



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Settling Into the School Year

It is wonderful to see our students settling into the school year with learning, laughter, and excitement! As we move into the school year, we encourage families to establish consistent routines at home.

Reading : 15–20 min/evening
Attendance : Every day counts
Routines : Consistent schedules

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The school year is in full swing, and our students are busy balancing academics, activities, athletics, and friendships. Consistent attendance helps students stay connected to their coursework, teachers, and classmates.

Every day matters —
be present!



DISTRICT UPDATES

Mold Remediation & New Turf Tank

Mold remediation at Dakota Elementary has been successfully completed. We thank All American Cleaning and Restoration for their professionalism.

We are excited to announce that the District now has a Turf Tank automated field-painting robot, made possible by generous donations from Helm and Country Financial!



DAKOTA MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS

- Sept. 3 — 5th Grade Band Rental, 7 PM @ DHS
- Sept. 4 — HS Marching Band at Home FB Game
- Sept. 10 — Mum Fundraiser Pick-up, 3:15 PM
- Sept. 12 — Marching Band at Lena Fall Festival
- Sept. 17 — HS Choir at Highland College Choir Day
- Sept. 19 — Marching Band at U of I Band Day
- Sept. 23 — Marching Band Homecoming Parade
- Sept. 25 — Marching Band Homecoming Game

Alumni: RSVP by Sept. 22 — ahackbarth@dakota201.com



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Calendar Fundraiser — All Month (Due Oct. 1)
Sept. 4 — 6th Grade Breakfast with a Buddy, 7:30 AM
Sept. 9 — PTO Meeting, 3:30 PM
Sept. 21 — Corey the Dribbler Assembly, 1:30 PM
Sept. 28–Oct. 2 — Fall Book Fair

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Technology Kickoff Success

The Technology Department is happy to report a successful school kickoff. Summer projects were completed, including new Special Ed Smartboard installs (completed Aug. 9) and a new phone system now in place throughout the buildings.

Smartboards	:	Installed Aug. 9, 2026
Phone System	:	Most locations complete
Status	:	Ongoing — nearly done

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LIBRARY CORNER

Welcome back to a fantastic new school year! Our libraries are bustling with energy, new stories, and exciting updates. Our school year is off to a flying start with impressive circulation numbers in just the first two weeks of school!



Dakota Elementary checked out 577 books
High School Library checked out 196 books



GET INVOLVED & LOOK AHEAD

Construction is underway on a new gazebo in our Literature Garden! We are seeking Library Aide volunteers for reshelving, organizing, and plant care — HS students earn community service hours. Join our Acquisition Committee (first Thursday, 3:30 PM), participate in the PTO Fall Book Fair at end of September, and look for Start with Hello Week activities promoting empathy and inclusion. Happy Reading!

Further Info: www.dakota201.com



MENU

SEPTEMBER 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cheese Omelet HB Sausage Fruit Juice Milk Orange Chicken over Rice/Fortune Cookie Egg Roll Broccoli Tropical Fruit	2 Applet Turnover Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Mini Corn Dogs Tots Calif Blend Peaches	3 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Italian Sliders Salad/Dressings Carrots/Dip Applesauce	4 Cereal Donut String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk SIP DAY
7 NO SCHOOL	8 Chicken Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk Bosco Stix/Sauce Green Beans Man Oranges Pineapple	9 Apple Bites Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk Pork Tenderloin W/G Bun Fries Grapes Chips	10 Breakfast Pizza String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Ranch Chicken on Garlic Toast Peas/Carrots Banana	11 Pancake Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Taco Bites Spanish Rice Corn Mixed Fruit Treat
14 Bagel Cream Cheese Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Italian Pull-Aparts Italian Blend Salad/Dressings Pears	15 Cereal Donut String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Veg Peaches	16 French Toast Sausage Fruit Juice Milk Chicken Patt W/G Bun Fries Calf Blend Apple Slices	17 Biscuits/Gravy Fruit Juice Milk Lasagna Roll-Ups Broccoli/Cauliflower Oranges Garlic Stick	18 Strawberry French Toast Fruit Juice Milk Sloppy Joes W/G Bun Pasta Salad Carrots Pineapple Treat
21 Apple Bites Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Chicken Fajita/Shell Peppers/Onion Fiesta Corn Pineapple	22 McMuffin Fruit Juice Milk Corn Dogs Baked Beans Peas Mixed Fruit	23 Mini Cream Cheese Bagel Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk Waffles HB Sausage Dragon Juice Applesauce	24 Banana Bread Parfait Fruit Juice Milk Grilled Cheese Carrots/celery/Dip Cheese Hashbrowns Strawberries	25 Cheese Omelet HB Sausage Fruit Juice Milk Nacho Pizza Mixed Veg Clementines Treat
28 Biscuits/Gravy Fruit Juice Milk BBQ Chx W/G Bun Broccoli/Cheese Little Reds Peaches	29 Breakfast Pizza String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk Mac/Cheese/Bacon Green Beans Tropical Fruit Garlic Toast	30 Breakfast Bowl Fruit Juice Milk Chx Parm Corn Pears Cheese Stick	1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL <i>Juice & Fruit served with every Breakfast</i>	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE <i>WG = Whole Grain</i>