# DAKOTA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 201

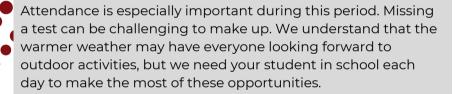
## April 2025 Newsletter



Craig Mathers, Superintendent Interim
Jenny Keffer, Superintendent Elect &
Jr/Sr High Principal
Ginnie Cunningham, Elementary Principal
Kevin Cline, Assistant Principal
Patty Monks, Superintendent Administrative Asst.

### Message from Superintendent Elect, Jenny Keffer

As we enter testing season, we want to remind families of the importance of supporting your child's well-being during this time. While standardized tests are not something any of us enjoy, they are a valuable opportunity for our students to showcase all they've learned throughout the year. To help ensure your child performs their best, please prioritize a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and making sure they arrive on time each day.



Let's work together to help our students shine! Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you,

Jenny Keffer Principal/ Superintendent Elect











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# Dakota Musical Theatre Sponsor HELP SPONSOR OUR MUSICAL "SPONGEBOB THE MUSICAL"

The Dakota Music Department and Drama Club are proud to present this year's Musical "SpongeBob the Musical" on April 4th and 5th, 2025 on the Dakota HS Stage. Our students are excited to bring the underwater world of Bikini Bottom to life with the characters of SpongeBob, Patrick. Sheldon, Plankton, Squidward and Sandy! To present a musical each year, there are many expenses required to produce a quality show. We are seeking sponsorships from individuals and local businesses to help support our production. Your support helps to fund the rental of materials for the show such as scripts and song books, the rental of wireless microphones, special effects, materials for set construction, costumes and orchestra. Your support will be featured in our program for the show as well as advertisement on our Facebook page. We greatly appreciate your support! If you would like to sponsor please contact 844-632-5682. x365

#### **Dakota PTO News**

- April 9: PTO meeting 5:30 PM
- April 11: 6th grade breakfast w/Buddy
- April 17: Family Movie Night
- May 02: Staff appreciation-PTO food day
- May 5-9: Literati Spring book fair
- May 09: Kindergarten breakfast w/Buddy



#### **Election Results for SY 2025-2026**

President: Stephanie Didesch Vice President: Mandi Baker Treasurer: Tasha Aultman Secretary: Ashley Smith

Float Officers: Kendra Rowe, Dalaura Bentley,

Megann Pieper

Teacher Liaisons: Anita Bicksler & Sandra Bahls

Thank you, to all of our wonderful volunteers!

I am beyond proud of the incredible growth our students have shown in both Math and ELA so far this school year! Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to learning are shining through every day. I can't wait to celebrate even more success when we share our spring iReady data in May! A huge THANK YOU to our amazing teachers AND parents for being true partners in education—your support makes all the difference. Let's keep the momentum going! Thank you to families who have sent donations from our Makerspace Wish List!! We appreciate your generosity!! DES students LOVE spending time creating in our Makerspace Lab. Please consider making a donation from our Wish List.

Thank you, Ginnie Cunningham Elementary Principal



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Scholarships currently available:

Cedarville Lions Club Scholarship: Due April 4th, Dakota Athletic Boosters Scholarship: Due April 7th, Citizens Bank Scholarship: Due April 11th, FFA Alumni Scholarship: Due April 11th, Madelyn Nicole Greene Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Due May 3, 2025

\*All scholarship applications and/or links are found on www.dakota201.org. Select "Jr/Sr High" and "Guidance."

\*8th grade Holocaust field trip: May 6, 2025. Permission slips are due no later than Friday, May 2nd.

\*Senior Academic awards night will be on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m. NHS Induction ceremony begins at 5:30.

\*National Honor Society: Congratulations to the following National Honor Society new members: Reese Reeter, Cora Ingram, Moyra Mathews, Tatumn Gill, Tori Gallagher, Jennifer Kaney, Peyton Woodsmall, Coleton Meier, Madisyn Dietmeier, Darin Gerber, Hailey Kerchner, Riley Schadewaldt, Beckett Flynn, Alayna Howarth, Alexis Kuhlmeier, Elisa Ugalde, Dustin Banderet, and Kenzie Tennant. The induction ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 5:30 p.m. right before Senior Academic Awards Night. Thank you

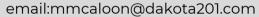
Kevin Cline-Assistant Principal/Academic Advisor

The technology department completed several projects over Spring break that included server and network upgrades as well as outside work with cameras and wifi. Planning for summer projects is also under way, with a planned refresh of one grade level of Chromebooks as well as cabling and networking upgrades. As we get toward the end of the school year, we request that parents please remind their students to be mindful of the Chromebooks they have been issued so we can end the year strong and with minimal damages to equipment

Thank you, Ross Eberle, Technology Director

Dakota Learn & Play Childcare Center has openings! Ages 5-10 years old

Any questions regarding our Childcare Center please contact Melissa McAloon 1-844-632-5682 ext. 271





- RemindersApril 4-5: HS Musical SpongeBob 7 PM
- April 4-17: IAR testing 3rd-6th grade
- April 05: FFA Alumni breakfast 8-noon
- April 09: ACT testing no school for Seniors
- April 11: SIP day early release 11:30 AM
- April 11-12: IHSA Musical organization contest
- April 15: Kindergarten screening
- April 18: NO SCHOOL: Good Friday
- April 22: Dakota board meeting 6 PM
- April 23: Administrative Professionals Day
- April 24: District Art show
- April 26: Dakota Prom
- April 29: Kindergarten screening Check with your student's school for any other calendar events!



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| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | ╛  |
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|   | Breakfast bagel <sup>1</sup> Fruit Juice Milk  Taco Crunch Spanish rice, fiesta corn Mixed Fruit Churro         | Pancake sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Chicken tenders Mash potatoes/gravy Peas, garlic toast Peaches                                       | Cheese omelet <sup>3</sup> Hashbrown Fruit Juice Milk Bacon cheeseburger W/G bun Veggies w/dip Mandarin oranges | Biscuits & gravy<br>Fruit Juice Milk<br>Pizza<br>Green beans<br>Grapes & treat     | 4  |
| Breakfast pizza 7<br>Fruit Juice Milk<br>Hot ham/cheese<br>Pretzel bun<br>Hashbrowns<br>Pineapple | Pancake Wrap Fruit Juice Milk  Chicken wings Peas/carrots Chips Pears   | Apples bites Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk  Corn Dog Baked beans Cole slaw Apple slices  | Breakfast taco 10<br>Fruit Juice Milk<br>High school-BBQ/bun<br>Elementary-Goulash<br>Broccoli/cheese<br>Banana | Cereal Donut Fruit Juice Milk  SIP Day Early Release 11:30                         | 11 |
| Breakfast bites Fruit Juice Milk  Fish W/G bun Cali blend veggies Mixed fruit                     | French toast Sausage Fruit Juice Milk  Meatball sub Corn on cob/butter Chips Strawberries                       | Banana bread Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk  Pancakes, sausage Hashbrowns Dragon juice Applesauce   | Breakfast bagel Fruit Juice Milk  Bosco stick/sauce Prince Edward veggies Peaches                               | NO<br>SCHOOL<br>GOOD<br>FRIDAY   | 18 |
| Chicken biscuit Fruit Juice Milk  Nachos Black beans/salsa Broccoli & cauliflower Pineapple       | Mini Cinni Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk  Spaghetti/meat sauce Green beans Garlic stick Mandarin Oranges              | Toaster scramble Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk  BBQ chicken over biscuit Mixed veggies Apple slices  | McMuffin Fruit Juice Milk Riblet dinner Mash potato/gravy Corn Garlic stick Peaches                             | Cinnamon Roll Parfait Fruit Juice Milk Hot dog W/G bun Carrots & salad Pears Treat | 25 |
| Smoothie Blueberry muffin Fruit Juice Milk  Crispy chicken/biscuit Peas & carrots Mixed fruit     | Cheese omelet Hashbrown & sausage Fruit Juice Milk  Chicken Fajita NW blend veggies Chips Pineapple fruit fluff | Breakfast cookie 30 String cheese Fruit Juice Milk Salisbury steak Mash potatoes/gravy Caribbean veggies Dinner roll/butter Applesauce | 1% milk served with every<br>meal.<br>Juice & Fruit served with<br>Breakfast                                    | Menu<br>Subject<br>to<br>change  |    |