

KINDLE'S KORNER

by

Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

Free Activity Passes!

The Yankton School District is offering Free Lifetime Activity Passes to all Yankton School District residents who are 65 years and older. The Lifetime Activity Pass allows for free admission into all Yankton School District Regular Season Activities.

The Lifetime Activity Pass can be obtained at the Yankton School District Administration Building where the age and residence of the individual will be verified with an I.D. such as a Driver's License.

We welcome you to come out and pick-up your Free Lifetime Activity Pass. We hope to see you at our school activities, which includes all of our Fine Arts events!

There Is No Place Like Home

The community was invited to participate in an online survey last year regarding the Crane Youngworth Field and Stadium. The results were 64% in favor of remaining at Crane Youngworth – 22% move to Williams Field and 14% with no preference. There were a total of 1508 responses.

The Yankton School Board agreed with the community and voted 5-0 at the June 13, 2016 School Board Meeting to remain at Crane Youngworth Field.

Next Steps for Crane Youngworth Field/Stadium

The Superintendent has appointed three committees to begin the process of identifying the potential needs at Crane Youngworth Field/Stadium:

Field – Grounds – Field House Committee – Ryan Mors, Chair

Stadium – Press Box Committee – Dr. Jennifer Johnke, Chair

Concessions – Bathroom – Parking Lot Committee – Sandy Kramer, Chair

A number of community members have been contacted to serve on these committees, as public input is very important to the school district. In addition, school board members, school personnel, and administrators will be part of the committees.

The committees will begin meeting in September with anticipated recommendations and information presented to the Yankton School Board in November.

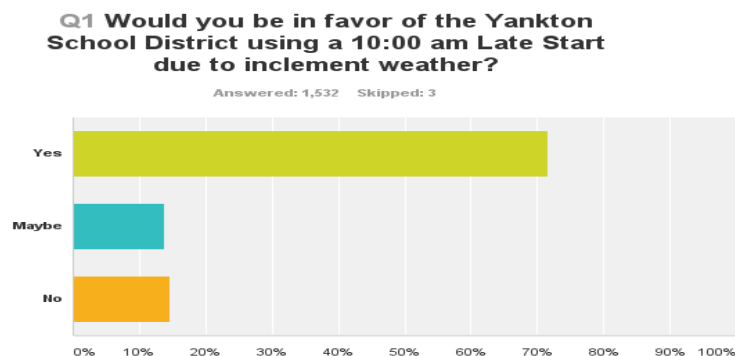
School Food Pantry – Food for Thought

The Yankton School District and Feeding South Dakota are partnering to launch a School Food Pantry, Food for Thought, at Lincoln Elementary. If children have food at home, there is a greater likelihood that they will come to school focused, engaged, and ready to learn. Free food will be provided to any parent and/or guardian who has a child enrolled in the Yankton School District (Pre-K through 12th grade) and is in need of food assistance. Individuals and families can use the parking lot on the north side of Lincoln Elementary and enter through the northeast door. Food for Thought will be open on Wednesday, September 14 from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, September 28 from 6-8 p.m. Future dates will be announced, but there will be at least two food distributions each month through May 2017.

10:00 Late Start

At the June 13, 2016 School Board Meeting the board voted to give the Superintendent the option of using a 10:00 Late Start when the Superintendent felt it was needed.

An online survey was made available to all parents this past spring regarding the use of a 10:00 Late Start for school during inclement weather. Below are the results from the survey:



Answer Choices –	Responses –
Yes	71.67% 1,098
Maybe	13.71% 210
No	14.62% 224
Total	1,532

Important information related to a 10:00 Late Start:

- A 10:00 Late Start does not prohibit school from being cancelled for the entire day if weather conditions or forecasted weather conditions affect safety of students/staff
- A 10:00 Late Start is considered a day of school in session
- Busses would run as usual and adjust their schedules accordingly for a 10:00 Late Start
- A decision to have a 10:00 Late Start would be announced as is currently done when school is cancelled via radio, television, and email/text/phone call using our School Messaging System
- The Superintendent will make this decision no later than 6:30 am
- Building principals would have a 10:00 Late Start schedule for their buildings to follow given it would be a shortened day

If you have any questions regarding the 10:00 Late Start you are encouraged to call your child's building principal. You are welcome to call the Yankton School District Business Office regarding any questions related to bussing at 665-3998.

Presentations

As Superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

I have had the opportunity to speak and visit with many groups through-out our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit. I can also be contacted using my email at wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us

Let's make it a great year for our students!

Henry Ford stated, **“Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success.”**