

DAKOTA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 201

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dakota CUSD 201



Back to School: Welcome to a New Year of Learning!

The new school year kicks off on Wednesday, August 20, and we can't wait to welcome our students back! To help everyone get ready, we're hosting Open Houses on Monday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 19 (Kindergarten only). This year, we're placing a strong emphasis on student attendance and boosting math and reading outcomes. Partnering with parents is essential to achieving these goals and ensuring every student thrives. Help us support your student by reading together every day and ensuring they have a good night's sleep. Let's work together to make it a fantastic year of growth and learning!

New Year, New Initiative

Look for our new promotional materials coming soon!

In School
On Time
All Day
Every Day!

When students are absent, they miss valuable instructional time. You can help improve overall attendance by ensuring your student comes to school each day. We understand that illness and emergencies happen—but every day in class makes a difference. Let's work together to support strong attendance and student success.

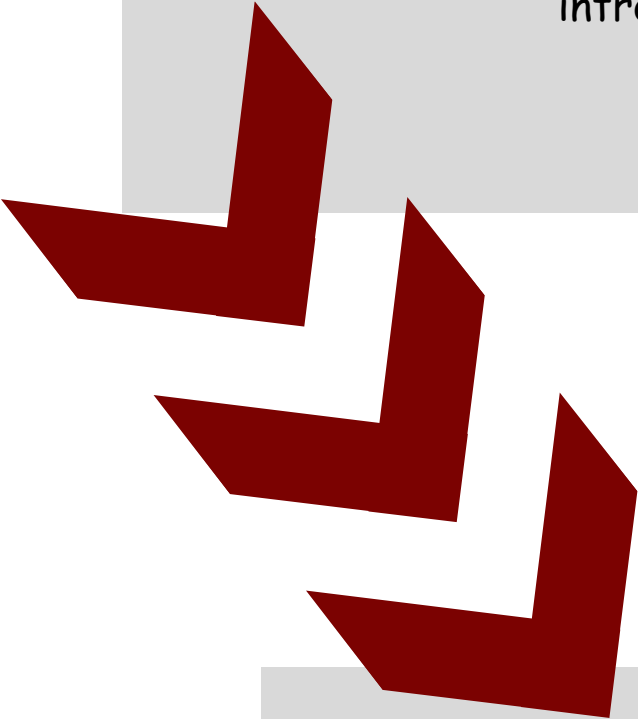
Mrs. Keffer, Superintendent

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We are excited to welcome Mr. Paddock to the High School Office.

Please click inside the box below for the link to view his introduction letter!



[Intro Letter](#)

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We are also excited to welcome
Mr. Berogan
as the Elementary Principal. He shares
the following:

- I am Illinois born and raised, with family all over from Dixon to Freeport. If you think you recognize my name and wonder if I'm related to so-and-so, the answer is most likely yes.
- I have been in education for 18 years - most of those years as a high school English teacher, with the last three years as assistant principal at Auburn High School in Rockford, IL.
- I am very excited to join the Dakota Elementary community. I look forward to a great 2025 school year full of Dakota student success.

Elementary students are welcome to bring their supplies and meet their teacher on Monday evening, August 18th from 5:30-7:00.

There will be an orientation night for 7th grade students, new students to the district, and their parents on Monday evening, August 18th starting at 6:00 p.m. Students can pick-up schedules, tour the building, and try locker combinations before the orientation session begins at 6:30. This program has proven very successful and parents and students are encouraged to attend.

KINDERGARTEN night is August 19th from 5:30-7:00.

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SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

All HIGH SCHOOL schedule changes are due by August 8th. Please email Mr. Cline at kcline@dakota201.com if you still wish to make a change before the beginning of school, keeping in mind that options are extremely limited at this point.

JUNIOR HIGH schedule changes are made only if special circumstances exist.

REMINDERS

PARENTS: PLEASE REMEMBER, FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, THERE SHOULD BE NO CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.



AGAIN, FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE

ONE WAY

TRAFFIC PATTERN IN
THE MORNING

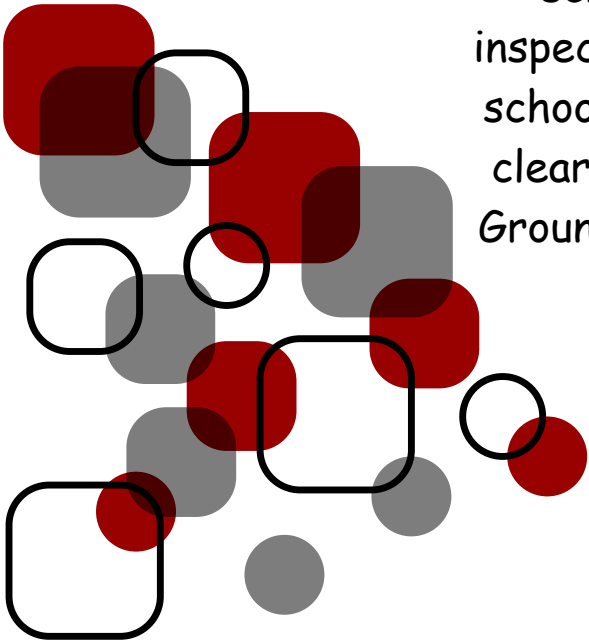
REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1ST.



Jenny Keffer, Superintendent
John Paddock, HS Principal
Kevin Cline, HS Assistant Principal
Chris Berogan, ES Principal

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Summer cleaning and construction projects are nearing completion. The gym floors at each school have been refinished. Fire alarm inspections and repairs have taken place. Both schools will have the sewage drainage system cleared before the start of the school year. Grounds care and improvements are ongoing.

- Tim Wilson

Summer projects are progressing well in the Technology Department, with the majority of new clocks installed in both buildings. All Chromebooks have been cleaned and updated, there will be one grade level that is receiving new Chromebooks for the upcoming school year. Classroom technology will be reassembled at the end of July in preparation for the return of teaching staff. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

- Ross Eberle



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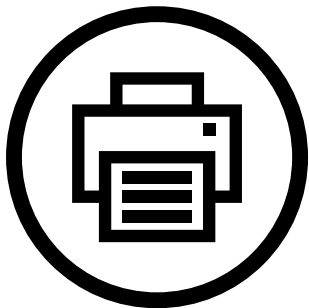
- Aug 13 4:30 - 5:30 School Supply Pick Up
- Aug 13 PTO Meeting 5:30 / Budget Approval
- Aug 18 Elementary/HS Back To School
- Aug 19 Kindergarten Back To School
- Aug 25 - Sept 5 Fannie May Sale

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NOTICE OF RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

The Illinois School Student Records Act permits publication of directory information (Ill Rev Stat, 1985, ch. 122, par. 50-6e). Information that may be designated as directory information shall be limited to: (a) identifying information: name, address, gender, grade level, birth date and place, and parents' names and address; (b) academic awards, degrees and honors; (c) information in relation to school sponsored activities; organizations and athletics; (d) major field of study; and (e) period of attendance in the school. "Directory Information" may be released to the general public, unless a parent informs the building principal in writing within ten (30) school days after publication of this notice that such information respecting his/her child shall not be released.



NEW FAX NUMBERS

ES:815-247-5702

HS:815-247-5704



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August 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1% milk served with every meal. Juice & Fruit served with Breakfast	W/G = Whole Grain Menu subject to change			1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18 Teachers Institute	19 Teachers Institute	20 Banana Bread Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Bacon Chicken Wrap Coleslaw Baked Beans Pears	21 McMuffin Fruit Juice Milk Cheese Quesadilla Corn on Cob / Butter Mandarin Oranges Treat	22 Cinnamon Roll, Parfait Fruit Juice Milk Meatball Sub Salad / Dressings Mixed Veggies Peaches
25 Cheese Omelet Sausage / Hashbrown Fruit Juice Milk Taco Crunch Black Bean Salsa Spanish Rice, Corn Pineapple	26 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots Mixed Fruit	27 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Bosco Sticks / Sauce Cali Blend Applesauce Treat	28 French Toast Sausage, Hashbrown Fruit Juice Milk Bacon Cheeseburger W/G Bun, Tots Green beans Grapes	29 Cereal, Donut String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Pancakes/Syrup Hashbrown Sausage Dragon Fruit Strawberries