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I hope all our Dakota families enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving break and were even able to appreciate a cozy snow day together. As we move into the winter months, please remember that difficult decisions regarding weather-related school and activity cancellations may arise. Any changes to our schedule will be communicated through our Skyward messaging system, so it is important that your contact information—especially your phone number—is up to date. We will also share closure information on our district Facebook page.

As December begins, we ask for your continued partnership in supporting our students. Encouraging plenty of rest, daily reading, and consistent attendance makes a tremendous difference in their growth and success. Thank you for all you do to support your little learners and our Dakota community.

Thank you,

Jenny Keffer
Superintendent
Dakota CUSD #201

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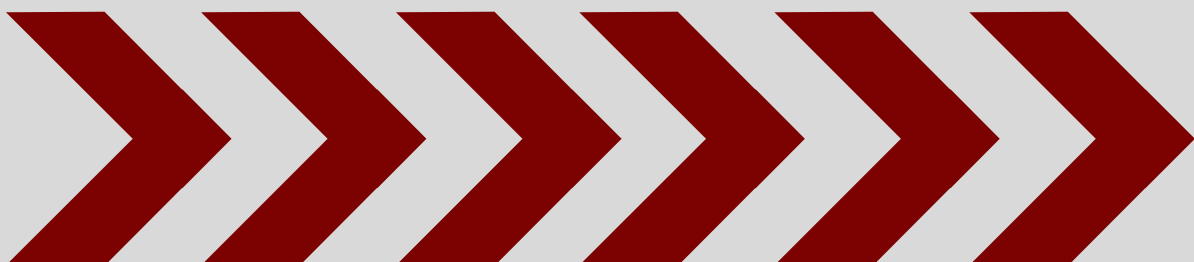
A friendly reminder to please send snow pants and snow boots with your child for recess during these winter months. Hats, gloves, and winter coats are also important as classes will be outside at recess unless our outside temperature drops below 10 degrees.

3rd and 4th Grades will take a field trip to see The Nutcracker on 12/5

PTO's Santa Shop will be 12/8 - 12/12

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Winter Concert 12/8
5th and 6th Grade Winter Concert 12/9

Chris Berogan
Principal - Dakota Elementary School
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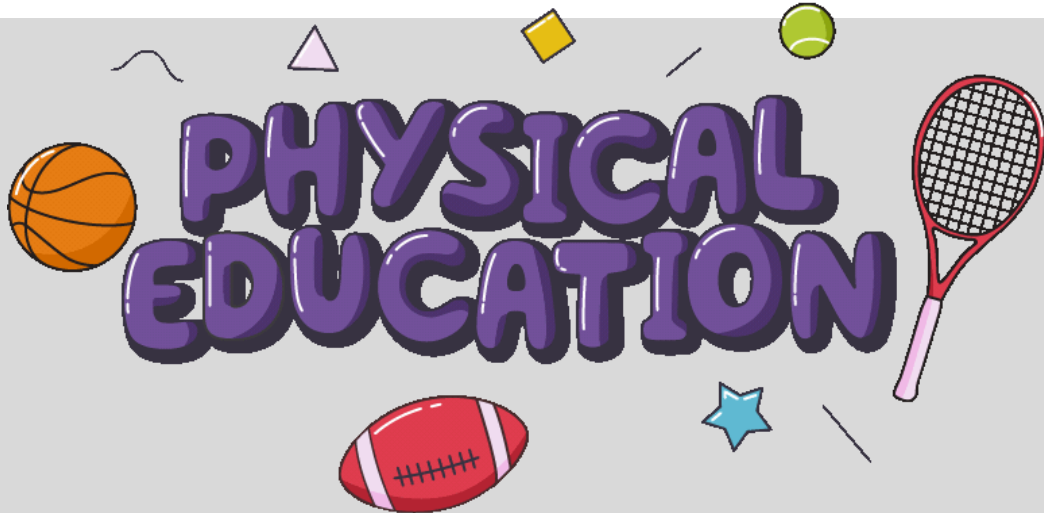
There are still slots to sign up to help with gate admissions for home sporting events. If you sign up for 3 events, you can select a single season sport pass to get into home games free. If you work at 5 events, your name will be added to the pass list to get into all home games free! Students can sign up with a parent and earn community service hours! Just have them stop in the office to get their form signed after they work at an event.

[Click to sign up here!](#)

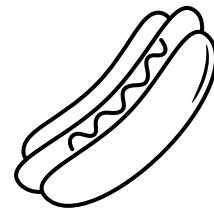
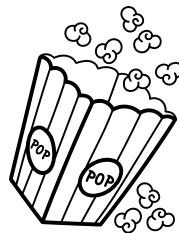
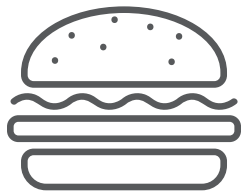


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P.E. UNIFORMS: Starting January 5, 2026, all Dakota P.E. students will be required to wear the proper uniform for class each day. The proper uniform is a Dakota P.E. shirt (gray or black) and appropriate length black, gray, or maroon shorts or sweatpants. Shirts and shorts are available for purchase in the main office if necessary. Reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions.



Dakota Athletic Booster Sign Up Genius Link:
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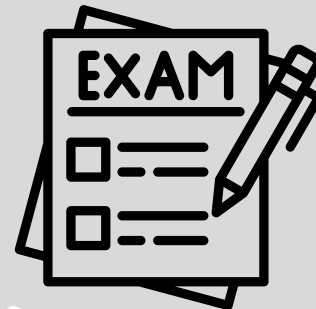
2026 Jr. Sr. High
Yearbooks are available.
Cost is \$50. They may
be purchased online by
clicking the Jostens link
below.

[Click to order here!](#)



REMINDERS

HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAMS:
December 17, 18, 19.



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

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Music Department News!



Food Drive @ Holiday Concerts sponsored by
The Dakota Servant Leadership:



We encourage our audience members to please bring a non-perishable food item as your admission to the concerts. All donations will be delivered to the Faith Community Church food pantry in Davis.

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November was a wonderful month in the Library and Literacy Garden!

Our students were busy readers! In November, the Elementary Library checked out **1,755** books, and the High School checked out **254** books. Way to go, Dakota readers!

During read-alouds, we explored the branches of the Armed Forces in honor of Veterans Day. Students shared stories of family members who served and even their own aspirations to see the world. We also highlighted kindness as part of districtwide Kindness Week and enjoyed fall-themed books about agriculture. Before Thanksgiving break, we read the Caldecott-winning *Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet, which inspired our fourth graders and their reading buddies to create their own hallway "balloon parade."

AR progress continues to rise!

This quarter, we focused on helping students match book choices to their interests and their i-Ready Lexile levels.

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The results have been impressive: last quarter, 83 elementary students met their AR goal; already this quarter, 72 students have met theirs—including 12 who have doubled their goals.

Students can now take AR quizzes until 7 p.m. and on weekends, which has made it easier for busy families to participate.

We look forward to celebrating even more student success as we near the end of the second quarter. It's exciting to see so many children developing a true love of reading!

A quick reminder about book checkout:

Library books may be kept for two weeks and renewed if needed. Students can typically check out two to four books depending on grade level.

If a student has more than two overdue books, we ask that those be returned before borrowing more.

Overdue slips may be sent home, and books more than a month overdue may be considered lost and subject to a replacement fee. Thank you for helping us keep books circulating for all students.

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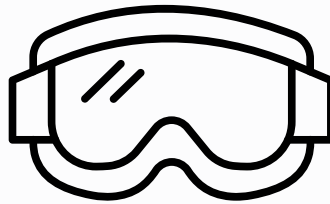
Literacy Garden Update:

The garden has been winterized—thank you to the committee and students who kept the space weeded, watered, and welcoming this fall. We host about 20 students from 4th-6th grade each week. If you or your student would like to volunteer regularly or assist with special events, please reach out to our library team.



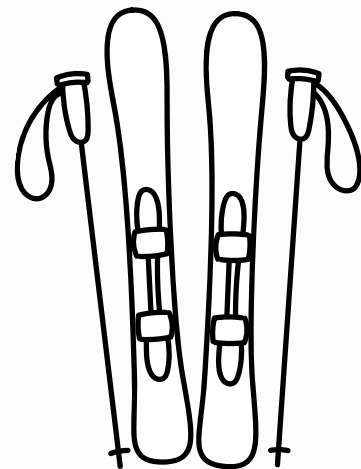
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Dakota families: Don't miss the Chestnut Mountain Discount Night on February 13th.

Chestnut Mountain Resort is offering a special district-wide Discount Night on Friday, February 13th, from 1:30 PM to 10:00 PM. For just \$35, participants will receive both a lift ticket and equipment rental-an incredible deal for skiers & snowboarders of all levels. Since February 13th is already an early dismissal day (11:30 AM SIP), it's a perfect opportunity for families to enjoy an afternoon and evening on the slopes. Please note that families must provide their own transportation and that this is not a chaperoned event; parents or guardians are responsible for their children. A district-wide email will be sent in February with the link to purchase tickets.



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DONATION DEN: We're excited to share that the Dakota Donation Den is now open and ready to support our students and families. This space was created to ensure that everyone in our school community has access to basic necessities.

The Donation Den offers items such as basic clothing needs, hygiene items, and school supplies (when available). If your family could benefit from items in the Donation Den, please email adague@dakota201.com.

We rely on the generosity of others to keep the Donation Den stocked. At this time, we are looking for coats (all sizes), hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, feminine products, etc.), gloves, hats, socks, and school supplies. If you would like to donate any items, please feel free to contact adague@dakota201.com to coordinate drop offs.

Thank you for helping us ensure every student has what they need to be successful!



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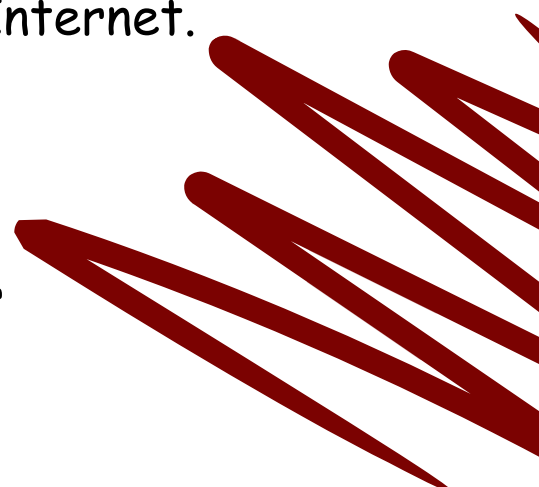
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The technology department is busy planning projects for Winter Break. Even though winter break is a little shorter this year, we have several server upgrades and network changes that should improve the technology experience for students and staff once they are complete.

We are also seeing increased attempts by students to get around the filter on their Chromebooks. We would like all parents and guardians to please help us out by speaking to your students and reminding them that the Chromebooks are meant for teaching and learning and to be mindful of what they are doing on the Internet.

Thanks!
Ross Eberle
Technology Director
Dakota CUSD #201



December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Apple Turnover Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk Corn dogs Baked Beans Broc & Cheese Pineapple	2 Breakfast Taco Fruit Juice Milk Chicken Parm Green beans Peaches Garlic Toast	3 Blueberry Muffin Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Grilled Chicken Wrap Peas Pears Chips	4 Bis & Gravy Fruit Juice Milk BBQ Pork W/G Bun Fries Mand. Oranges Treat	5 Pancake Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots Salad/Dressings Apple Slices
8 Waffles Hash browns Saus Fruit Juice Milk Lasagna Roll-ups Corn Applesauce Cheesy Bread	9 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Chicken Tenders Mashed Tater/Gravy NW Blend Mixed Fruit Garlic Stick	10 Banana Bread Gogurt Fruit Juice Milk Bacon Ch. Burger Lil Reds Tropical Fruit Treat	11 Cheese Omelet Saus Fruit Juice Milk Mac & Cheese/Bacon Cali Blend Pineapple Garlic Toast	12 Apple Bites Parfait Fruit Juice Milk Pizza Burger W/G Bun Italian Salad Tots Strawberries
15 Breakfast Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk Bosco St. with Sauce Mixed Veggie Pears Treat	16 Fruit Smoothie Breakfast Cookie Fruit Juice Milk Fiesta Pizza Peas & Carrots Tropical Fruit Apple Churros	17 Breakfast Scramblers Fruit Juice Milk Crunchy Taco/Shell Black Bean Salsa Fiest Corn Grapes Cornbread	18 Mc Muffin Fruit Juice Milk Cin Waffle Sausage Hash brown Dragon Juice Applesauce	19 Donut Cereal String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk SIP DAY
22	23	24	25	26
29 	30	31	Menu Subject to Change	1% Milk Served with every meal. Fruit & Juice Served With every meal