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A Few Things by Jay Slade, Superintendent



Hello everyone and welcome to October;

October always makes me think of that old North Dakota saying – If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change. We had Halloween where there was snow on the ground and we have also had Halloween where it was 70 degrees outside. My goal is to not have any weather related days until at least February, so let's cross our fingers we do not get any early season storms.

Unlike the weather, October in public education means consistency. Barring unforeseen situations, all students/staff/admin/parents are grizzled veterans and know the system. We all know when and where we are supposed to be somewhere. As a result, this is a good month/time to pay attention to grades and keep up with the homework and classes. Remember to utilize Homework Clubs at both the Elementary and the High School and talk to your teachers.

Speaking of consistency, we are still looking for drivers and paraprofessionals. Regarding drivers, we are looking for anyone who would be willing to be a substitute driver or activity driver. Larry and Leroy can only be in so many places. For paraprofessionals, we are looking to have someone start right away at the high school. If you know of anyone or if you yourself are interested, but just not sure – please reach out to Clay at DPHS.

Another area we continue to look for help is with the High School Science position. Because we were unable to fill the vacant job position, we employed a tactic many schools throughout the state and nation are employing – online learning. Huge thank you to Karen R. for stepping up and proctoring all of our 9-12 science classes. I understand there have been some hurdles to start the year and for that I say, stick with it. It will make sense sooner rather than later. Persevere, I know it is frustrating but keep asking questions and keep trying. Additionally, a huge thank you to former DP student and speech team standout Jayden B for agreeing to help out students with various technology issues regarding dual credit classes.

Regarding activities. Both our volleyball and football teams are in the middle of their seasons learning tons. I want to wish all VB and FB student athletes good luck as they move closer to the post season competi-

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tions. Our Dakota Prairie Elementary Girls Basketball season has come to an end just as our Boys team is starting. Big thanks to Coaches Kueber and Beglau for stepping up and teaching. I know from previous experiences, all student who participate will learn, have fun, and who knows – We may just have the next Kobe or Caitlin on our hands!

Lastly, I am so proud I get to share this. Dagan and Dori have been named to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction Superintendent's student cabinet. To have one student receive this honor is impressive, but to have two? Way to go girls and way to go DP!!

As always Go Chargers! Go Knights!!

LIBRARY NEWS

At the elementary school, the third and fourth grade students have been learning to become independent in finding titles in our collections. They've found the Alexandria website and are now able to search for topics they are interested in. The fifth graders have been helping me go through some of the preview boxes. They've picked out some sports icons books, animal battles (always popular), and a few science titles as well. I always enjoy seeing what is popular with the kids and pulling some similar items we already own to make a display. Little did they know, they were helping me in two ways. The sixth graders are wrapping up a project about authors styles. They each researched an author and, most recently, they teamed up with someone else to compare their findings.

We recently had a Donors Choose project that received funding at the elementary school. With the help of donors, we purchased two new display shelves for the media center. The white spinning shelf now houses the series Eyewitness and a States series. I immediately saw an increase in circulation of these titles. These nonfiction books are often overlooked, but now they have a new life in our library. The second, a ladder shelf, holds the newest picture books added to our collection along with some recent read-alouds. The Kindergarten and 1st grade students really love it because they can see the cover of the book and easily identify it. These display shelves have made an impact on student interest in nonfiction titles and renewed their excitement about reading books to learn. So sincerely, thank you.



At the high school, there are new titles that have been added to the collection. Thanks goes to Kori Madche (and her mom) for donating some new titles up north. They have been added to the display shelf. You can also see the newest titles online at <https://dakotaprairie.goalexandria.com/browse>

Keep reading!

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NELSON COUNTY MUSIC DATES 2026-2027

October

30 Halloween Concert

November

Barnes County Music Festival

13 UJ Honor Band

December

1 Winter Concert Petersburg

January

22-24 UND Honor

February

VCSU Vocal day

March

10 Large Group Carrington

12-15 Music trip

April

8 Solo/Ensemble UJ

May

1 State Music Minot

4 Spring Concert

**NC Charger Music
would like to thank
all that supported
our fundraiser!**

**Mr. Olsen is hum-
bled by the support
in the community.
Thank you!**

Help Us Revamp Our Wall of Honor!

The 10A 7-Mindsets group is working on a **revamp project** for the **Wall of Honor** at **Dakota Prairie High School**, and we need your help!

We are looking for **Veterans who are graduates of Dakota Prairie High School or its predecessor schools**, including **Tolna, Michigan, Aneta**, and other schools that are now part of Dakota Prairie.

If you know of a Dakota Prairie graduate who served in the military, we would love to include them on our Wall of Honor!

Please provide:

Veteran's name

Military branch

Rank

5x7 photo suitable for display

Photos may be **mailed or dropped off** at:

Dakota Prairie High School

518 4th Ave.

PO Box 37

Petersburg, ND 58272

Thank you for helping us honor the Veterans who have served our country and were once students in our Dakota Prairie community!



HOMECOMING COURT 2026

Tegen Dahlen (King)

Tegen Dahlen, the son of Marlen and Denae Dahlen, is active in Yearbook, Basketball, and Baseball. Tegen's favorite class is Gym, and his favorite teacher is Mr. Kueber. His hobbies include golfing, lifting weights, and fishing. His favorite band is Maroon 5.

Tegen describes himself in three words: funny, truthful, and niche. He enjoys Dakota Prairie because it is close to home and he appreciates the small-school atmosphere.

Tegen's favorite part of Homecoming Week is the football game. He says he is honored to be on the Homecoming Court because it is nice to know that other students know and recognize him.



Mya Luehring (Queen)

Mya Luehring, the daughter of Kalyn and Stacy Luehring, is active in Yearbook, Academic Challenge, Volleyball, and Softball. Mya's favorite school activity is softball because she loves spending time with her teammates and coaches.

One of Mya's proudest accomplishments at Dakota Prairie is making the Honor Roll. Her favorite class is English, and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Kueber and Mrs. Forde. Mya's favorite things about Dakota Prairie are the teachers and the small class sizes.

Mya describes herself in three words: mysterious, nonchalant, and athletic. Mya says that being on the Homecoming Court is "pretty cool."

Tate Bullis

Tate Bullis, the son of Troy and Deonna Bullis, is active in Football, Golf, and Baseball. Tate says his favorite school activity is football because it is his favorite sport and he enjoys getting to play with "the boys."

Tate's favorite accomplishment is making it to the State Basketball Tournament. His favorite class is Study Hall, and his favorite teacher is Mr. Strom. Outside of school, Tate enjoys jet skiing. His favorite artist is Drake.

One fun fact about Tate is that he races cars. Tate enjoys Dakota Prairie because of its great vibes and says he is honored to be a part of the Homecoming Court.

Brendan Lenz

Brendan Lenz, the son of Chad and Shannah Lenz, is active in Trap Shooting, Football, Basketball, and Baseball. Brendan says he enjoys the long bus rides to games because they are always fun.

Brendan describes himself in three words: tall, studly, and mysterious. One fun fact about Brendan is that he competed at the National Trap Shooting Tournament in Michigan (the state).

Brendan says his favorite part of Homecoming is the candy. He enjoys Dakota Prairie because it is only six miles from his home. Brendan says he is honored to be on the Homecoming Court because it shows that "he stands out."

~ UNOFFICIAL MINUTES~

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

DAKOTA PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. DAKOTA PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ Mr. David Blasey—President
- ◆ Mr. Charlie Stein
- ◆ Mrs. Jennifer Rusten
- ◆ Mrs. Nikki Ohnstad
- ◆ Mrs. Anna Halvorson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Blasey with members Charlie Stein, Anna Halvorson, Jennifer Rusten and Nikki Ohnstad present. Also present were Superintendent Jay Slade, principals Jackie Bye and Clay Johnson, Business Manager Lori Dahl and Athletic Director Hunter Sand.

Motion Jennifer Rusten second Nikki Ohnstad to confirm the agenda with the addition of Prom discussion under Superintendent reports. All in favor, motion carried.

Prom: Kip Hovdenes is the prom advisor and discussed with the board dates and conflicts for the date currently scheduled for Prom. The suggestion/request is to have prom on Friday April 2, 2026, most of the kids are in favor of it, the board had no opposition to the change.

Motion by Charlie Stein second by Anna Halvorson to set the prom for April 2, 2027. All in favor, motion carried.

No Public Comment at this time.

Motion by Anna Halvorson Second Jennifer Rusten to approval of minutes as printed, bills for payment and financials as presented. All in favor

AD Report—Girls Golf is finishing their season; the regional meet is next Tuesday. JH Football has started, Varsity and JV are playing a tough schedule. Volleyball is underway. The turf tank is working well and using it makes painting the field a 1-person job. The ball order and bid have been received, and our logo is on game balls. Volleyball has received their new jerseys and boys basketball will be ordered tomorrow. Football uniforms will be ordered by January, Mr. Sand will be attending the NDIAAA conference next week.

Elementary Principal Report: Elementary Events and activities, Girls and Boys Basketball, possible policy for bringing 4th grade up to play with the 5th and 6th. Eco Ed Day, Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, Homecoming Parade. Student Achievement and Instruction, Spring Summative State Testing Proficiency Results were great, and have improved. The fall testing will be next week for interim baseline. Levi Bachmeier, North Dakota State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be in Dakota Prairie, Friday September 18th.

HS Principal Report: Field Trips, Homecoming events in Lakota, our coronation will Wednesday with the bonfire, September 29th will be the Doris Forde 5k, One Act Play has started, Cross Country has both runners qualified for State, Student recognition, Dagan Slade and Dori Schneider have been picked for the Student Cabinet for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Current enrollment is 139. The online Science classes have been a learning curve for everyone. We will be sending some of our students who have experience with on line classes into the science classes to help them get more comfortable with the on-line process. Mr. Johnson is working with the staff and students to come up with a plan to find ways to get the high school students to care when we are testing. We are still searching for a science teacher. Introducing IXL to the high school. Mr. Johnson also discussed community Involvement- and possible project and timelines

Superintendent Items for Discussion: We have received two open enrollment forms one for a PreK student to attend Larimore and family from Tolna to go to Lakota. Mr. Slade would like the transportation committee to consider bidding

for a 72-passenger bus. If we get it ordered now, it should be here in time for the 27-28 school year.

Dakota Prairie Board Communications: do we wish to continue to have the Zoom option/live streaming? This board does wish to continue with virtual option for the meetings.

Mr. Slade presented the following policies for the first reading: DDC, DGAA, DGHA, DKA, FGCC, IDB, JBA.

Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, second by Jennifer Rusten to have the 1st reading of policies: DDC, DGAA, DGHA, DKA, FGCC, IDB, JBA. All in favor, motion carried.

The next board meeting will be October 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dakota Prairie High School Conference room.

Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Anna Halvorson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Lori Dahl, Business Manager

Dave Blasey, Chairperson

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DoriAnn Schneider

DoriAnn Schneider, the daughter of Steve and DeAnn Schneider, is active in Volleyball, Softball, E-Sports, Academic Challenge, Yearbook, Solo & Ensemble, Large Group Music, Student Council, National Honor Society, 4-H, and the State Student Cabinet.

DoriAnn says her favorite school activities are Band and Choir because they are a blast, and she thinks Mr. Olsen is funny. One accomplishment DoriAnn is especially proud of is being accepted onto the State Student Cabinet.

DoriAnn's favorite class is History, and her favorite teachers are Ms. Hurst and Mr. Olsen. She describes herself in three words: outgoing, whimsical, and determined.

DoriAnn's favorite parts of Homecoming are decorating the Homecoming float and dressing up for the different theme days. DoriAnn says, "Being on the Homecoming Court means a lot because it represents that I have a lot of school spirit, and the younger kids look up to me."

Dagan Slade

Dagan Slade is the daughter of Jay and Rebecca Slade. Dagan is involved in One-Act Play, AV Club, Speech, Band, Choir, and Track and Field. Her favorite school activities are Track and Field and Music because they are both fun, and she enjoys being around the people involved. Dagan's greatest accomplishment is her state placings in Track and Field. Her favorite class is POD, and her favorite teachers are Ms. Hurst and Mrs. Forde.

Dagan describes herself as tenacious, smart, and cheesy. One fun fact about Dagan is that the Cat in the Hat trend truly scares her! Dagan enjoys Dakota Prairie because there is always something funny going on. She says she is very flattered to be a member of the Homecoming Court.

2026 NELSON COUNTY GIRLS GOLF RECAP

The girls that went out this season for golf had many learning experiences. The team had young talent and played mainly on a JV schedule. Leah Pedersen was the only person back with any golfing competition experience. Newcomers Shay Ulland, Elsie Arneson and Edyn Luehring were the other members of the team.

The team opened up their practice schedule at Lakota and learned the basic rules and fundamental stroke swings for each hit you may use on the golf course. Kenley Blasey came and helped us out with an intersquad scrimmage and talked about the etiquette of playing the golf course, especially on the greens. Thank you, Kenley, for volunteering your time that day.

Before the first JV meet, we took a side trip to Suite Shots in Fargo where they girls played golf in a different setting. Not all golf fun takes place on the golf course and Suite Shots is a great place to go to hang out with your friends or take your future coworkers out for a fun time. The girls tried out some pepperoni and pineapple flatbread pizza there and loved it. All the lady golfers thought the journey down there was worth the time.

We ran more of a JV golf schedule, and the girls kept improving the entire season. Edyn finished in the top five at one of the meets. We hosted two of the individual qualifiers in Lakota and Leah Pedersen and Edyn Luehring each improved double digits between the two meets which is incredible! The season ended with the girls playing at the regional tournament at King's Walk in Grand Forks. It was a tough day with heavy swirling winds and the fescue grass making it hard to find balls that got sidetracked. We worked hard and finished the challenging course with pride.

I am proud of the girls and hope they all join again next year to keep learning a game that many people play in their 70s and 80s. I want to thank both of the courses in Lakota and McVile for letting us practice there. I want to thank the people golfing around us for their patience as we were trying to get alot of reps in the short amount of time we had to practice. I want to thank Randy Karas, for moving pins and making the course ready for the regional qualifiers. Thank you ladies in the clubhouse for preparing meals in the clubhouse for the girls to take a break and get some nutrition! Thank you Coach Taylor Sand for splitting practices with me and supporting the dual sport athletes. Thank you to the parents for transporting their student athletes to locations to be picked up and for the time and money it takes to participate in golf. It was great to see parents at the meets. Thank you to the four young ladies who worked hard in practice and always kept a positive mental attitude. It was a fun year!

Next season's starting date according to the NDHSAA's calendar is slated to start on Monday, August 2, 2027. The state tournament will be hosted in Minot. I wish all the student athletes well as they finish out their fall sports season. Go Chargers!!

The FACS program is looking for fabric donations.
We will take anything you are looking to get rid of:
fleece, batting, flannel, etc. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A Great Start to Fall

Homecoming was a crazy, fun-filled week at Dakota Prairie! Students showed up in all kinds of outfits for dress-up days, the Student Council put on games in the gym, and the week wrapped up with a football game and dance in Lakota. I appreciated how many students joined in. They had fun, treated others with respect, and represented our school well.



As we settle into fall, it can be tempting to get comfortable and take your foot off the gas pedal. I encourage our students to do the opposite. Now is the time to buckle down. Stay for Homework Club, talk to your teachers, and ask for help when you need it. A problem with a class is much easier to fix now than it will be in November or December.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held all day on October 21 in each building. We encourage families to come in for a face-to-face conversation, or to join by Zoom if that works better. It's a good chance to talk about what's going well and where a student might need some support.

It has been a hectic start to the year, but a good one. I thoroughly enjoy having the younger kids in the building and seeing the excitement they bring to fall. I also appreciate the conversations I get to have with our older students about their successes and their struggles. Here's hoping we keep that good momentum going throughout the year.

Clay Johnson

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 21: 8:00 a.m.— 6:00p.m.

In Person & ZOOM Availabilities

High School teachers will be at the high school; and the elementary teachers will be at the elementary. Sign Up Genius will be utilized for parents to choose the option that best fits their schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Paying for College: Start with the FAFSA

There are several ways to pay for college. Traditionally, students have used federal aid to help cover the cost. In future newsletters, I will share how to skip loans and still afford college.

The FAFSA helps determine whether your student may qualify for:

- **Grants**
- **Federal student loans**
- **Work-study**



The FAFSA and the FSA ID are two different things.

The student and parent each need their own **FSA ID (StudentAid.gov account)** before completing the FAFSA.

Set your FSA ID up now.

Make sure to use an email you will always have access to and save your password to your phone, safe, or any place you both will not forget it.

The FSA ID connects to your federal tax information electronically, so you don't have to dig out your tax returns and enter everything yourself when you open the FAFSA later.

Questions I Hear Often

Divorced parents: The FAFSA has specific rules about which parent's information is used. Don't automatically assume it is the parent who claims the student on taxes. If you're unsure, ask the college's financial aid office.

Divorced and remarried: A stepparent's financial information may also be required.

Legal guardians: Different rules apply to students with legal guardians, depending on their circumstances.

Farmers: FAFSA has specific rules for farm assets. For the 2026–27 FAFSA, active farm assets are treated differently from other investments. You most likely will not count anything as an asset unless it's personally your savings, stocks, investments, or cash on hand.

Landowners: Land that isn't part of an active family farm may need to be reported as an asset.

Don't Know the Answer?

You can ask me or call the financial aid office at the college your student is considering. They are there to help.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Fall 2026 Admission Special Events	
NDSU	Discover NDSU - Oct. 15–16. This is their big comprehensive visit: campus tour, academic sessions, resource fair, students/faculty, scholarships, etc. Music Day - Oct. 15–16 Indigenous Student Visit Day - Oct. 22. NDSU also has a Bison Bash/Homecoming event Oct. 2 that could be fun for prospective students.
UND	Business & Public Administration Day - Oct. 10. Fall Open House - Oct. 16 or 23, with academic sessions, campus tours, admissions/financial aid, resource fair, etc. Arts & Sciences, Education & Undeclared Day - Nov. 7.
Mayville State	Fall Visit Days - Oct. 16–17. I'm planning to take a small group of juniors and seniors in mid-November.
University of Jamestown	Weekend Campus Tour - Oct. 3 Again, I am hoping to coordinate a field trip to UJ and VCSU in mid-November.
Lake Region	They have an excellent CTE and Ag Day in February.
NDSCS	SEE NDSCS is a special event where students get to try out 3 different programs of their choice. October 16 and Oct 23 rd .
Northland EGF	November 10-Career Expo lets students explore hands on up to 5 careers. I will bring interested juniors/seniors in a school car.



Snoball Dance will be held on January 16th from 7:00–10:00 p.m. at Dakota Prairie High School. Doors close at 7:30 p.m.

We are looking for six volunteer chaperones to help supervise the dance. If you are interested in chaperoning, please email Mrs. Kratochvil at Courtney.L.Molstad@k12.nd.us.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Our 10th and 11th graders trekked to LRSC for their annual Career Exploration and College Fair.

Students got to choose three careers to explore, learning from people who actually work in those fields about what their day-to-day work is really like. Students could choose from a long list of careers including banking, education, welding, and physical therapy.

Later in the day, students had the chance to visit with 35+ college and military recruiters to hear about their options after high school. NDSCS, LRSC and UND continue to be popular choices among our students, with some also exploring UJ, VCSU and Mayville State.

We're hoping to get students on the road this fall for visits to NDSU, Mayville State and Northland as they continue figuring out what comes next!



FCCLA is starting a thrift store in the high school. We are looking for donations of gently used TEEN clothing, shoes, duffel bags, and purses. We will take a variety of things a 7-12th grader might like to buy, including squishies, water bottles, jewelry, and perfume.

Send donations to Mrs. Schanilec at the high school.

The eighth graders just finished reading two suspense stories: *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe and the radio play *The Hitchhiker* by Lucille Fletcher. They also did a "police report" for *The Tell-Tale Heart* where they had to find text evidence to determine whether there is enough information to convict the narrator of murder. It was rather interesting to hear their rationale and learn about NGRI as well.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday

Dodgeball Tourney

Our annual Homecoming Dodgeball Tournament was a blast. The Juniors took home the win once again! Fun Fact: This junior class has not lost this tournament since they were in 8th grade!



The Homecoming bonfire and games were an absolute blast! Students had a great time competing in Chubby Bunny, mummy races, skiing, potato sack races, jousting, and several other fun activities. There was plenty of laughter, friendly competition, and school spirit throughout the evening!

A huge thank-you to the Petersburg Rural Fire Protection District for starting the bonfire and keeping it safely maintained throughout the night. We truly appreciate your help in making the evening a success!



Wednesday Coronation & Bonfire

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday
Powderpuff Football

FRIDAY
Parade, Class Games, and
Homecoming Football Game





APPS Every Parent Should Know



1 ROBLOX

Gaming platform with chat and friend requests. Parents should monitor communications, since strangers can use the platform to contact children.



2 TIKTOK

Short-video app where users create and share content. Children may encounter cyberbullying, explicit content, and risky direct messages.



3 CALCULATOR%

A hidden-vault style app used to hide photos, videos, files, and browsing history.



4 SNAPCHAT

Popular messaging app with disappearing content. Features like location sharing and extended viewing can increase safety risks.



5 MOCOSPACE

A social networking and dating app that connects users with strangers through messages and chats.



6 MONKEY

Live video chat app that matches users with random strangers for conversations.



7 WHATSAPP

Messaging app for texts, photos, videos, voice calls, and group chats. Children may be contacted by unknown users.



8 HOLLA

Video chat app that connects users with people around the world in seconds. to inappropriate content.



9 DISCORD

Chat platform with servers, direct messages, voice, and video chat. Conversations can move outside parental supervision.



10 WIZZ

App that lets teens meet and direct message new people. Conversations can quickly move to other apps or platforms.



11 BUMBLE

Dating and social networking app. Kids have been known to create fake accounts to access it.



12 HILY

Dating app where users browse profiles, chat, send photos, and connect with nearby people.



13 KIK

Messaging app that allows direct contact and can bypass traditional text-message oversight.



14 LIVEME

Livestreaming app where users broadcast and interact in real time. Live content and location sharing can create safety concerns.



15 SKOUT

Location-based dating and social app. Users can misrepresent their age and communicate with strangers nearby.



16 YUBO

Livestreaming and social chat app that connects users with strangers. Children may be encouraged to share personal information.



17 DOWN

App designed to connect users with nearby strangers. Children can be exposed to adult conversations and requests to meet.



18 MEETME

Social and dating app that helps people connect based on geographic proximity.



19 ZOOSK

Location-based dating app that matches users with strangers.



20 BADOO

Dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos, and connect by location.



21 GRINDR

Location-based dating app where users can chat, share photos, and meet nearby people.



22 WHISPER

Anonymous sharing app that can reveal a user's location and allow meetups with strangers.



23 BEST SECRET FOLDER

Vault app designed to hide photos and videos, often with password protection and decoy features.

An excellent resource for information like this is



Ratings and reviews parents trust



Movies



TV



Books



Guidance



Gaming



Social Media

~ Elementary News ~

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the 1st and 2nd graders went to the Nelson Pumpkin Patch in Emerado! It was a great day, and the weather was on our side! There were lots of fun fall activities for them to partake in! Thanks to our chaperones for joining us! Mrs. Klefstad, Miss Stein, and Mrs. Lofstrom



~ Elementary News ~

5th grade Education at the McVile Dam
On Sept. 18th the fifth grade traveled to the McVile Dam to meet with an Arborist to learn about a dozen different kinds of trees from her. From there they went to the Auditorium for the city of McVile's recognition of their declared Arbor day presentation and a little treat & water before going back to the school building.



Preschool has resumed weekly visits to the care center. We have had a blast meeting new friends! September and October include sharing songs and rhymes about autumn, apples, and pumpkins.

~ Elementary News ~

Eco Ed Day 2026

On Friday, September 11, 2026 the 6th graders took a short journey to Stump Lake Historical Village to learn all things environment/ecology. We started our morning making name tags with tree cookies, received our really cool tie-dye t-shirt, and a bag of other materials. We then spent the day in a variety of sessions, including watersheds, wetlands, soil, prairie (grasses and foliage), forestry. We ended the day with the Reptile Guy, where we were all excited to feel the snake that he saved for last. Thank you, Nelson County Soil Conservation office and board, for providing this great learning opportunity.



**A big thanks goes out to McVille Auxiliary for
donating Kleenex to our elementary school
&
Judy Sateren for providing school
supplies at DPE.**

~ Elementary News ~



We are feeling pretty groovy at the elementary! It is with great excitement to announce that our spring 2026 ND A+ Assessment results are in, and they are far out!

Dakota Prairie Elementary reached an incredible achievement - over 70% proficiency in both reading and math!

The elementary celebrated with a dress up day, an assembly (with disco dance party), certificates, and photo booth.

Congratulations, DPE (and current 7th graders)! You are dyn-o-mite!

DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY PERFORMANCES & OTHER EVENTS 2026-2027

VETERAN'S DAY	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10	1:00	PK-6
CHRISTMAS	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	1:00	PK-6
SPRING SHOW	THURSDAY, APRIL 22	7:00	GRADES 1-5

GRADUATIONS & PERFORMANCES

PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE	Thursday, May 20	10:00
KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION	Thursday, May 20	10:00
6 TH GRADE GRADUATION & PERFORMANCE	Thursday, May 20	2:00

OTHER EVENTS

♦ HALLOWEEN CONCERT

- ♦ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 12:30 HS CHARGER BAND & CHOIR
- ♦ WITH 6TH GRADE BAND PERFORMING WITH THE CHARGER HS BAND

♦ FALL FAMILY HOOTENANNY HOEDOWN

- ♦ **NOVEMBER 12 OR 13: 19 OR 20 6:00-8:30**
- ♦ DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY
- ♦ We hope your family will join us for a cozy evening of **autumn fun, food, music, games, and family time**. It's a chance to slow down, enjoy the season, and make some special fall memories together!

♦ VALENTINE LUNCH BOX SOCIAL

- ♦ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 11:20-12:30 PK-6
- ♦ Students will be decorating Valentine Lunch Boxes with a lunch for themselves, and for parents. This will be held around their lunch time.
- ♦ This year instead of a "*formal gym Valentine Concert*" there will be some small Valentine Musical Performances pop-up while you are enjoying your "Box Social". There will be a Valentine cookie decorating station for dessert, and a silent auction item for each classroom. A note sent home will give more details closer to the time of the event.

♦ SPRING FINE ARTS SHOW

- ♦ DATE & TIME TBD
- ♦ The art displayed can be from home and/or from school.

♦ ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET

- ♦ End of April or Beginning of May
- ♦ TBD
- ♦ Dakota Prairie Elementary

♦ BOOK FAIRS

- ♦ December TBD
- ♦ April TBD

October 2026

October 7—School Board Meeting @ 7pm

October 14—End of the First Quarter

October 21—No school.

Parent Teacher Conferences 8 am - 6 pm

October 22-23—No school. ND Educators Conf.

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Future Dates of Interest

October 21—No school: PT Conferences 8 am-6 pm

October 22nd and 23rd—No school: Ed Conference

November 11—No school: Veterans Day

November 25—Early out @ 1:30 pm

November 26th and 27th—No school: Thanksgiving

December 18— Early out @ 1:30 pm

December 21st through January 1st—No school

January 4—School Resumes

January 18—Professional Development

February 12—No school: Winter Break

February 15—No school: Presidents Day

March 5—No school: Spring Break

March 12= No school: PT Conferences 8 am-6 pm

March 19—No school: Spring Break

March 25, 26, and 29—No school: Easter Break

April 9—No school: Staff Storm Make up Day PD

May 26—Last Day of School

May 30—Graduation



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