Carrots Banana	12 Strawberry French Toast Fruit Juice Milk Pork Tend W/G Bun Broccoli Salad Apple Slices Chips	13 Cereal Donut String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Sip Day
16 Banana Bread Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Wrapped Hotdog Corn on Cob Baked Beans Mand Oranges	17 Mc Muffin Fruit Juice Milk Pulled Pork W/G Bun Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Carrots Applesauce	18 Mini Cin Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk Orange Chix/Rice Broccoli Egg Roll Pineapple Fortune Cookie	19 Breakfast Taco Fruit Juice Milk Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Salad/Dressing Celery/Dip Grapes	20 Waffles Saus Hashbrown Fruit Juice Milk Ravioli Green beans Pears Garlic Toast Treat
23 Apple Turnover Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk KFC Bowl Corn Potatoes/Gravy Peas Mixed Fruit	24 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Loaded Fries Italian Blend Peaches	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School
30 Cheese Omelet Sausage Hashbrown Fruit Juice Milk Hot Ham & Ch on Pretzel Bun Mac & Cheese Pineapple			1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL *Juice & Fruit served with every breakfast*	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE *WG = Whole Grain*