



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.

May 2021

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

It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up this unprecedented school year. I want to again thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we have navigated the pandemic struggles. I am proud that we have been able to provide in person instruction for most of the school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd – May 7th. Our teachers and support staff have done an amazing job. They have learned new skills and ways of instruction which added to their workload, to ensure that our students are still learning through this challenging time. I am asking everyone to send a positive message or email to teachers and support staff to show appreciation.

I would like to thank Kathy DeHaven and the State Bank of Davis. Kathy arranged for Food Trucks to come to Dakota on May 5th to provide lunch for our staff for Appreciation Week. Kathy also approached the State Bank of Davis who generously agreed to sponsor the cost of the food trucks. We are extremely grateful for people in our community like Kathy, and the State Bank of Davis for their continued support of Dakota Schools.

This year we also honor & congratulate the following personnel who will be retiring.

**Jennifer Fox: K-12 Music/Fine Arts
Teacher.**

Jennifer started her career at Dakota in 1998. There is no doubt her talents have allowed the program to grow and flourish during her 23 years. She has directed over 35 theater performances (both high school & elementary) and conducted over 200 concerts.

**Greg Feiner –Elementary Physical
Education Teacher**

Greg began his career at Dakota Elementary in 1988, teaching physical education to students in grades K-4. The last 20 years he has taught students in grades K-6. During his 33 year tenure, he coached high school baseball & girls' basketball. Greg also greeted our students for many years as a bus driver.

**Diane Lawson – Administrative
Assistant – Superintendent's office.**

Diane started her career in September of 1986 as the elementary secretary to the principal, spending 32 of her 34+ years in this role. In July of 2019, she transitioned to the superintendent's office as the administrative assistant and Board of Education Secretary.

Thank you all for your many years of service to Dakota Schools & good luck with your next adventures.

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.

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, May 5th – TMC Meeting – 2:45 pm @ elementary
See details on next page.
Wednesday, May 5th – Academic Awards Night for Seniors Only – 6 pm. See details on next page.
Tuesday, May 18th - Board Of Education Meeting – 6 pm
Tuesday, May 25th – Students' Last Attendance Day
Wednesday, May 26th – Teacher Institute

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

SENIOR ACADEMIC

AWARDS NIGHT: This year's senior awards night program is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m.** in the high school gym. This evening is set aside to honor those seniors who have exhibited outstanding academic and/or attendance accomplishments. Each department will honor one or more students. In addition, a number of local scholarships will be awarded. It is an exciting evening!

The event this year is for **SENIORS** only. We ask that each senior bring no more than 2 guests due to COVID guidelines.

JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER

SCHOOL: Any junior high student who does not pass one or more core courses must either attend summer school to complete their requirements or be forced to repeat that course the following year. Students who fail more than 2 core courses will repeat the entire grade. *Summer school begins June 7th and runs approximately 6 weeks.*

More details to follow.

LAST DAY OF CLASS FOR SENIORS: Thursday, May 13th

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PRACTICE AND PICTURES:

Senior cap and gown pictures will begin at 11:30 on Friday, May 14th. Graduation practice will follow at 1:15. Attendance is mandatory.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

May 16th at 2:00 p.m. 4 tickets will be issued per graduate.

FINAL EXAMS: High school final exams will be given on May 24th and 25th.

JR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL

REPORT CARDS: Final report cards will be posted on Skyward the first week of June.

NURSE REMINDERS

Remember to submit current updated medication administration forms signed by the physician for next school year. These forms are required to be able to administer prescription medications as well as self administer medication/PRN forms for asthma medication.

Also, new action plans for students with asthma/allergy/seizure/diabetic issues will need to be completed from a physician, and submitted to have on file for next year. Incoming Kindergarten students need a comprehensive eye exam as well as physical and dental exams. Current physical/immunizations are needed for any student entering Preschool, Kindergarten, sixth or ninth grades.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school will be provided to invited students July 5th – July 29th, Monday – Thursday. Reading instruction will be from 8 – 10 am and Math from 10:15 – 12:15 pm. One pick-up and drop off location in area towns is provided for transportation. Details will be sent to qualifying students.

ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS

Elementary report cards will be sent home with students the last day of school, May 25th. Reports will also be posted in your child's Skyward portal.



TMC MEETING

A Timely & Meaningful Consultation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5th, at 2:45 pm in the elementary library. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-22 school year. Social distancing will be observed, and face masks will be required to attend this meeting.

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

We are so glad that our spring sports have begun. Wishing the best to all the athletes this spring. On May 5th, the Athletic Boosters will be presenting several \$350 scholarships. Our goal is to continue to support our athletes. We can only do this with the support of our community, mainly families of the athletes. Every parent of our athletes is considered part of the Athletic Boosters. As we get back into the full swing of sports and back to some normalcy, we would like you to consider being more active with the Booster Organization. Our meetings are on the District Calendar. We have several members that will be leaving. We need new members to continue this organization. Please consider joining us! Go Indians!



If you are interested in purchasing bricks for the brick wall at the track/field entrance, please visit the school website for cost & information.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department will be presenting a "Broadway Review" musical on May 21st and 22nd in the DHS Gym/Stage at 7 pm. The Review will showcase many great hits from past years through staging, dance and song.

Details will be forthcoming with seating/ticket information for a limited in-person audience as well as information for online tickets.

The show will be filled with past memories, and promises entertainment for all ages!



The Dakota Elementary 'LIBRARY ON WHEELS' will be heading to your neighborhood this summer! Watch for more details on our website & facebook.

2021-22 ONLINE REGISTRATION







Dakota Elementary AND the Jr/Sr High School will again be having on-line registration for returning students. Registration will take place in July. Instructions will be posted on our website: www.dakota201.org Any change of address will require verification prior to completing the registration process.

FOR SALE: 2007 CHEVY MALIBU: 95,000 odometer (Former drivers ed car). Please call the superintendent's office at 844-632-5682 for inquiries. \$4,000 OBO

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.

May 2021 Elementary Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pancake Pup Pasta w Meat Sauce Peas Peaches Garlic Bread	4 French Toasters Mini Chocolate Chip Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	5 Mini Cinnis Mac & Cheese Tossed Salad Pears Bread Stick	6 Bagelful Strawberry Fish Baked Beans Cole Slaw Applesauce Bread	7 Cereal Hamburger W/G Bun Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit Chips
10 Tornado Grilled Cheese Green Beans Strawberries	11 Pancakes Chicken Nuggets Carrots Blueberries Crackers	12 Banana Bread BBQ W/G Bun Tri Taters Pineapple	13 Muffin Biscuit & Gravy Yogurt Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit	14 Cereal Hot Dog & Bun Veggie Juice Apple Slices Cheeze Its
17 Donut Nachos Meat/Cheese/ Lettuce Carrots Apple Slices	18 Waffle PopcornChicken Pretzel Cheese Sauce Veggies Juice Side Kick	19 Breakfast Corn Dog Green Beans Banana	20 Breakfast Pizza Tossed Salad Applesauce	21 Cereal Cooks Surprise Veggies Fruit
24 Pancake Pup Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Veggie Juice Fruit Cup	25 Muffin Taco in a Bag Spanish rice Meat/Cheese/Lettuce/Salsa/SourCream Mixed Fruit	26 	27 	28 
31 	Breakfast and Lunch served with 1% White or Chocolate Prairie Farms Milk	Breakfast served with Fruit and Milk		

JR/SR High School Menu May 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Donut & Yogurt Fish Country Blend Fries Applesauce	4 Breakfast Pizza Hotdog W/G bun Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Fresh Oranges	5 Cheese Omelet Tri Taters Cheesy Bread Salad / fixings Carrots & dip Pineapple	6 Biscuits & Gravy Chicken Parmesan Italian Green beans Fresh fruit Garlic toast	7 French toast Nacho Grande Corn Spanish rice Peaches
10 Cereal & Ch Stick Salisbury Steak Mashed potatoes/gravy Mixed Fruit Garlic Stick	11 Breakfast Burrito Chicken Patty W/G Bun Broccoli/Cauliflower Pears Rice Krispy Treat	12 Breakfast Cookie/Yogurt Cheesy Enchilada Casserole 3 bean salad Applesauce	13 Pancake bites Turkey & Noodles Peas Red Grapes Cheesy bread	14 Parfait/Granola Bar Pizza Pasta Salad Mandarin Oranges
17 Cook's Choice	18 Cook's Choice	19 Cook's Choice	20 Cook's Choice	21 Cook's Choice
24 Cook's Choice	25 Cook's Choice			
			1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL <i>Juice & Fruit served with every Breakfast</i>	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE <i>WG = Whole Grain</i>

Dakota School District #201

May 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 am HSBA @ Stillman Valley (JV following)
2	3 5 th gr (6 pm) 6 th gr (7 pm) Spring Concert Concert DHS Gym 7:00 PM	4 4:30 pm HSBA vs Pearl City (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB vs Pearl City (JV following) 4:00 pm HST @ Pec CoEd	5 TMC Meeting - 2:45 pm 6:00 pm Academic Awards Night (for Seniors only)	6 4:30 pm HSBA @ Pearl City (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB @ Pearl City 5:00 pm HSWR @ Sycamore 4:00 pm HSGT @ Milledgeville	7	8 10:00 am HSWR @ Princeton
9	10 4:30 pm HSSB @ Stockton (JV following) 4:00 pm HSBT @ Milledgeville	11 4:30 pm HSBA @ Aquin (Highland - JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB @ Durand (JV following) 7:00 pm HSWR vs Genoa Kingston/Sterling	12	13 4:30 pm HSBA vs Aquin (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB vs Durand (JV following) 4:30 pm HST home Senior Night CoEd	14	15 11:00 am HSBA @ Polo 11:00 am HSSB @ Polo (JV following) 10:00 am HST @ Rockford Christian CoEd
16 2 pm - High School Graduation	17 4:00 pm HSBA vs Warren (JV following) 4:00 pm HSGT @ Lena 6 pm raindate HS graduation	18 Board of Education Mtg - 6:00 pm 4:30 pm HSBA vs Du-Pec (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB vs Pecatonica (JV following) 5:30 pm HSWR @ Oregon	19 4:00 pm HSBT @ Lena	20 4:30 pm HSBA @ Du-Pec (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB @ Pecatonica (JV following) 5:30 pm HSWR vs Belvidere North	21 Musical "Broadway Review" 7 pm	22 Musical "Broadway Review" 7 pm 10:00 am HSBA vs Amboy (JV following) 11:00 am HSSB vs Amboy (JV following) 10:00 am HST @ East CoEd

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24 4:00 pm HSBA vs Eastland (JV following) 4:00 pm HSSB vs Eastland (No JV)	25 Student last day of school 4:30 pm HSBA @ Orangeville (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB @ Orangeville (JV following) 5:30 pm HSWR vs DeKalb 4:30 pm HST home CoEd	26 5:30 pm HSWR @ Fulton	27 4:30 pm HSBA vs Orangeville (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB vs Orangeville (JV following) 5:30 pm HSWR @ Lena 4:00 pm HST @ Galena CoEd	28 4:30 pm HSBA @ Lena (JV following) 4:30 pm HSSB @ Lena (JV following)	29 11:00 am HSBA vs River Ridge (JV following) 11:00 am HSSB vs River Ridge/Scales Mound
30	31					