



# PANTHER

## Pride

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# Welcome...



to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Classes will begin for students in grades 6-12 on Wednesday, August 17 and on August 19 for students in grades JK-5.

## PRE-PAYMENT

*A back-to-school event for all Dakota Valley families*

# Days

### WHEN?

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022

### WHO?

All Dakota Valley Families

### WHERE?

High School Commons

### WHAT?

This one-stop back-to-school event makes it easy to...

- Pay any fees
- Sign up for district bus service
- Deposit money in student lunch and online MySchoolBucks
- Purchase season athletic passes and online MySchoolBucks
- Purchase Agendas and Headphones (ES & MS) and online MySchoolBucks
- Back-To-School Information Packets



\*\*\*Appointments needed for New Enrollments. Please contact the appropriate building.

**OPEN HOUSE** - August 16, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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# ADMINISTRATION CENTER PERSONNEL



**Dr. Tonia Warzecha,**  
**Superintendent**



***Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!***

I hope that all of you are enjoying the summer days and taking time for yourselves, friends, and family. This has been a wonderful first year for me at Dakota Valley! I've had the opportunity to meet many of you through committee work, attendance at activities and through conversations out in the community, and your commitment to high quality education is second to none. The staff, students, families, and community are incredibly supportive and invested in public education, which continues to make Dakota Valley a great school district for our children. In fact, in a recent news article posted by Keloland News, Dakota Valley School District was ranked THIRD in the state of South Dakota based on a variety of criteria including academic achievements, teacher salaries, expenses per student, and access to extracurricular activities. With over 13,000 school districts in our country and more than 150 in South Dakota alone, this is a huge honor and speaks to the investment in education that we all make on a daily basis.

Throughout this publication and around school, you will notice a newly designed Panther mascot. A committee of dedicated parents, Board members, staff, and I collaborated over the course of several months to focus on Dakota Valley's brand image. Bass Advertising designed three amazing options, and the committee narrowed them to the top two. From there, the options were pushed out to staff and students who voted on their favorite. An overwhelming percentage of students and staff chose this new Panther, and it will represent our district beautifully for years to come. Coupled with the adoption of our new mascot is the development of a new Dakota Valley website, which will be unveiled this fall. Our goal with the new website is to increase functionality and represent the information most requested by our families in easy to access avenues.

This year, we also began an in-depth, three-year school improvement process focusing on what is going well in our district and identifying opportunities for growth. We have partnered with Studer Education to facilitate this state-required process. This fall, you are invited to be part of this process and share your perspectives through participation in stakeholder focus groups facilitated by our leader-coach from Studer. This is a terrific opportunity for your voice to be heard so that we can receive feedback from all people in an effort to strengthen our school district for the future. We have an excellent foundation, as noted previously by our #3 state ranking, and want to continue building on that as we seek to further improve. More information will be provided as that time gets closer.

As you can see, it's been a busy first year, and we are looking forward to the 2022-23 school year! The days and weeks will go quickly as we get closer and closer to the start of school. The energy of our staff and students will bring our buildings to life, and we will begin our annual journey once again.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are proud to be your partner.

Best wishes,  
Dr. Warzecha



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## 2022-23 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

*Jeff Dooley*  
*Steve Kistner*  
*Andrew Nilges*  
*Matt Thompson*  
*Sara Weber*

### **Administration Center**

1150 Northshore Drive  
North Sioux City, SD 57049  
Phone: (605) 422-3800  
Fax: (605) 422-3807

### **Hours:**

M-F 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



**Jill Spender**  
*Business Manager*



**Jody Robertson**  
*District Admin. Assistant*



**ANNOUNCING!**

## **DIFFERENT START DATES BY GRADE LEVELS**

If you haven't already noticed on our school calendar, we have different start dates for students in Grades JK-5 compared to students in Grades 6-12. Students in Grades 6-12 start on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th while students in Grades JK-5 start on FRIDAY, AUGUST 19th. This is a brand-new opportunity for teachers and families in the lower grades to have time to have a successful start for their younger students.

Students in Grades 6-12 will have the same start to school as they have every year in the past. On August 17th, they will either ride the bus to school or have families bring them at the regular time to start with their first period class. School will proceed as normal for all students in these grades. At the same time, teachers in Grades JK-5 will be hosting pre-scheduled conferences with individual students and families. The focus of these conferences is different based on the grade level. For example, for students in Grade 4, this is their first experience in the UE/MS building, and teachers may use this opportunity to show them around the building to alleviate some anxiety that students may be feeling. It is a great time to meet the teacher, see the classroom, unload school supplies, and have one-on-one focused attention from the teacher. You can also use this time to ask questions that you may not feel comfortable asking at an open house event. At the primary levels, this conference may be used for beginning of the year assessments (letter naming, number identification) so that students can jump right into learning when school begins. Think of these first days for our younger Panthers as a "Smart Start" opportunity to begin the 2022-23 school year on the right foot.

We know that this first year will feel different than it has in the past, and we appreciate your partnership in rolling out this new opportunity. We look forward to having everyone on campus and having an AMAZING 2022-23 school year!

Thank you,  
Dakota Valley Administration Team



**Dakota Valley  
School District  
Ranked #3  
in South Dakota**

Dakota Valley strives to continually improve our programming for students at all levels. We are thrilled to share new and exciting opportunities for our Middle School learners.

Project Lead The Way STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) curriculum will be utilized to offer a course for all 6th – 8th grade students to coordinate with the newly rolled out STEM program at the elementary. Mr. Adam Shanks is excited to teach this new "Design and Modeling" course and shares, "I finished the PLTW training, and it was awesome! The kids are going to love it! I'm very excited about this new opportunity." The PLTW curriculum supports rigorous learning and fosters excitement for STEM through connections to careers and real-world problems.

In addition, DVMS is piloting a CTE Career Explorations course for 7th and 8th grade students. These courses have been built into the regular MS schedule with the intent to set students on paths that create meaningful careers. By reaching students at a younger age with options, information, and exposure to careers that they may currently be unaware of, students may have a better idea of the coursework they wish to pursue in high school and ultimately, which career path they wish to pursue for their future. These classes connect to the course offerings at the high school level and are aligned to the CTE clusters and standards but at a middle school level, providing foundational concepts and information.

The Dakota Valley Special Services Department is rolling out a new program for students in Grades 6-12, and in some cases to age 21, who are on IEPs and needing additional supports. R.I.S.E., Reaching Independence through Support and Education, will focus on stimulating academics at all levels, social skills and life skills training, opportunities for inclusion both in the general education environment and through reverse inclusion with general education students "buddying" in the RISE classroom. Mrs. Morgan Hinds, veteran special education teacher at Dakota Valley, is leading this program with a team of paraprofessionals. Resources from the community and surrounding area will be utilized to provide life and job skill training to meet each student's needs.

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# DAKOTA VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## (JR. KINDERGARTEN — GRADE 3)



**Kristi Maloney,**  
**Elementary School Principal**

### **Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!**

Dakota Valley Elementary School serves approximately 400 students JK-3 and, as the foundation for student learning, the elementary staff aim to provide academic

achievement and growth in every student during the course of the school year. You will find that your child receives small-group or individualized instruction in core subject and skill areas throughout the day, including reading, spelling/phonics, math, and writing. Additionally, through an integrated, connected approach to learning, students are developing their competency in the skills of communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity. At DVES we pride ourselves on not only providing a rigorous academic program, but we also strive to help students learn and develop their social and emotional skills. As a building, we are using the Seven Habits of Happy Kids/Leader in Me to help children grow as leaders of themselves and others.

The elementary building (only) is structured by trimesters instead of quarters throughout the year. We want to ensure as much instructional time for your children as possible, and trimesters allow us to streamline our assessment process for students! The only difference you will notice is that instead of four report cards, you will receive three throughout the year. However, the teachers will continue to communicate with you over the course of the year, as necessary, based on the needs of your child.

The elementary staff is excited to continue hosting family nights throughout the school year to ensure that our students have the opportunity to engage with their families in the school building in ways that show them learning is fun! I truly believe that when families and schools partner together for the best interest of children, we can provide students with the foundations for a lifetime of learning and personal achievement. I am looking forward to working with you in the education of your children this school year!

### **PICTURE DAY** Tuesday, August 30

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

South Dakota law (SDCL 13-28-7.1) requires any student entering school in this state, prior to admission, to provide to school authorities certification from a licensed physician that he/she has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), according to the recommendations of the South Dakota Department of Health. The current minimum immunization requirements are defined as:

- 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis vaccine (DTaP or DTP)
- 4 doses of poliovirus vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- (Incoming kindergarten students only) Effective Aug. 2007, two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine administered after the age of 12 months or history of disease. Parental history is acceptable and physician documentation is necessary!

The current complete South Dakota Department of Health immunization requirements for school entry may be viewed online at <https://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/immunization/school.aspx>.



### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS**

Mailing Address: 1150 Northshore Drive

Physical Address: 80 Northshore Drive

North Sioux City, SD 57049

Phone: (605) 422-3840 Fax: (605) 422-3847

**Staff** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Students** 8:10 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

No child should be on the school grounds or in the building before 7:40 a.m. as there will be no adult supervision until this time. Please do not drop your child off before 7:40 a.m.

If for some reason your child will not be riding the bus, they need to be picked up no later than 5 minutes after the dismissal bell.

### **SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM**

ALL EXTERIOR DOORS ARE locked during the school day. Any parents or visitors to the school will need to press the doorbell / camera button located at the MAIN ENTRANCE in order to gain access to the school. The office staff can verify a person's identity before allowing entrance to the building. All visitors must check into the office first.

## **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS**

Children in grades K-4 **may not attend** school district events such as sporting events, concerts, plays, etc. unless they are accompanied by an adult.

## **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

South Dakota state law requires that the school have a copy of the certified birth certificate of each student enrolled in our school system. When we receive your child's records, we will be contacting you if there is not a copy of his/her birth certificate on file. Please send us a copy of the birth certificate or bring us the original, and we will make a copy for our records.

## **HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

Please notify the office of your child's school to update mailing lists.



**Lana Gardner**  
Elementary School Secretary



**Candy Moore**  
Office Secretary

## (GRADES JR. KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 3)

*Headphones are also required & will be available to purchase at school or online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) for grades JK-3 for \$5 each. Students may bring their own.*

### **Special Education**

#### **Pre-School (Voss)**

- 3 – Boxes Facial Tissue
- 4 – Rolls Paper Towels
- 4 – Folders, 2 with a pocket
- 3 – Packs unscented baby wipes
- 3 – Disinfectant wipes, bleach free
- 2 – Elmers Glue Bottle, Washable
- 4 – Elmers Glue Sticks
- 1 – 8ct Wide, Classic Markers, Washable
- 1 – Crayola Crayons, 24ct box
- 1 – Scissors for kids, blunt tip
- 1 – Box Gallon size Zip-Loc Baggies
- 1 – Box Sandwich size Zip-Loc Baggies

#### **Full Set of Clothes:**

**Pants, Shirt, Socks, Underwear**

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#### **Jr. Kindergarten (Galles)**

- 2 – 10ct Wide, Classic Markers, Washable
- 3 – Crayola Crayons, 24ct
- 3 – Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 – Pink Eraser
- 2 – Boxes Facial Tissue
- 2 – Pocket Folders, laminated
- 24 – Elmers Glue Sticks
- 3 – Rolls Paper Towels
- 1 – Pencil Box, plastic
- 10 – #2 **SHARPENED** pencils
- 1 – Scissors for kids, 5" blunt tip
- 1 – Crayola Water Color Paint
- 1 – Sandwich Size Zip-Loc Baggies
- 1 – Gallon Size Zip-Loc Baggies
- 1 – Spiral Notebook
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available for \$5 at pre-payment days or @ [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com))
- 4 – EXPO Dry Erase Markers – **BLACK ONLY**
- 1 – Beach Towel for rest time

**Art Room** – 1 Container Clorox wipes

#### **Full Set of Clothes:**

**Pants, Shirt, Socks, Underwear**

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### **Kindergarten**

- 1 – 10ct Wide, Classic Markers, Washable
- 3 – 24ct box Crayola Crayons
- 2 – Spiral Notebooks, 70ct, Wide Rule
- 4 – EXPO Dry Erase Markers – **BLACK ONLY**
- 1 – Scissors for Kids, 5", Blunt Tip
- 1 – Large Pink Eraser
- 3 – Folders, 2 Pocket with prongs – **PLASTIC**
- 2 – Boxes Facial Tissue
- 1 – Plastic Pencil Box, Regular Size
- 12 – Elmers Glue Sticks, Purple Washable, (possibility of more throughout the year)
- 12 – #2 Yellow Pencils – **SHARPENED**
- 2 – Disinfectant Wipes, Bleach Free, Scented
- 1 – Roll Paper Towels
- 1 – Package Baby Wipes
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available for \$5 at pre-payment days or @ [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com))
- 1 – Beach Towel for rest time

**Boys** – 1 Box Gallon Size Zip-Loc Bags

**Girls** – 1 Box Sandwich Size Zip-Loc Bags

**Art Room** – 1 container Clorox Wipes

#### **Full Set of Clothes:**

**Pants, Shirt, Socks, Underwear**

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### **1st Grade**

- 1 – 8ct, Classic Markers, Washable
- 2 – 24ct box Crayola Crayons
- 2 – Disinfectant Wipes, bleach free, scented
- 1 – Dry Erase Eraser
- 4 – EXPO Dry Erase Markers, **FINE TIP – BLACK ONLY**
- 2 – Large Pink Erasers
- 3 – Boxes Facial Tissue
- 3 – Folders, 2 pocket
- 24 – .9 Lead Size **Mechanical** Pencils
- 1 – 12ct Colored Pencils
- 6 – Elmers Glue Sticks
- 1 – Bottle Elmers Glue
- 1 – Scissors for Kids, 5" Blunt Tip
- 1 – Spiral Notebook, wide rule, 70 Count
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available for \$5 at pre-payment days or @ [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com))
- 1 – Roll Paper Towels
- 1 – Box Gallon or Quart Size Zip-Loc Bags
- Art Room** – **Crayola Markers any count/color/type**

*Please bring \$2.00 cash for your child's teacher to purchase a supply box that will fit in their desk.*

### **2nd Grade**

- 1 – 24ct Crayola Crayons box
- 4 – EXPO Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers **BLACK ONLY**
- 24 – #2 Pencils, **SHARPENED** - No Mechanical Pencils
- 2 – Large Pink Erasers
- 1 – 12ct Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 – 12ct Wide Classic Color Markers
- 4 – Elmers Glue Sticks
- 1 – Elmers Glue Bottle, 4oz
- 1 – Highlighter
- 1 – Plastic Pencil Box – 8.5"x5"
- 3 – Plastic 2 pocket folders (purple/red/yellow)
- 2 – Spiral Notebooks, 70 count wide rule, (purple/yellow)
- 1 – Scissors for Kids, 5" Blunt Tip
- 2 – Box Facial Tissues – 200 count
- 2 – Disinfectant Wipes
- 2 – Roll Paper Towels
- 1 – multi-pack of 3"x3" Post-Its
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available for \$5 at pre-payment days or @ [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com))

**Art Room** – 1 Regular Fine Black Sharpie

**Boys** – 1 Box Gallon Zip-Loc Bags, no slid bags

**Girls** – 1 Box Sandwich Zip-Loc Bags, no slider bags

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### **3rd Grade**

- 1 – 8ct Wide, Classic markers, Washable
- 1 – 24ct box Crayola Crayons
- 1 – 12ct Crayola Colored Pencils, **SHARPENED**
- 4 – **BLACK** fine point EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- 1 – Dry Erase Eraser
- 2 – Yellow Highlighters
- 12 – #2 Wood Pencils – **SHARPENED, YELLOW ONLY**
- 6 – Elmers Glue Sticks
- 1 – Scissors for Kids – 5" Pointed Tip
- 4 – Spiral Notebooks, wide rule, 70 Count (Red, Blue, Green, & Yellow)
- 4 – 2 pocket plastic folders (Red, Blue, Green & Yellow)
- 1 – Lg. Pack Loose leaf Paper, Wide Rule
- 1 – **YELLOW ONLY** Multi-pack of 3"x3" Post-Its
- 2 – Rolls Paper Towels
- 2 – Boxes Facial Tissue
- 1 – Container Clorox Wipes
- 2 – Large Pink Erasers
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available for \$5 at pre-payment days or @ [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com))
- 1 – Hard cover pencil box
- 1 – Black 3 ring 1" binder with inside pocket
- 1 – Notebook of choice
- 1 – Folder of choice
- Art Room** – 1 Regular Fine Black Sharpie
- Boys** – 1 Box Gallon size Zip-Loc Bags
- Girls** – 1 Box Sandwich size Zip-Loc Bags

***NOTE: All students must have tennis shoes for PE class and wear them on PE days.  
All Students need to have a bag that must fit in their locker. NO WHEELS please.***



Nichole Herzog,  
Upper-ES/  
Middle School Principal



Ben Blaeser,  
Dean of Students

Welcome back, Panthers!

Ms. Herzog and Mr. Blaeser are so excited to welcome you back for the 2022-2023 school year! We had so much fun together last school year, and this school year will be even better. As we prepare for a new school year, we are committed to improving our course offerings, the opportunities we provide for our students for continuous growth and enrichment, and our programs. You will note many improvements that our team has worked so hard on to prepare for your return. Our math program is improving its offerings with an 8th grade Algebra I class for high school credit and a 6th grade accelerated math class. We have added in a Career Exploration year-long class for our 8th graders so they enter high school even more prepared for all the electives, CTE classes, and programs provided by our high school team. Additionally, all 6th-8th grade students will get hands-on learning in Science-Technology-Engineering-Math through our STEM Specials class. Finally, we have developed an improved approach to Academic Help in 4th-8th grade that provides intentional interventions and enrichments for students, plus small group instruction and reteach opportunities. In addition to these academic improvements, we have been busy improving our building and grounds. You may notice classrooms that look revitalized with fresh paint, a refresh of the library, a new flexible seating area in our Nylen Science Center - providing a comfortable and fun space where students can learn and work collaboratively, and a parking lot refresh - providing a safer and more efficient pick-up environment for our students and families.

We hope you continue to have a relaxing and productive summer break! See you in August!

Ms. Herzog, Principal  
Mr. Blaeser, Dean of Students

Dakota Valley Middle School  
& Upper Elementary

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SCHOOL HOURS

Staff 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Students 8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.  
Tardy Bell 8:25 a.m. –  
(All students must be in their classroom)

PICTURE DAY Thursday, September 2

6TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION LAW

All Children entering 6th grade are required to receive additional immunizations prior to enrolling for the school year. All students will be required to provide proof that they have received both of the following immunizations before school starts:

- One Dose of TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)
- One Dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW)

The school district will be required to submit aggregate data to the SD Dept. Of Health.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Students who are new to the district should notify the upper elementary/middle schools ASAP. The middle school phone number is (605) 422-3830.

When students arrive on the 17th or 19th depending on grade, they will go directly to their first period classes. If students need assistance, staff will be available to help.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

The Student Handbook is available online for all students/parents at <https://www.dvschools.com/2/Forms>. If you prefer a paper copy please contact the DVMS/UE Office and we will send a copy home with your child.

ATTENDANCE INFO

If a student is absent, a parent is requested to notify the DVMS/UE Office by 9:00 a.m. either by phone/voicemail (605) 422-3830 or email [DakotaValleyUE@k12.sd.us](mailto:DakotaValleyUE@k12.sd.us) for grades 4-5 and [DakotaValleyMS@k12.sd.us](mailto:DakotaValleyMS@k12.sd.us) for grades 6-8. If the office has not been notified the student will be marked as UNEXCUSED ABSENCE and the parent will be contacted by phone and/or email to ensure your child is safely accounted for. We need a parent/guardian to confirm the absence and acknowledge they know why their child is not in school.



Debra Dailey  
DVMS/UE Secretary



Candy Moore  
Office Secretary



## (GRADES 4 – GRADE 8)

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### **4th Grade:**

- 48 – Pencils, #2 Lead - **SHARPENED\***
- 1 – Colored Pencils\*
- 1 – Pkg. Pencil Top Erasers\*
- 1 – Classic Colors Markers, Washable\*
- 1 – 4-Pak Dry Erase Expo Markers with Eraser\*
- 1 – Pencil Case - Soft Pouch (3-hole for binder)
- 2 – Pens (black/red)
- 3 – Sharpie Markers (1 for Art class)
- 2 – Highlighters (yellow)\*
- 3 – Glue Sticks\*
- 1 – 3-Pak POST-ITS Notes, 3"x3", any color\*
- 1 – Student Scissors\*
- 2 – 1" 3-Ring Binder (plastic see through cover)\*
- 1 – Notebook (yellow)
- 9 – 2-Pocket Plastic Folders (1) any color Art, (1) of each color: (orange, blue, black, yellow, red, purple, (2) green)
- 1 – Kleenex, large box\*
- 1 – Zipper, Trapper Keeper
- 1 – Planner for school (design your choice)
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available @ DV \$5)

*\*Depicts COMMUNITY USE in CLASSROOM*

### **5th Grade:**

- 48 – Pencils, #2 Lead
- 1 – Pencil Bag
- 7 – 2-Pocket Folder (Art)
- 1 – Box Colored Pencils
- 8 – Dry Erase Markers
- 1 – Sharpie Marker, *BLACK - Fine tip (Art)*
- 1 – Bottle of Glue
- 1 – Scissors
- 2 – Large Pink Erasers
- 1 – Dry Erase Eraser
- 1 – Pkg. 3"x3" POST-IT Notes (Girls only)
- 1 – Pkg. 1 quart size Ziplock Bags (Boys only)
- 1 – Roll Paper Towels
- 4 – Composition Notebooks (College ruled)
- 1 – Pkg. Loose Leaf Paper (College ruled)
- 1 – Kleenex (large box)
- 2 – Clorox Wipes (pkg.)
- 1 – Headphones - **NO WIRELESS** (available @ DV \$5)

### **6th Grade:**

- 24 – Pencils, #2 Lead
- 1 – 2-Pocket Folder (Art)
- 1 – Box Colored Pencils
- 6 – Ink Pens
- 1 – Box Colored Markers
- 1 – Sharpie Marker, *BLACK - Fine tip (Art)*
- 1 – 4-pack Dry Erase Expo Markers
- 2 – Highlighters
- 1 – Scissors
- 2 – Pkg. Clorox Wipes (Homeroom/Band)
- 2 – Large Pink Erasers (Art)
- 6 – Single Subject Notebooks
- 1 – Pkg. Index Cards (3"x5", ruled)
- 5 – 2-Pocket Folders (3-hole punched)
- 1 – Binder or Trapper or Accordion Folder
- 1 – Pkg. Loose Leaf Paper (College ruled)
- 3 – Kleenex, large boxes (1 Homeroom, 1 Band)
- 2 – Glue Sticks (1.27 oz.)
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available @ DV \$5)

### **7th Grade:**

- 36 – Pencils, #2 Lead
- 1 – Box Colored Pencils
- 1 – Box Colored Markers
- 2 – Papermate Flair Pens - *BLACK (Social Studies)*
- 2 – Glue Sticks (Homeroom)
- 2 – Sharpie Markers, *BLACK - Fine tip (Homeroom)*
- 2 – Sharpie Markers, *BLACK - Fine tip (Art, Homeroom)*
- 10 – Dry Erase Markers
- 2 – Highlighters
- 1 – Scissors
- 1 – Pkg. Index Cards , 3"x5" ruled (Homeroom)
- 1 – Pkg. 8-Tab Dividers (Reading)
- 1 – Pkg. 3"x3" POST-IT Notes (Reading)
- 2 – Single Subject Notebooks (College ruled)
- 1 – 3 Subject Notebook (College ruled - Science)
- 2 – 1.5" 3-Ring Binders w/ Clear Cover (1 black, 1 white)
- 1 – Pkg. Loose Leaf Paper (College ruled - Math)
- 1 – 2" 3-Ring Binder (Science)
- 2 – 2-pocket folders, 3-hole punched
- 2 – Box Kleenex (Large size)
- 2 – Clorox/Lysol Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 – Calculator TI-30XIIS (Math)
- 1 – Headphones - **NO WIRELESS** (available @ DV \$5)

### **8th Grade:**

- 24 – Pencils, #2 Lead (wood or Mechanical)
- 1 – Pkg. Lead for Mechanical Pencil (if student use)
- 1 – Pkg. Colored Pencils
- 6 – Ink pens (black or blue)
- 1 – Highlighter
- 1 – Glue Stick
- 1 – Pkg. Loose Leaf Paper (College ruled)
- 2 – Sharpie Markers, *BLACK - Fine tip (Art)*
- 1 – Pkg. Post-It Page Markers, 1/2"x1 3/4" (Reading)
- 1 – Pkg. Tab Dividers (Reading)
- 1 – Dry Erase Marker (1st period)
- 1 – 5-Subject Notebook (College ruled) or 4 – Single Subject Notebooks (College ruled)
- 1 – 1.5" 3-Ring Binder
- 1 – Calculator TI-30XIIS (Math)
- 2 – Pkg. Clorox Wipes (1 pack 1st period)
- 3 – Kleenex, Large boxes (2 boxes 1st period)
- 1 – Headphone - **NO WIRELESS** (available @ DV \$5)

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**

Middle School students may participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the school year including:

- Band (5th - 8th)
- Basketball (Purple Panthers, 7th & 8th)
- Chorus (5th – 8th)
- Comp Cheer (7th – 8th)
- Cross Country (7th & 8th)
- Drama (6th – 8th)
- Football (Purple Panthers, 7th & 8th)
- Golf (7th & 8th)
- Spelling Bee (4th – 8th)
- Student Council (6th – 8th)
- Track (7th & 8th)
- Volleyball (Purple Panthers, 7th & 8th)
- Wrestling (Purple Panthers, 7th & 8th)

**Contact the school office for additional information.**



### **DRIVING TO SCHOOL: MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Students are not allowed to drive to school. Students may ride bikes to school but must adhere to traffic laws and park bikes in the bike rack. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged bikes.

# DAKOTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)



**Erik Sommervold,**  
**High School Principal**

This school year will mark my 7th year at Dakota Valley High School, and I am as excited to start this school as any year prior.

Every year, we look at the accomplishments of the students who recently graduated from Dakota Valley. One of the achievements we track is the average ACT score of each class. For the 19th year in a row the DVHS students have scored above the national average, and the 9th year in a row we have scored above the state-wide averages for Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The ACT average score for students at Dakota Valley this past school year was a 23. This level of success is only possible when everyone (staff, students, parents, and community members) is actively supporting the success of the students. Dakota Valley is a special place, and I am grateful to be part of such a supportive team and community.



**Jeff Hamm,**  
**Assistant High School Principal**

Hello, my name is Jeff Hamm, and I will be the new Assistant Principal here at Dakota Valley High School. This year will mark my 16th year at Dakota Valley. I started at Dakota Valley teaching math in the middle school, and then I moved up to the high school to teach business classes in 2019. My wife, Jessica, and I have lived in North Sioux City since 2007, and we love being part of the community. I have 2 children who attend Dakota Valley. Ethan will be a sophomore, and Elizabeth will be in 7th grade. I am really excited about my new role and can't wait to see all the students back this fall.



## Dakota Valley High School

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## PICTURE DAY Wednesday, August 31

### Homecoming Activities

Monday, Sept. 26	Coronation – 7:30 p.m. Boys Golf Regions – 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Girls Soccer vs. Tea – 5:00 p.m. Cheer & Dance @ Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Float building – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 29	Cross Country @ Lennex – 4:00 p.m. Girls Soccer @ Vermillion—5:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Pierce—5:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 30	Homecoming Parade – 1:30 p.m. Football vs. Lennex – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1	High School Homecoming Dance 8:00 -10:00 p.m.

### New Student Registration

Parents of high school students who are new to the Dakota Valley School District should contact the high school office to pick up enrollment paperwork. This is also available on the Dakota Valley website high school tab under HS News. Once school records are received from the previous school, the school counselor will contact you to complete class registration. Freshman and new student orientation August 10 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., high school gym.

### Schedule Changes – Current DV Students

Monday, August 8 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 10 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 11 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

If a student is absent, parents should call the school between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to confirm the absence. If no call is received by 9:00 a.m., the school will make every effort to contact a parent/guardian to verify the absence. A written excuse is not necessary when a phone call has been made by the parent/guardian.

### "TARDY" POLICY

Students are expected to be through the door of the class-room when the bell sounds. Students who are not in their assigned classrooms will be marked absent. Any student who is tardy for class should report to the office. Students who are late 30 minutes or more will be marked absent. The 3rd and all subsequent tardies will result in detention. The 9th tardy will be cause for possible loss of credit, with possible removal from the class for the rest of the semester.



**Carrie Smith**  
**High School Secretary**



# ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT



**Bill Clements,**  
**Activities Director**

Activities Director, Bill Clements, is responsible for the coordination of school and extracurricular activities for the Dakota Valley School District. Mr. Clements also teaches Physical Education at the high school.

## Activity Tickets and Pass

Activity tickets will be available to all Dakota Valley School District students and adults. Activity tickets admit patrons to all home athletic events (except tournaments), all school plays, and assembly programs.

**Tickets can be purchased online at [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com)**

Activity ticket prices, for the 2022-23 school year, are as follows:

**Student (K-12)	\$3.00
**Adults	\$5.00
Double Header: Students	\$4.00
Adults	\$6.00
Season Activity Pass (K-12)	\$25.00
Season Activity Pass (Adult)	\$35.00
Family Season Pass	\$130.00
*Over Age 62	No Charge

*\*Contact the activities department for a golden age pass or a veteran pass.*

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS

Children in grades K-4 or younger **may not attend** school district events such as sporting events, concerts, plays, etc. unless they are accompanied by an adult.

## Athletic Physical Required

Students in grades 7-12 are required to have physicals to take part in interscholastic sports. This would include any sport the student may try out for during the year.

The reason for requiring physicals is to ensure that the parents, as well as the coach, have knowledge of potential health problems that could occur under the stress of physical activity.

Physical Date: **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**

**Last name A-M 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | N-Z 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Physicals will be done in the High School Commons - **Cost \$30**

*Physicals provided by Heartland Chiropractic who graciously donate all proceeds to the Dakota Valley Athletic Department*

## MS/HS Fall Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting

The fall sports parent/athlete meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the HS gym. In a continuing effort to improve communication, the activities department will be requiring at least one parent attend this meeting before the athlete will be allowed to begin practice. If a parent is unable to attend this meeting, a special meeting will have to be set up by the parent with the coach and activities director. Information will be sent out if any changes in meeting occur.

ALL ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

**[www.dvschools.com/athletics](https://www.dvschools.com/athletics)**

## Fall Sport Coaches

Cross Country	Tiffany Wendling
HS Football	Jeff VanDenHul
MS Football	Tim Ryan & Ryan Held
Boys Golf	Rodd Slater
HS Volleyball	Mary Miller
MS Volleyball	Jorja Gable
Competition Dance	Carey Baczwaski
Competition Cheer	Melanie Yakel
Sideline Cheer	Melanie Yakel
HS Girls Soccer	Jessie Castillo
HS Boys Soccer	Eddie Vongsiprasom

## Important Dates

<b>August 1</b>	Soccer, Competition Dance & Cheer Practice Begins
<b>August 1</b>	Parent Athlete Meetings
<b>August 8</b>	Football & Boys Golf Practice Begins
<b>August 11</b>	Volleyball & Cross Country Practice Begins
<b>August 17</b>	First Day of School
<b>August 19</b>	Fall Sports Bash (DV Boosters Meal at 5:00 p.m., Scrimmages at 6:00 p.m.)
<b>August 20</b>	Media Day/Team Pictures

## Sports and Activities

Dakota Valley offers a variety of activities that will enhance the overall educational experience of the students including:

Boys Baseball	Art Club
Girls and Boys Basketball	One Act Play
Girls and Boys Cross Country	Student Council
Boys Football	Choir
Girls Golf	Band
Girls Softball	Jazz Band
Girls and Boys Track & Field	Quiz Bowl
Girls Volleyball	National Honor Society
Girls and Boys Cross Country	Sideline Cheer
Girls and Boys Soccer	Skills USA
Competition Dance	Spanish Club
Competition Cheer	Visual Arts
Wrestling	FBLA
School Play	FCCLA



**Tena Carpenter**  
**Activities/Guidance Secretary**

# SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM



**Linda Steele,**  
**Special Services Director**

[www.dvschools.com/depts/specialservices](http://www.dvschools.com/depts/specialservices)

## Special Education

Dakota Valley Schools seeks to provide a continuum of quality special education programming for children, birth through age 21, as determined by the IEP or IFSP team of each individual student. Our mission is to provide a full range of programming and placement options, including early intervention and transition services, required to ensure that all individuals with disabilities are able to achieve maximum independence upon exiting from school.

## Section 504

In addition to Special Education, Dakota Valley schools seeks to provide supports through Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, specifically The Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A student may be considered for a 504 Plan if the student 1) has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities including learning; 2) Has a record of such impairment and 3) Is regarded as having such an impairment. Typically, this plan will provide supports through accommodations within the general education setting. A 504 Case Manager oversees the team of staff who support the student.

## Guidance and Counseling

The Dakota Valley guidance and counseling program provides a guideline for working with the various needs of our students in Preschool through their Senior Year. The goals of our comprehensive program aim primarily at placing the developmental needs of students as a top priority while supporting our students in making challenging life decisions. The guidance curriculum has a balanced emphasis on personal/social development, educational development and career development. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's school counselor.

Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services provides additional assistance with students to provide ongoing therapy as well as emergency services. Therapists are available at school and through Telehealth.

## Administration Center

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## English Language Learner Program

Dakota Valley Schools provides additional supports to students who identify as an English Language Learner. Students are identified by answering the following four questions upon enrollment at Dakota Valley:

- What is the language most frequently spoken at home?
- Which language did your child learn when he/she first began to talk?
- What language does your child most frequently speak at home?
- What language do you most frequently speak to your child?

Students receive services through a variety of methods along with accommodations made within the general education classroom.

## Medical Services

Nursing services are provided to students who have specific health care needs and for the day to day supports for students who have illnesses or injuries. The certified nurses support our students who have special needs by helping to develop health care plans in conjunction with their IEP or 504 Plan.

## Parent Resources

Early Childhood resources:

<http://www.sdbrightstart.com>

Early Literacy Information:

<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/pgparents.php>

SD Parent Connection:

<http://sdparent.org>

SD Mental Health resources:

<http://sdkidsmentalhealth.org>

Center for Disabilities at USD:

<http://www.usd.edu/cd>

Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services:

<http://http://www.lcbhs.net>



# DAKOTA VALLEY BOOSTER CLUB & PTO

It takes an incredible amount of effort to make any project successful. Parents and any other interested members of the community are encouraged to join the Boosters. We welcome your participation at our monthly meetings and we always have a place for you at our events. **The Booster Club meets the 1st Wednesday of each month** at P's Pizza at 8:00 p.m. For information, please email us at DVBoosters@gmail.com or contact us through our web form at [www.dvschools.com/parent&guardians](http://www.dvschools.com/parent&guardians).



## 2022-2023 Booster Club Board

**President** - Brooke Betsworth

**Vice President** - Angie Klemme

**Treasurer** - Heather Freeburn

**Secretary** - Angie Klemme

### Business Membership:

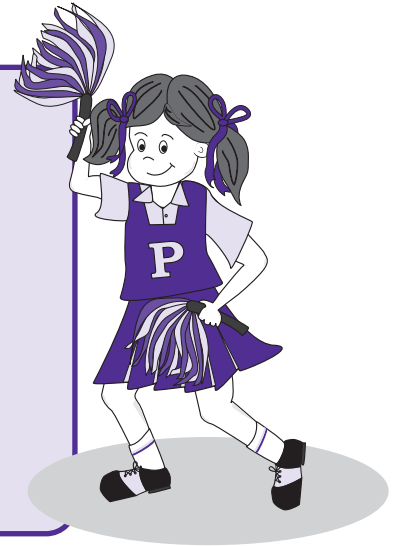
**Individual Membership:** Jessica Hede

**Clothing Chairs:** Amy Otten, Sheri Kneib, Anna Kilcullen

**State Giftbags & Tailgates:** Michele Boonstra

**Music Boosters Chair:** Rachel Phillips

**Board Members At-Large:** Shelly Kleis



The Booster Club strives to fund not only the reoccurring needs of the school but also larger projects and capital improvements pertaining to extra-curricular activities!

## DAKOTA VALLEY PTO

### 2022-2023 PTO Officers:

**President** - Heather Nelson

**Vice President** - Lacey Storm

**Co-Secretaries** - Jammie Geels & Amy Bomgaars

**Co-Treasurers** - Sara Loe & Kim Meyer

**Board Members at Large** - Amy Daniels, Stephanie Monk

### The PTO meetings are scheduled as follows:

Continue to follow the 2nd Tuesday of every month

Aug. 30, 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 10

Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 7

Oct. 11, 2:00 p.m.

March 14

Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m.

April 11

Dec. 13, 2:00 p.m.

May 9

### Future Meeting Dates

- Every 2nd Tuesday unless it falls on a holiday week.
- 1st meeting will be Tuesday, Aug 30.
- Alternate 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for first semester, then reassess based on attendance.

### How do I Join?

We will have a table set up at the schools during "Pre-payment Day" and Open House. In addition, we will send membership forms home with kids the first few days of school or you may register online: [www.dakotavalleypto.com](http://www.dakotavalleypto.com). The cost is \$15.00, which includes a school directory. Additional directories may be purchased for \$10.00 each.



### TO REACH OUT TO US:

**PTO facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dvpto/>

**or Email:**

[dakotavalleypto2014@yahoo.com](mailto:dakotavalleypto2014@yahoo.com)



# DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## LUNCH PROGRAM

### Welcome Back!

We look forward to the coming school year as the district has again contracted with Lunchtime Solutions to manage the food service program.

We encourage parents to join us for breakfast or lunch anytime during the school year. Feedback from students and parents is an important component of our program. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please call the Dakota Valley Food Service Director at 422-3810.

### School Breakfast

Breakfast will be available in the dining area (before school) at the elementary, middle school and high school. Please encourage your student to eat breakfast, either at home or school. Numerous studies have shown the importance of eating a healthy breakfast as proper nutrition in the morning allows young minds to concentrate on learning!

### School Lunch

School lunch will offer a wide variety of entrée choices at both serving locations. Elementary students will be offered two choices daily as well as various fruits, vegetables and salads. Middle and High School students may choose from any of six entrée choices as well as various fruits, vegetables, salads, and milk. Students may purchase additional entrees (ala carte) at additional cost.

### Ala Carte

The Ala Carte program for the middle and high school will again be offered through the cashier stations on student accounts this year. We will continue to offer a variety of food and beverage items to supplement the regular meal program with some adjustments to the items offered as we adapt to the new regulations relating to the program. Most items will be the same Grades 4-8, with a few items available only to the High School age group. Parents can access their child's accounts online through Myschoolbucks.com to see their child's participation report and monitor the spending on their accounts. Please have conversations with your child regarding your expectations on what they can purchase and the frequency of purchases.

### Student Accounts

Each student will have his/her own account which operates on a debit system. Because we receive an overwhelming number of deposits the first day of school, ***we strongly encourage parents to make deposits prior to the start of the school year.*** Our new online payment options at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) (credit card or bank draft) are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you write a personal check, please write your student(s) name(s) or ID number(s) in the memo line. Payments may be sent to: Dakota Valley School Lunch, 1150 Northshore Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049. If you prefer to send cash with your student(s), please seal in an envelope and write your student's name(s) on the outside. Neither the school district, nor Lunchtime Solutions are responsible for lost, unidentified, or stolen cash. Deposits during the school year should be turned in by 9:00 am at your child's school office to receive credit that same day.

### Charging Privileges

The district allows students and staff to charge up to \$8.50 against their account. When an account balance drops below \$5.00, the cashiers will verbally remind students to bring lunch money. Account statements are printed for students if requested in MS/HS and sent home with elementary students. When an account reaches negative \$8.50, charging privileges are suspended until the account is brought back to good standing.

### Free or Reduced Meal Applications

Free or reduced meal applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. If your student(s) were eligible for free or reduced price meals at the end of the 2021-22 school year, you will be granted a grace period to re-apply until Wednesday, September 28, 2022. **Households must re-apply each year for meal benefits.** If a qualifying application is not received on or before the end of the grace period, the student's meal account will be changed to "paying" status. If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact Jill Sponder, Business Manager, [Jill.Sponder@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jill.Sponder@k12.sd.us). Applications are available in all school offices or may be downloaded from the school website at [www.dvschools.com/foodservice](http://www.dvschools.com/foodservice).

### Income Guidelines

(Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

If your household income is less than the corresponding chart below, you may qualify for free or reduced price meals.

Household Size	Annually Free	Annually Reduced	Monthly Free	Monthly Reduced	2x Month Free	2x Month Reduced	Every 2 Weeks Free	Every 2 Weeks Reduced	Weekly Free	Weekly Reduced
1	17,667	25,142	1,473	2,096	737	1,048	680	967	340	484
2	23,803	33,874	1,984	2,823	992	1,412	916	1,303	458	652
3	29,939	42,606	2,495	3,551	1,248	1,776	1,152	1,639	576	820
4	36,075	51,338	3,007	4,279	1,504	2,140	1,388	1,975	694	988
5	42,211	60,424	3,518	5,006	1,759	2,503	1,624	2,311	812	1,156
6	48,347	68,802	4,029	5,734	2,015	2,867	1,860	2,647	930	1,324
7	54,483	77,534	4,541	6,462	2,271	3,231	2,096	2,983	1,048	1,492
8	60,619	86,266	5,052	7,189	2,526	3,595	2,332	3,318	1,166	1,659
For extra member, add	6,136	8,732	512	728	256	364	236	336	118	168

### 2022-23 Anticipated Pricing

	Paid	Reduced Price
Breakfast (K-3)	\$1.45	Free
Breakfast (4-12)	\$1.45	Free
Adult Breakfast	\$2.05	
Lunch K-3	\$2.80	\$ .40
Lunch 4-12	\$2.90	\$ .40
Adult Lunch	\$4.10	
Extra Lunch Entrée	\$2.05	\$2.05
Extra Branded Pizza	\$2.10	\$2.10
Extra Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50

# Dakota Valley School District School Calendar 2022-23

August 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Aug. 15 & 16: Staff Inservice S=11; T=13  
 Aug. 16: District Open House 5:30-7:30  
 Aug. 17: First Day for Grades 6-12  
 Aug. 17-18: Grades JK-5 Conferences/Assessment  
 Aug. 19: First Day for Grades JK-5

September 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sept. 5: No School, Labor Day S=21; T=21  
 Sept. 12: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service)

October 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Oct. 3: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=19; T=21  
 Oct. 14: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (42 days)  
 Oct. 18: District P/T Conferences 3:30-5:30  
 Oct. 19: District 1:30 Dismissal; P/T Conferences 2:00-8:00  
 Oct. 20: No School; P/T Conferences 8:00-12:00; PD 1:00-4:00  
 Oct. 21: No School

November 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Nov. 5: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=19; T=19  
 Nov. 10: End of Elementary Trimester (59 days)  
 Nov. 23-25: No School; Thanksgiving Break

December 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Dec. 5: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=16; T=16  
 Dec. 22: District Dismissal 1:30; End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. (44 days)  
 Dec. 23-30: Winter Break

Board Approved: 02.14.22

January 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Jan. 2: No School S=20; T=21  
 Jan. 3: Staff Inservice (1/2 PD, 1/2 Workday)

February 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Feb. 6: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=17; T=19  
 Feb. 10: End of Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester (55 days)  
 Feb. 14: P/T Conferences 3:30-5:30  
 Feb. 15: District 1:30 Dismissal; P/T Conferences 2:00-8:00  
 Feb. 16: No School; Conferences 8:00-12:00; PD 1:00-4:00  
 Feb. 17-20: No School

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Mar. 6: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=21; T=21  
 Mar. 10: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. (45 days)  
 Mar. 16-17: No School  
 Mar. 30-31: No School for JK, K, & Early Childhood (KDG Screening)

April 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Apr. 3: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=18; T=18  
 Apr. 7-10: No School

May 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

May 1: 1:30 District Dismissal (In-Service) S=14; T=15  
 May 13: Graduation  
 May 18: Last Day of School; District 1:30 Dismissal  
 May 18: End of 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. (45 days)  
 May 19: Staff In-Service

Note: All days missed due to inclement weather will be added to the end of the calendar

# DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

## Bus 15 Elementary Blue Boat

	APPROX. AM TIME / PM TIME	
W. Pinehurst Trail	7:12	3:37
Monterey Trail	7:14	3:39
W. Sawgrass Trail	7:15	3:41
Firethorn	7:16	3:43
Indian Wells Court	7:18	3:45
Quail Hollow Court	7:20	3:47
Crooked Tree Lane	7:22	3:49
E. Sawgrass	7:23	3:51
Inverness Trail	7:25	3:52
Riviera Circle	7:27	3:54
St. Andrews Circle	7:29	3:56
Pebble Beach	7:31	3:58
Royal Troon	7:33	3:59
Spanish Bay	7:35	3:50
E. Sawgrass Trail	7:37	3:52
E. Pinehurst Trail	7:39	3:54
Itasca	7:41	3:56
Champions Court	7:42	3:58
La Costa Court	7:43	4:00
<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>8:05</b>	

## Bus 31 – Middle-High School

Wellington Apts.	NA	3:40
1460 Cottonwood Landing Apts.	7:40	3:45
Cottonwood Landing Trail Park	7:41	3:46
Campbell Street & Wildflower Bend	7:43	3:47
Campbell Street & Harvest Bend	7:44	3:48
Campbell Street & Marie	7:45	3:49
Marie St. to Story Time Pre-School if needed		
Merrill Ave. & Campbell Street	7:47	3:51
River Drive	7:48	3:52
Wallace Ave. & Main Street	7:50	3:54
Wallace Ave. & Rose Street	7:51	3:55
Lloyd Street	7:53	3:56
Centennial Drive Apt.	7:55	3:59
Leneve Street	7:57	4:03
N. Main Street	7:58	4:04
N. Hwy 105	7:59	4:07
<b>Middle School Drop Off</b>	<b>8:05</b>	

## Bus 33 – Elementary Rainbow

Sioux Point Road & Quinella Apts.	7:10	3:30
		1st pm stop
Flurie Road & Prairie Passage - Sandy Mead	7:15	3:47
Prairie Passage	7:20	3:48
Tumbleweed	7:21	3:49
Tower Road	7:22	3:45
Prodigy Daycare	7:23	3:32 (2nd)
Levee Trail	7:27	3:35 (4th)
Oxbow Trail	7:28	3:36
Sagebrush Pass	7:30	3:37
Fawn Hollow	7:31	3:38
Bluestem Trail	7:32	3:39
Sandstone Circle	7:35	3:40
Shadow Valley	7:40	3:42
Windflower Bend	7:42	3:43
Wellington Apts.	7:45	3:34 (3rd)
<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>7:55</b>	

## Bus 34 – Middle-High School

Sioux Point Road & Quinella Apts.	7:33	3:35
Prairie Blvd. & Bobwhite Circle	7:38	3:40
Prairie Blvd. & Eagle Circle	7:39	3:41
Prairie Blvd. & Fox Circle	7:40	3:42
Prairie Blvd. & Hawk Circle	7:41	3:43
Prairie Blvd. & Meadowlark Circle	7:42	3:45
Bison Trail	7:44	3:49
Whitetail Place	7:45	3:50
Sterling Green Apts.	7:46	3:52
Wellington Apts.	7:48	3:54
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>8:00</b>	

## Bus 35 K-12 Red Apple

	APPROX. AM TIME / PM TIME	
Lakeview Drive	7:30	3:49
Lakeshore Drive	7:32	3:51
North Lake Apts.	7:34	3:53
McCook Apts. Lakeshore Drive	7:36	3:55
Streeter Drive & Bancroft Court	7:39	3:40
Street Drive & Union Court	7:40	3:42
Streeter Drive & Alcoma	7:41	3:44
Prairiewood Apts.	7:42	3:46
Westshore Drive	7:48	3:30
Suncoast Drive	7:50	3:32
Spruce	7:52	3:34
Evergreen Drive	7:55	3:36
Elementary School	8:00	

## Bus 36 – Elementary Pink Heart

Prairie Blvd. & Bobwhite Circle	7:18	3:30
Prairie Blvd. & Partridge Circle	7:19	3:31
Prairie Blvd. & Eagle Circle	7:20	3:32
Prairie Blvd. & Fox Circle	7:21	3:33
Prairie Blvd. & Hawk Circle	7:22	3:34
Prairie Blvd. & Meadowlark Circle	7:23	3:35
Bison Trail	7:28	3:38
Whitetail Place	7:29	3:40
1460 Cottonwood Landing Apts.	7:34	3:45
Cottonwood Landing Trail Park	7:35	3:46
Campbell Street & Wildflower Bend	7:36	3:48
Campbell Street & Harvest Bend	7:37	3:49
Campbell Street & Marie	7:38	3:50
Story Time Pre-School	7:39	3:51
Melrose Street	7:41	3:52
Victor Ave.	7:43	3:54
Lloyd Street	7:44	3:55
Wallace Ave. & Main Street	7:45	3:56
Leneve Street	7:47	3:57
Delier Street	7:48	3:58
N. Main Street	7:49	3:59
Centennial Drive Apts	7:53	4:00
N. Hwy 105	7:57	4:04
<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>8:00</b>	

## Bus 37– Middle-High School

Flurie Road & Prairie Passage	7:20	3:35
Prairie Passage	7:22	3:37
Tumbleweed	7:25	3:38
Flurie Road Country Acres	7:27	3:40
Shay & Tower Road	7:29	3:42
Prairie Bend	7:35	3:47
Windflower Bend	7:37	3:49
Follows Oxbow Trail to Bluestem Trail		
Bluestem Trail	7:39	3:50
Sandstone Circle	7:42	3:53
Bluestem Trail to Meadows Blvd.	7:45	3:55
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>8:00</b>	

## Bus 38 – K-12 Green Frog

480th Avenue	7:25	3:58
Wynstone Drive	7:30	3:40
Pinewood Park	7:32	3:42
Hidden Hollow	7:34	3:44
Brookside Drive (Elementary Only)	7:35	3:46
Red Cedar Court (Elementary Only)	7:37	3:47
Birchwood Court (Elementary Only)	7:39	3:48
Willowbrook Court (Elementary Only)	7:41	3:49
Fieldstone Court (Elementary Only)	7:42	3:50
Wyntstone Drive	7:45	3:52
Deer Run	7:50	3:55
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>7:55</b>	
<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>8:00</b>	

## Bus 41 K-12 Orange Crayon

	APPROX. AM TIME / PM TIME	
484th Street, Jefferson	7:18	3:50
St. Peters Childcare Main Street, Jefferson	7:25	3:57
Main Street & W. Dakota, Jefferson	7:26	3:58
Division Street & Third Street, Jefferson	7:27	4:00
McCook Apts. Street Drive	7:35	3:32
Streeter Drive & Bancroft Court	7:36	3:33
Street Drive & Union Court	7:38	3:34
Streeter Drive & Alcoma	7:39	3:35
Gatewood Estates Apts. Streeter Drive	7:40	3:36
River Drive & Cotts	7:43	3:39
Churchhill Circle - Cul De Sac	7:47	3:41
Belmont Park Ave.	7:48	3:42
<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>8:00</b>	
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>8:05</b>	

## Bus 42 – Middle-High School

Bruneau Drive	7:20	3:35
Lakeview Drive	7:22	3:37
Lakeshore Drive	7:23	3:38
Northlake Apts.	7:24	3:39
Lakeshore Mobile Home Park	7:25	3:40
Alcoma Drive	7:26	3:41
McCook Lake Apts.	7:28	3:42
Lakeshore Drive & Wycott Drive	7:30	3:43
Penrose Drive	7:37	3:48
Brookside Drive (MS & HS Only)	7:44	3:54
Red Cedar Court (MS & HS Only)	7:46	3:56
Birchwood Court (MS & HS Only)	7:47	3:57
Willowbrook Court ((MS & HS Only)	7:49	3:59
Fieldstone Court (MS & HS Only)	7:51	4:01
Westshore Drive	7:55	4:05
Suncoast Drive	7:58	4:08
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>8:02</b>	

## Bus 43 – Middle-High School

East Sawgrass Trail	7:25	3:37
Augusta Circle	7:26	3:38
Iverness Trail	7:27	3:39
E. Sawgrass Trail	7:29	3:41
Riviera Circle	7:31	3:43
E. St. Andrews Circle	7:33	3:45
N. Royal Troon	7:36	3:48
Glen Eagle	7:38	3:50
Murfield Court	7:39	3:51
Pebble Beach	7:41	3:53
Spanish Bay	7:44	3:56
E. Sawgrass Trail	7:47	3:59
E. Pinehurst Trail	7:48	4:01
Olympic	7:50	4:03
Itasca Court	7:51	4:04
Champions	7:52	4:05
Teton Pines	7:53	4:06
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>8:05</b>	

## Bus 53 – Middle-High School

303 Apts.	7:25	3:37
West Pinehurst Trail	7:30	3:42
Monterey Trail	7:32	3:44
West Sawgrass Trail	7:34	3:46
Firethorn Trail	7:35	3:47
Arrowhead Court	7:37	3:49
Quail Hollow Circle	7:39	3:51
West Sawgrass Trail	7:41	3:53
Levee Trail	7:45	3:56
Oxbow Trail	7:46	3:57
<b>Sagebush Pass</b>	<b>7:47</b>	<b>3:58</b>
<b>Fawn Hollow</b>	<b>7:48</b>	<b>3:59</b>
<b>Bluestem Trail</b>	<b>7:49</b>	<b>4:00</b>
<b>Meadows Blvd.</b>	<b>7:51</b>	<b>4:02</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>8:00</b>	

**THESE ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES AND MAY CHANGE!**



# ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICES

## COMPLAINT POLICY

Pursuant to federal and state law, the Dakota Valley School District is publishing this notice to inform the public that we do have a district-wide Public Concern and Complaint Policy. Persons wishing to submit official concerns or complaints relating to the school district policies, personnel, programs or instructional materials should begin at the level closest to the source of the complaint. For a copy of this policy, contact Superintendent of Schools, 1150 Northshore Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049 or call (605) 422-3800.

## HOMELESS STUDENTS POLICY

Dakota Valley School District shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children within the School District, ensure their immediate enrollment, provide them with comparable services offered to other students in the district, and eliminate barriers to their educational instruction/programs in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. No child or youth in the public school shall be discriminated against or stigmatized because of homelessness. For a copy of this policy, contact Superintendent of Schools, 1150 Northshore Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049 or call (605) 422-3800.

## ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), in the fall of 1988 we performed inspections of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection finding and asbestos management plans have been on file in the school administrative office since that time.

The EPA requires us to perform reinspections of the asbestos materials every three years. There has been no significant changes in condition of the remaining asbestos.

The results of the reinspection are on file in the Management Plan in the school administrative office. Everyone is welcome to view these anytime during normal school hours (M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

We are intent on not only complying with, but also exceeding, federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We plan on taking whatever steps necessary to ensure your children and our employees have a safe and healthy environment in which to learn and work.

## ESEA/ESSA PARENTS RIGHT –TO- KNOW

The federal education law called the Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that all parents/guardians who have children attending a Title I school, which in the Dakota Valley School District only includes the Elementary School, to be notified of their right to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals instructing their child. If you are interested in receiving this information, please send your request to the elementary principal who will provide a timely response.

### Title I Reading

Reading intervention for students in grades one through three is provided through Title I funding. This initiative is designed to help provide an accelerated, high quality curriculum for children at risk of not meeting both the South Dakota and Dakota Valley School District's academic achievement standards. Students receiving Title I services for reading are provided intervention beyond general classroom instruction. The core program used to fill this need is Reading Recovery for students in first grade. Caregiver involvement in the Reading Recovery program is critical for student success, and, parents/guardians of students who qualify for services are involved in the decision-making process from the beginning and are contacted directly, and communicated with consistently, by the Reading Recovery instructor who will be working with their child.

As required by the Office of Civil Rights, the district is listing its Career and Technical Programs at the high school level. The program areas include the following:

- Introduction to Drafting
- Mechanical Drawing and 3D Modeling
- Woods I, Woods II, Woods III
- Culinary Arts I and Culinary Arts II
- Food and Nutrition
- Fashion Design
- Child Development
- Welding and Advanced Welding
- Careers and Entrepreneurship
- Audiovisual Design
- Computer Programming and Web Publishing
- Robotics and Advanced Robotics
- Mobile Apps and Video Game Design
- Internship

## NONDISCRIMINATION & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

The Dakota Valley School District does not discriminate in its policies and programs on the basis of sex, or sexual orientation, race, color, age, religion, disabilities, or national origin.

Inquiries concerning the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the American with Disabilities Act should be brought to the attention of: the Special Services Director, 1150 Northshore Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049 or by phone at (605) 422-3800.

Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX, and School Food Services should be brought to the attention of: the Superintendent of Schools, 1150 Northshore Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049 or by phone at (605) 422-3800.

To file a complaint regarding Section 504, Title VI or Title IX, please contact the Regional Office for Civil Rights, write to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 320, Kansas City Missouri 64106. You may also call (816) 268-0550 or TDD to (800) 877-8339 or fax to (816) 268-0599.

To file a complaint of discrimination in regard to school food service, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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South Dakota Codified Law 13-28-50 requires school districts share directory information for students in grades 7 – 12 with the South Dakota Board of Regents and the four South Dakota Technical Institutes for the purpose of sharing information about post-secondary opportunities in South Dakota.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) affords parents certain rights with respect to their minor children's education records. They are:

- 1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records;
- 2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
- 3) The right to file with the US Department of Education, a complaint concerning alleged failures by Dakota Valley School District's student records policy. You can obtain a copy of the policy from the principal's office in each school within the district.

The district procedure notifying parents is as follows:

**"The principal of each attendance center may release the following information to the public at his/her discretion unless a written objection is filed: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, photograph, major field of study, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, diploma, honors and awards received, and previous schools or institutions attended.**

**The Type of information listed above may also be included in the student directory, school annual, sports, graduation programs and/or theater playbill.**

**A student, parent or guardian not wanting this information released to the public or included in the student directory or school annual, must make an objection in writing to the principal by September 9, 2022. The information objected to shall not be released nor included in the directory and/or annual as requested."**

You **need not** respond to this letter unless you wish to make an objection to the release of any of the listed items in paragraph three. If you have any objections, please list the items and return by September 9, 2022 to the building principal.

- 4) The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorized disclosure without consent.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I object to the following item's: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_