

We are excited to welcome our students and families back for another school year! We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House on Tuesday, August 18, as we kick off a new year together. The first day of student attendance is Wednesday, August 19, and we can't wait to have our hallways filled with the energy and excitement that only our students can bring.

As the first day approaches, now is a great time to begin transitioning back to the school routine. Gradually moving bedtimes and morning wake-up times earlier can help make those first few days of school a little easier for everyone. As always, attendance matters. Every day in the classroom provides valuable learning opportunities, and students can't benefit from instruction if they aren't here. Thank you for making school attendance a priority. We appreciate the trust you place in us and look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year. Here's to a fantastic year of learning and growth. Welcome back, we can't wait to see you here!

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Ms. Keffer, Superintendent

High School Update

As we prepare to welcome students back for a new school year, we're excited to introduce a few new members of the Dakota Secondary School team.



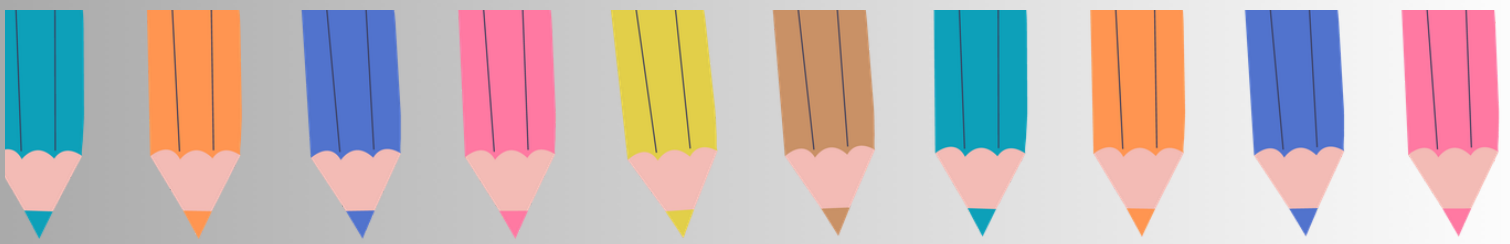
Please join us in welcoming Caleb Karlson, who will be joining our staff as a Science Teacher, and Danielle Brown and Sarah Graybill, who will be serving as Administrative Assistants in the secondary front office.

Welcome to Dakota; we're excited to have you on the team.
Mr. Paddock, Principal

LOOKING FOR SPORTS SCHEDULES?

Those can be found by going to the district website. Look under the "Quicklinks" and click on Dakota Jr/Sr Sports Snap.





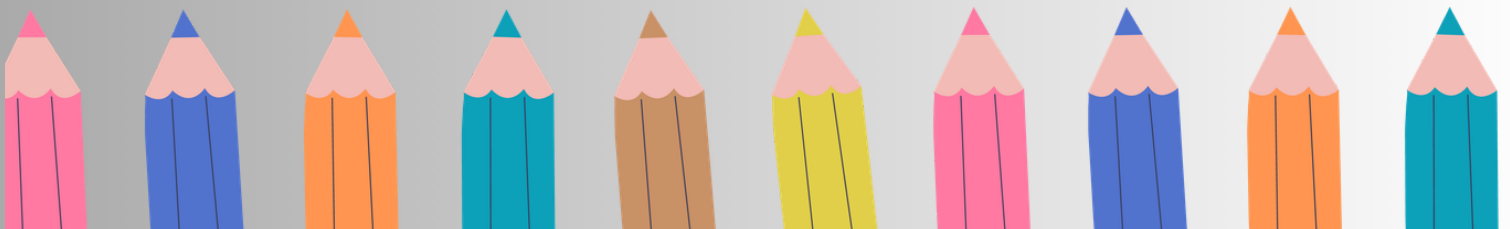
Dakota Elementary is ready to begin the school year.

We have fall kindergarten screenings on August 6.
Kindergarten orientation night is August 13 beginning
at 5:45 PM.

Back to School night is August 18 beginning at 5:30
PM.

We are excited to have students back in our building
and look forward to the beginning of a great school
year.

Thank you,
Mr. Berogan, Principal





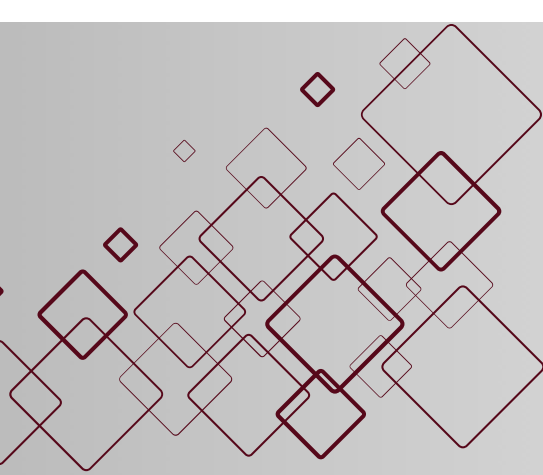
Music Department Upcoming Events:

- August 10-13 - HS Marching Band Camp - 4:00-8:00pm
August 17 - HS Marching Band Rehearsal - 6:00-8:00pm
August 18 - HS Marching Band Rehearsal - 6:00-8:00pm
August 19 - HS Marching Band - Welcome Back to School
Performance - 7:30am
August 22 - HS Marching Band @ Home Football Game

Mum Sale!

The Dakota JH & HS Bands and Choirs will be selling Mums during the first 2 weeks of school! Mums will sell for \$10 each and come in an 8" pot in a variety of colors. Delivery will be on September 10th, just in time for all of your fall decorating! Support a music student with the purchase of a mum!!





Fifth Grade Beginning Band!

Welcome to a new school year! Your child has a wonderful opportunity this school year to choose to participate in the Fifth Grade Beginning Band! During the first full week of school, your child will learn about the band and experience choosing and trying an instrument. On Thursday, August 27th, we will conduct mouthpiece testing. This will allow your child to try the instrument and help us to make sure your child has the right instrument fit.

The **Beginning Band Rental Meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 3rd in the High School Music Room at 7:00 pm. Our representative from Ward Brodt Music will be here to explain the procedure to rent an instrument and purchase your supplies. Look for more information during the first week of school! We look forward to your student joining the bands here at Dakota!





Library Corner: The Heartbeat of Dakota Schools

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! The Dakota School District libraries are refreshed and ready to welcome students into spaces that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of reading. Stop by to explore our hundreds of new books, expanded game collection, and welcoming spaces designed for learning, collaboration, and discovery. Don't forget to pick up a Back-to-School Reading BINGO card and return it by September 18 for a chance to win books, library swag, or gift cards!

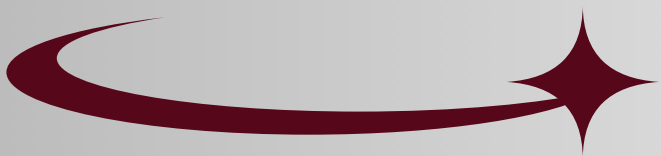
We also invite our school community to get involved! Parents, students, and community members are welcome to volunteer as library aides, Reading Buddies, or serve on our Acquisition Committee or Friends of the Library. High school students can also recommend their favorite BookTok reads for our upcoming display. Have a book you'd like us to add to the collection or gently used books to donate? We'd love to hear from you. Thank you for supporting Dakota School District libraries—we look forward to another great year of reading and learning together!



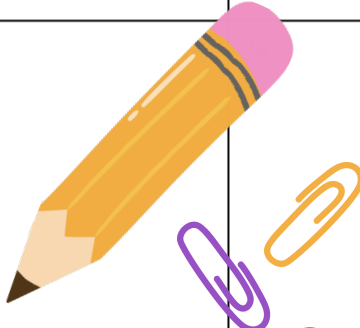
Over the summer, the Technology Department has been hard at work getting ready for the upcoming school year. Summer projects included new Chromebooks for this year's 7th grade students, a phone system upgrade, and new Smartboards for the Special Ed classrooms.

We also have put a survey in the registration process this year for parents that would like more info or assistance with the district technology. Both Max and I are looking forward to having teachers and students back for another great year!

Ross Eberle, Technology Director



AUGUST 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	
17 Teachers Inst	18 Teachers Inst	19 Cereal Donut Holes String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Bacon CHX Wrap Celery/Carrots/Dip Mixed Fruit Milk	20 CHX Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk Pancakes Sausage HB Dragon Juice Applesauce Milk	21 Banana Bread Parfait Fruit Juice Milk Nacho Tacos Spanish Rice Mixed Veg Pineapple Treat Milk
24 Pancake Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Green Beans Peaches Garlic Toast Milk	25 Cheese Omelet Sausage Fruit Juice Milk Bacon cheeseburger W/G Bun Fries Pears Sidekick Milk	26 Mini Cinnamon Roll Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk KFC Bowl Corn Potatoes/Gravy Applesauce Milk	27 Strawberry French Toast Sausage Fruit Juice Milk Hot Dog W/G Bun Baked Beans Pasta Salad Tropical Fruit Milk	28 Apple Bites Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk BBQ CHX Pizza Carrots Mixed Fruit Treat Milk
31 McMuffin Fruit Juice Milk Hot Ham Cheese Pretzel Bun Malibu Veg Mand Oranges Milk			1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL <i>Juice & Fruit served with every breakfast</i>	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE <i>W/G = Whole Grain</i>