

Dakota Valley Voice

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CALENDAR

- Jan 20** C track ends
- Jan 24** B track starts back
- Jan 26** 3rd grade Musical A & D 7pm
- Feb 1** Kindergarten Roundup starts
PTCO meeting 6pm
- Feb 2** PASS 5:30pm
1st grade Musical A & D 7pm
- Feb 8** PTCO Chipotle Night
- Feb 10** Trimester Ends for A & D
- Feb 20-21** **NO SCHOOL**

ON

LINE

WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Dakota Valley Families,

We are at the mid-way mark of the school year the perfect time to send out reminders about how parents can help the school keep children safe as well as prepared to learn. Please let me know if you have any questions.

· If your contact information has changed, please take a moment to update this information on your emergency contact card so we may reach you during

the day if necessary. Include the names of people who are authorized to pick up your child from school. In case you are unavailable, it is important that your child knows who may pick them up. In fact, you might consider reviewing with your children what to do if any kind of emergency should arise and you could not pick them up from school.

· It seems that winter always brings an increase in tardies and absences. While we prefer you not send your child to school ill, we are asking parents to make every effort to have your children at school unless illness or family emergencies exist.

· The first bells rings at 8:35 a.m. and the students begin their instructional day at 8:45 a.m. Please remember the first few minutes of class are critical to set the tone for the day, to receive special directions for activities and to maintain a routine. Children need to be here on time.

· CSAP administration is fast approaching. Information about specific testing windows is included later in this newsletter. We ask parents to schedule doctor and dentist appointments or vacations during track off only, so children will be in attendance during the regular calendar. The state has a stringent test window and testing days are planned in advance.

· Traffic and parking rules are still in effect. Please follow our safety requests about parking in red zones, handicap parking spaces and double parking. Please do not allow your child to exit your car into traffic. We have asked the students to exit their cars on the side where the curb is. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

Sincerely

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TCAP formerly CSAP testing window:

3rd A track grade Reading 2/28-29

3rd, 4th and 5th grade B,C,D tracks Reading, Writing, Math, Science 3/7-315

3rd grade B,C,D tracks Writing 3/15-16

3rd, 4th and 5th grade A track reading, Writing, Math, Science 3/26-4/5

3rd grade A track Writing 4/5-6

Please call with any questions about TCAP to Chris Powell or Marialaina Baron at 720.886.3000.



Snow Days

Please remember that we live in Colorado where the weather changes very quickly. Make sure that you are sending your students to school with a coat, hat and gloves. The students do go outside during recess on days that are above 20 degrees. Thank you!



Snow Delays

During these winter snowy months we will have weather that may delay or close school. Please do not call the school, many of the different news channels and radio stations will post it as early as 5:00am. It will also be posted on the cherrycreekschools.org website.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council will be sponsoring a Spirit Week at Dakota Valley. It will begin January 18th-January 25th so all tracks have the opportunity to participate.

Wed. Jan 18th- Favorite team or jersey day
Thurs. Jan 19th-Twin Day (dress like someone else)
Fri. Jan 20th-Pajama Day
Mon. Jan 23rd: Wacky Clothes Day (backward, mismatched...etc)
Tues. Jan 24th-Hat Day
Wed. Jan 25th-DV spirit wear or school colors (black, green, white)

*On Friday, February 10th, Student Council will be having a **Valentine Bake Sale** in the front hallway. Baked goods will be available before and after school only on that day.

Valentine Grams will be on sale Friday, Feb 10th, 13th and 14th only in the front hallway. The cost is 50 cents. This year, Valentine Grams will not be delivered. If students buy a Valentine Gram, they will be responsible for giving it to whoever they choose.



The S.T.O.P. Program



S- Slow down

Nearly 60% of parents and children walking to school encountered at least one serious hazard. A national survey of speeding in school zones found that 2/3 of exceeded speed limit minute and after



drivers the posted during the 30-period before school

T-Think

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In Aurora the number one complaint around elementary schools, is child safety due to traffic complaints. Children ages 14 and under are more likely to suffer pedestrian injuries in areas with high traffic volume and a higher number of parked cars on the street.

O- Observe and obey posted signs

- Pay attention to posted signs while driving in and around school zones.
- You may see the child, but the child might not see you

P- Proceed with Caution

Be the example, patience is a learned behavior. It is better to have lost a few minutes than to endure the civil, criminal, and emotional liability for unintentionally injuring or causing the death of a child.



Attendance Line

Please call the attendance line if your child is going to be absent or late. **720.886.3095**. This line is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Attendance is VERY important!

It is difficult for a student to learn if they are not in the classroom. Please encourage your student to be in school, but don't send them when they are sick.

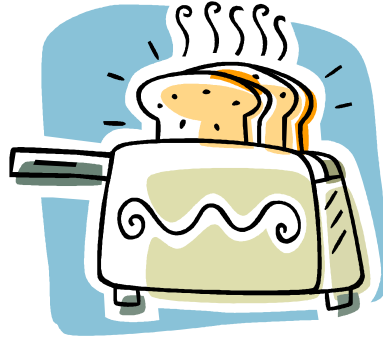
TARDIES 🙄 are very disruptive, not only to the late student, but to every student and teacher in the Classroom. School starts at 8:45am. They should be in their seats ready to learn at that time. **EARLY DISMISSAL** is **STRONGLY** discouraged after 3:15pm as this is a very busy time for teachers and students as they give final instructions and prepare to leave for the day.

School Ground Supervision

Children will be supervised on school grounds, by staff, beginning at 8:30 AM before school and until 4:00 PM, after school.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS BEFORE 8:30 AM AND SHOULD LEAVE SCHOOL

GROUND BEFORE 3:45 PM. If you are in need of before and aftercare you will need to contact the DV Kids Club at 720.886.3053 for more information.



Parent Newsletter – Dakota Valley

Dear Parents,

Did you know breakfast is offered each day at Dakota Valley? It sure is!

A healthy breakfast is the best way to kick-start your child's school day. So, don't let being crunched for time or out of milk keep your child from eating breakfast! With a healthy breakfast in their stomach, students are more attentive, more energized, and better able to concentrate in school.

For students who qualify for the free and reduced price meal program, breakfast is available at no charge each day. All other elementary students can purchase breakfast for \$1.30 and secondary students can purchase breakfast for \$1.40. Students choose from a variety of entrée choices and each breakfast includes milk. Breakfast menu choices are shown at the bottom of each month's menu.

Students can come to the cafeteria anytime between 8:00 and 8:30, rain or shine. Please feel free to call 720-886-3064 with any questions you have.

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Tuesday, February 7, 2012
9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Little Girls Can Be Mean

Dr. Michelle Anthony, expert in developmental psychology and author of "Little Girls Can Be Mean", provides the tools to enable your child to become stronger, happier and better able to enjoy friendships. Whether your child is just starting grade school, or already on their way to high school, you'll learn valuable information to help them navigate through social issues.

This is an important topic for parents of both boys and girls! Dr. Anthony will discuss how adults can use a four-step process to identify and deal with tough situations. She will provide empowering strategies for parents to communicate and connect with children to help them build self-esteem and resilience.

To see a video clip of Michelle Anthony speaking on the Rachael Ray show go to:

<http://www.rachaelrayshow.com/show/segments/view/bullies-in-kindergarten/>

Plan ahead to take a little time out of your day or take a few hours off of work and come to **connect** with other parents, **be informed** by local and national speakers, and **get empowered** to take a proactive approach to parenting. All parents, school administrators and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend Parent Information Network (PIN) presentations.

Presentations are free and are held the first Tuesday of each month at the **Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC)**. 14188 Briarwood Avenue, Centennial, south of Arapahoe Rd., between Potomac and Jordan Roads **Come at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and networking**

For further information go to: www.PINccsd.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 6th Family Dynamics: When One Child Requires
More Time & Energy

April 3rd Creating a Peaceful Family Environment

May 1st Annual PIN Brunch at Cherry Creek
Presbyterian Church

Keynote speaker: Michael Gurian-NY Times

Bestselling author of "The Minds of Boys"
and "The Wonder of Girls"



Kindergarten Roundup

It is that time of year again where you will be registering your new incoming kindergartener. Registrations for Dakota Valley will be Feb 1-7.

If you are not already registered with the district you will need to go to the admissions office with a copy of your child's birth certificate, shot record and a copy of your lease agreement or deed to your home, (for proof of residency), and your driver's license.

After receiving this paperwork you will need to come to the school to finish your enrollment process. If you have any questions please call 720.886.3000.

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2011-2012 Elementary Lunch Menus

Encouraging Students to Make Healthy Choices, One School Meal at a Time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Chicken Nuggets Oatmeal Roll	Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sausage or Egg Patty	Pizza Day or Chef's Salad w/ WW Roll	Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce	Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice
2	Premium Chicken Sandwich	Nacho Grande	Pizza Day or Chef's Salad w/ WW Roll	Shrimp Poppers with Cheese Portion WW Roll	Signature Pasta Garlic Bread
3	Classic Hamburger on a Bun	Chicken Fajita	Pizza Day or Chef's Salad w/ WW Roll	Baked Potato Bar with Chili & Cheese Broccoli Cowboy Bread	Asian Beef Brown Rice
4	Home-Style Sloppy Joe on a Bun	Fiesta Taco	Pizza Day or Chef's Salad w/ WW Roll	Zesty Popcorn Chicken Whole Wheat Roll	Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll

Offered Daily: Bean Burrito, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Yogurt and Granola

1	2	3	4
July 6-8 Aug. 1-5 Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Sept. 26-30 Oct. 24-28 Nov. 21-23 Jan. 2-6 Jan. 30-Feb. 3 Feb. 27-Mar. 2 Mar. 26-30 Apr. 23-27 May 21-25 June 18-22	July 11-15 Aug. 8-12 Sept. 5-9 Oct. 3-7 Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Nov. 28-Dec. 2 Jan. 9-13 Feb. 6-10 Mar. 5-9 Apr. 2-6 Apr. 30-May 4 May 28-June 1	July 18-22 Aug. 15-19 Sept. 12-16 Oct. 10-14 Nov. 7-11 Dec. 5-9 Jan. 16-20 Feb. 13-17 Mar. 12-16 Apr. 9-13 May 7-11 June 4-8	July 25-29 Aug. 22-26 Sept. 19-23 Oct. 17-21 Nov. 14-18 Dec. 11-16 Jan. 23-27 Feb. 20-24 Mar. 19-23 Apr. 16-20 May 14-18 June 11-15

2011-2012 Elementary Breakfast Menus

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oatmeal Breakfast Round	Cinnamon Roll and String Cheese Choice of Fruit	Waffle Choice of Fruit	Sausage and Cheese Kolache	Bagel Choice of Fruit
Cinnamon Roll and String Cheese Choice of Fruit	Hot Breakfast Sandwich	Muffin Choice of Fruit	Pancake and Egg Patty	Bagel-ful Choice of Fruit

Offered Daily: Cereal, Toast or Graham Bears, Orange Juice and Milk

Cycle 1

July 6-8
July 18-22
Aug 1-5
Aug 15-19
Aug 29-Sept 2
Sept 12-16
Sept 26-30
Oct 10-14
Oct 24-28
Nov 7-11
Nov 21-23
Dec 5-9

Jan 3-6
Jan 16-20
Jan 30-Feb 3
Feb 13-17
Feb 27-Mar 2
Mar 12-16
Mar 26-30
Apr 9-13
Apr 23-27
May 7-11
May 21-25
June 4-8

Cycle 2

July 11-15
July 25-29
Aug 8-12
Aug 22-26
Sept 6-9
Sept 19-23
Oct 3-7
Oct 17-21
Oct 31-Nov 4
Nov 14-18
Nov 28-Dec 2
Dec 12-16

Jan 9-13
Jan 23-27
Feb 6-10
Feb 20-24
Mar 5-9
Mar 19-23
Apr 2-6
Apr 16-20
Apr 30- May 4
May 14-18
May 28- June 1
June 11-15