



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.

November 2020

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

I would like to thank students, staff, and parents for helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. I am very impressed by our students' willingness to wear their masks in the building and follow new procedures to help ensure schools can remain open.

The last day of student attendance for first semester will now be Friday, December 18th. Monday and Tuesday, December 21st and 22nd. will be used as "remote learning planning" days. Due to Covid-19, the State has approved five "remote learning planning" days to be used for all Illinois schools. Staff will use the time for training, provided by the IASA, to help us continue to improve our remote learning instruction.

Cameras are being installed in the gym and football field to provide Dakota fans the opportunity to watch Indian sports on the Internet. Subscription information will be sent out in the coming weeks. We are excited to be able to offer this service to our community.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and teamwork as we navigate through this unprecedented school year.

Jason Grey, Superintendent

SALVATION ARMY

Dakota Schools will be accepting non-perishable food items and new toys for the Salvation Army. Donations can be sent with your child and dropped in the red barrels located in both buildings throughout the holiday season.



NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 3rd -No school Election Day

November 5th – Elementary Picture Retake Day

November 10th – School Board Meeting – 6 pm

November 13th – 11:30 student dismissal – School Improvement day

November 25th – 27th - Thanksgiving Break

SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS:

Listed below is the link for the Dakota Indian "spirit wear" online store. The store is live until November 12th. All orders are paid online and will be ready for Christmas!

<https://dakotaspirit20.itemorder.com/sale>



STUDENT SERVICES

Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist
Katie Ries-School Counselor
Kevin Cline-Assistant Principal
Tina Buske – School Social Worker

Scholarships Currently Available:

Community Banking Scholarship:
Due February 1, 2021

Rock Energy Scholarships: Due
January 10, 2021

Community Foundation of
Northern Illinois-Opens Dec 1,
2020, Due Feb 1, 2021

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.

**Download most applications from www.dakota201.com; Jr/Sr High/Student Services page

New Transcript Service: Dakota High School is now partnered with Parchment, the leading electronic document exchange company in the US, to provide student transcripts to colleges. From a link on our website, students will be able to request their transcript be sent electronically to colleges for free, saving time and paper. Students

are considered "current students" and have access to the free exchange until August 1st following their graduation date. Then they become "alumni" and can still order transcripts but for a \$3.55 fee. The service is also available to all previous alumni. Current students and parents will be trained on the process this fall.

Current students are instructed to **NOT** order PAPER COPIES from Parchment, as they will be charged \$2.75 per copy. If a student needs multiple paper copies for scholarships, they can just request them from Mr. Cline per usual.

Parchment can be accessed from our district website by going to:

[Jr/Sr High School/Guidance/Resources](#),
[or www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com).

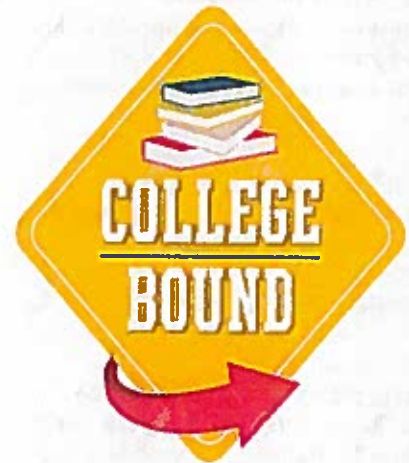
ALL SENIORS HAVE THEIR ACCESS CODES AND SHOULD HAVE CREATED AN ACCOUNT!!!!

WHAT SHOULD YOUR COLLEGE-BOUND SENIOR BE DOING IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER?

1. All applications to 4-year colleges and universities should be submitted, as well as all supporting documents such as transcripts and letter of recommendation. For smaller, private colleges (and HCC) this window is larger, but for state universities, applications should definitely be in.

2. Begin your scholarship search, particularly at the college or universities that you have been accepted to. Local scholarships will not pick-up steam until January so use this time to expand your search to a broader area. Also, begin gathering your letters of recommendations!

3. Parents should complete the FAFSA form this month in order to give your student the best chance at securing financial aid. On-line forms became available October 1st. The longer you wait, the smaller your odds. Visit www.fafsa.gov to create an FSA ID. Both students and parents need an ID.



NURSE'S NOTES

Sabrina Brown & Paula Rau

THANKS to all the parents/guardians for your understanding and patience as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. **We appreciate your help in remembering to complete the wellness survey for each student in their Skyward portal EVERY morning.** This wellness check is very important documentation for our school.

To complicate the year, we are entering the cold & flu season. Please review the IDPH guidelines included in this newsletter.

To parents of Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th & 9th graders: We are still waiting on some dental forms. If your child has seen the dentist, please make sure a dental form is returned to school. If your child has not seen the dentist yet, please make an appointment and have it submitted before the May 15th deadline. A mobile dentist is scheduled to visit Dakota Schools in February. In the past, all students Pre-K thru 18 years of age have been able to sign up for a visit. Due to the pandemic, we are unsure if this mobile dentist will become a reality this school year. Information and updates will be provided to parents as the month of February approaches.

The nursing office could use donations of girls & boys size 7/8 pants/sweatpants. If you would like to donate, please drop off to the elementary office.



COVID-19 INTERIM EXCLUSION GUIDANCE¹ Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs



Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms² are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain from unknown cause, new congestion/runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches. Medical Evaluation and Testing are **Strongly Recommended for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.**

Status	A. COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-like symptoms without COVID-19 testing and exposed to confirmed case (probable case)	B. Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test <i>Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests are valid only for the date they are collected; specimens collected more than 48 hours prior to symptom onset are not counted for determining school exclusion status.</i>	C. Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test	D. Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation <i>Individuals may move to Columns A, B, or C based on results of diagnostic testing and/or clinical evaluation.</i>	E. Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact ⁴ to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES	NO	NA
Return to School Guidance	Stay home at least ten ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition ⁴ . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools .	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition ⁴ . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools .	Stay home at least ten ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms	Stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period ³ guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parent) ⁵	NA
Documentation Required to Return to School	Release from Isolation letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff person, notification via phone, secure email or fax from the LHD to the school, OR other process implemented by your LHD	Negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test result OR healthcare provider's note indicating the negative RT-PCR test result	If testing is not performed due to the clinical judgment of the healthcare provider, a medical note is needed to return to school/day care documenting that there is no clinical suspicion for COVID-19 infection and indicate an alternative diagnosis with exclusion consistent with this diagnosis	After the ten-day exclusion, a note from parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are afebrile without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved	Release from Quarantine letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff member, LHD notification via phone, secure email or fax to the school OR other process implemented by your LHD

¹ Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department. This chart should be used in conjunction with the [Public Health Interim Guidance for Pre-K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs for Addressing COVID-19](#).

² New onset of a symptom not attributed to allergies or a pre-existing condition.

⁴ If the individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.

⁵ Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.






⁶ Contacts to close contacts of a case do not need to be excluded unless the close contact becomes a confirmed or probable case.

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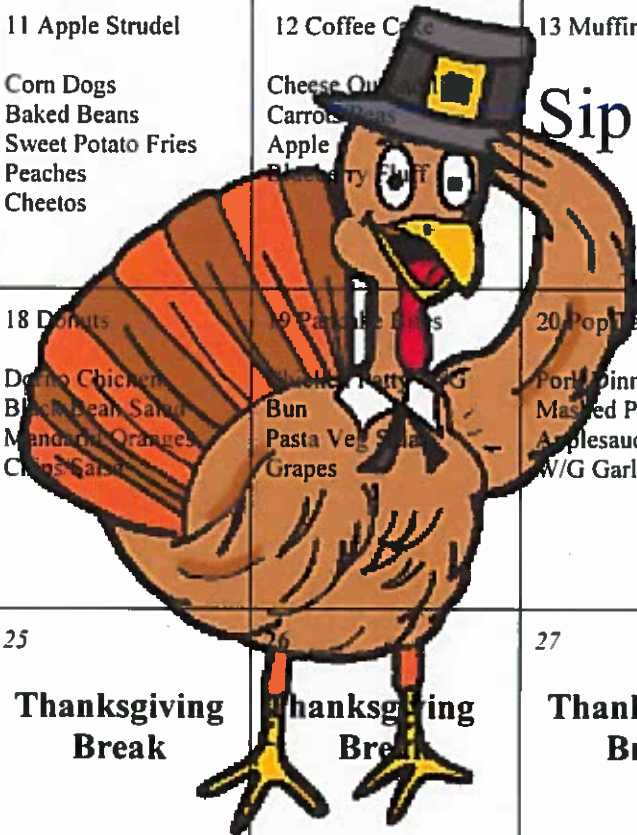
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ELECTION DAY No School - No Staff/student attendance	4	5 ARC Blood Drive @ RockCityFire Dept 1pm-6pm Sponsored by Servant Leadership	6	7
8	9	10 Board of Education Mtg - 6:00 pm	11	12	13 11:30 student dismissal (School Improvement Day)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27 No School Thanksgiving Break	28
29	30					

Dakota Elementary NOVEMBER 2020 Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Granola Bar Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Dinner Roll Peaches Fall Treat	3 NO SCHOOL  Go with your parents to VOTE!!	4 Breakfast Sandwich Chicken Strips Fries Berries	5 Muffin Walking Taco Beans & Corn Apple Slices	6 Banana Bread Pizza Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit
9 Pancakes Chicken Fajita Tortilla Corn Pears	10 Waffles French Toast, Sausage Links Dragon Juice Applesauce	11 Donuts Cheeseburger W/G Bun Green Beans Peaches	12 Muffin Hot Dog W/G Bun Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit	13 Cereal Early Release 11:30
16 Pancakes Orange Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	17 Waffles Sloppy Joe's W/G Bun Baked Beans Banana	18 Donuts Fish Glazed Carrots Peaches Dinner Roll	19 Muffin Pancake Pup Wango Mango Applesauce Syrup	20 Banana Bread Cheeseburger W/G Bun Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit
23 Pancakes French Toast Sausage Links Dragon Juice Applesauce	24 Waffles Corn Dog Chips Fresh Carrots Fresh Apple Ranch Dip	25 NO SCHOOL 	26 NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27  NO SCHOOL
30 Pancakes Chicken Patty W/G Bun Green Beans Pears		MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE		Breakfast is also served with fruit & Juice. Breakfast & Lunch served with choice of 1% white or chocolate milk

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Fresh baked Long John Memphis Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Mixed Fruit W/G Garlic Stick	3 No School	4 Breakfast Cookie Subs Chicken Noodle Soup Mixed Veg Peaches	5 Waffles Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Fresh Fruit W/G Dinner Roll	6 Parfait, Granola Bar Meatballs/Pretzel Bun Salad/Dressing Green Beans Mandarin Oranges
9 Pancake Bites Hot Dog W/G Bun Tots Bacon Potato Salad Strawberries	10 Cereal Chicken Spaghetti California Blend Pineapple Cheesy Bread	11 Apple Strudel Corn Dogs Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Peaches Cheetos	12 Coffee C Cheese O Carrots Apple Blueberry Fluff	13 Muffin Sip Day
16 Bagelful Chicken & Biscuit Peas Pears	17 W/G English Muffin W/ PB & Jelly W/G Turkey Wrap Cheesy Broccoli Soup Fresh Carrots Mixed Tropical Fruit Corn Muffin	18 Donuts Doritos Chicken Black Bean Salad Mandarin Oranges Chips Salsa	19 Pancake Bites Chicken Patty W/G Bun Pasta Veg Salad Grapes	20 PopTarts Pork Dinner Mashed Potato/Gravy Applesauce W/G Garlic Toast
23 Banana Bread Cheeseburger W/G Bun Little Garlic Potatoes Pineapple Sun Chips	24 Cinnamon Roll Pizza Corn Peaches Cookie	25 Thanksgiving Break	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Thanksgiving Break
30 Breakfast Cookie Taco Chicken in a Bag Spanish Rice Green Beans Slushie			1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE



WG = Whole Grain