

# Dickinson High School Newsletter-April 2022



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## Principal Notes



The Dickinson Public Schools Teacher/Staff Retirement and Recognition program would like to recognize

the following for all their hard work and years of service: David Michaelson 40, Susan Haider 20, CaraLee Heiser 20, Brenda Loney 20, Deborah Pahl 15, Tina Pavlicek 15, Kay Poland 15, Desirae Tibor 15, Jeremy Wanner 15, Guy Fridley 10, Clarence Hauck 10, Jay Hepperle 10, Sheila Hlibichuk 10, Branigan Robinson 10, Dena Venneman 10. Congratulations to all!

## No School

Dickinson High School will not be in session on April 14 - 18 (Easter Break).

## Dates to Remember

April 13	Early out
April 14 – 18	No School; Easter Break
April 20	State Science Assessment

## Graduation Date/time

Dickinson High School graduation is **Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Biesiot Activity Center. Subject to change if there is inclement weather. In the event the ceremony cannot be held outdoors, four tickets will be given to families of our seniors for admittance into the DHS gym. Seniors be sure you attend the senior class meeting on May 4 at 9:40am in the DHS auditorium. More details for seniors to follow. There will be a senior meeting on May 4 at 9:40 in the auditorium. All seniors should plan to attend.

## Senior Banquet

The senior banquet will be Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 pm, at the Roosevelt Grand (Ramada) Hotel. More detailed information to be sent mid- April to all seniors.

## Summer School

Summer School will run from June 6 through June 30 for students choosing to take credit recovery courses at DHS. The classes will run from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Various classes will be offered if enough students register for any particular class. Informational/registration packets will be available both online and in the student affairs office. The Chemistry class will run from May 31 through July 2. The registration is due May 4. Late registrations will be allowed based on need. Mr. Schye will be sending out information to families soon.

## Driver's Education

Driver's Education is offered through Dickinson Public Schools over the summer. You will find information on the DHS website under the PROGRAM tab near the top of the site. Payment and registration is processed online only, which is found on DHS website under the

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same tab. This Registration is due by May 2. Various times and dates will be available to students. The classroom instruction will be offered:

- Session #1 Mr. Scott Miller  
May 31 June 1,2,3,6,7 8:00-12:30 &  
June 8 8:00-11:00
- Session #2 Mr. Gerald Holinka  
May 31 June 1,2,3,6,7 8:00-12:30 &  
June 8 8:00-11:00
- Session #3 Mr. Jim Steckler  
May 31 June 1,2,3,6,7 8:00 -12:30 &  
June 8 8:00-11:00
- Session #4 Mrs. Amy Wyant  
May 31 June 1,2,3 8:00 -12:30 1:00-4:00
- Session #5 Mr. Dave Michaelson  
May 31 June 1,2,3 8:00 -12:30 1:00-4:00
- Session #6 Mr. Jamie Wyant  
May 31 June 1,2,3,6,7 12:30-5:00 &  
June 8 12:30-3:30
- Session #7 Mr. Jim Steckler  
July 5,6,7,8,11,12 8:00-12:30 & July 13  
8:00-11:00
- Session #8 Mrs. Amy Wyant  
July 5,6,7,8,11,12 8:00-12:30 & July 13  
8:00-11:00
- Session #9 Mr. Jamie Wyant  
July 5,6,7,8,11,12 8:00-12:30 & July 13  
8:00-11:00 June 1 - June 9 from  
12:30pm to 5:30pm

The cost is \$225.00 per student. Students who are required to retake Driver's Education because of loss of license will be required to pay full tuition. That cost will be \$450.00. Students who are retaking driver's education may want to contact a private provider. Please go to the Dickinson High School website for the registration form and more information.  
<https://www.dickinson.k12.nd.us/schools/dhs/dhs-driver-education>

## Acalympics

DHS Acalympics team of Peyton Blair, Alyssa Haider, Aidynn Yoder, Truman Hamburger, Braxton Taff, and Agustin Zettel competed in the State Acalympic competition on March 30 in Bismarck. The team qualified for state by taking second in the WDA Acalympics. **The team took third at state in the Class A division. Congratulations!**

## Science and Computer Science Achievements

DHS competed in the virtual Tech Wars Hackathon through Valley City State University. Gus Zettel and Abby Lange took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the advanced programming division. Lucas Shilman and Nate Fry took 1<sup>st</sup> in the beginner programming division. This is our second year participating and the second time winning!

We also competed in the virtual Science Olympiad event through DSU in March. Our team finished second overall and qualified for the state competition in April.

Good job everyone.

## Teacher and Classified Staff of the Year

We would like to congratulate our DHS 2020-21 Teacher of the Year, Audrey Bergeron and Classified Staff of the Year, Shonah Kinzel. DHS teachers nominate staff members and then vote on all nominees. Mrs. Kinzel was also selected as the Dickinson Public Schools district classified employee of the year.

## Staff in Action!

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Please take a look at some of the great things some of DHS staff are being recognized for by their peers. This months winners of the gift cards were Elisa Kenninger, Pete Dobitz, Ashly Marshall, and Devan Douglas.

Jeanine Schmidt Deborah Unruh	They have been a huge part of my class and I want to thank them for being an awesome resource for my students helping them build career portfolios. You guys rock!! My students did well and got great feedback from the community members who participated.
Dena Venneman	Dena has been a huge help in my transition to teaching Human Anatomy. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that I have all the information she has covered in the past. She is also very accepting if I have some different ideas on approaching a certain aspect of a lesson.
Bobbie Johnson	She has been a life saver for me as a new teacher this year. She has helped me be successful in my classroom and build relationships within our community for our students to use in the future. She is always kind and there for me when I need her. Thanks Bobbie you rock!
Lindy Obach	Being in the ETS academy, she makes a conscious effort to choose content relevant to her students. She emphasizes the importance of communication skills. Lindy keeps an upbeat and positive outlook, even with challenging classes. As a first year high school teacher, she has done an incredible job in her classroom.
Cara Heiser	I have worked with Cara now for many many years and her desire to teach kids has never waivered. She works so hard and sometimes the effort of her students make it not so easy and yet she continues to give 110% all the time. It is a pleasure to work with someone that does not accept mediocrity.
Melinda Obach	She constantly tries to make teaching work for her students.
Deb Unruh and Jeanine Schmidt	I have seen these two ladies working late after school on so many occasions. For years they have assisted our students transition out of high school and this year they have created so many interviewing opportunities for our students. They are such a wonderful and sometimes unnoticed blessing to students and teachers both! They always go above and beyond!
Lisa Townsend	Lisa is an innovative and engaging teacher in the ELA department. She was gone on maternity leave and came in during her leave to help struggling students that she monitored at home. She was able to continue to teach her online classes during this time, which she has done a beautiful job in creating for those students. She hasn't been teaching that long, but has risen to the challenge. Great job Lisa.
Fred Peryer	I'm constantly amazed at how quickly things get fixed by Fred and his team! Lightbulbs replaced, things moved, trash emptied, etc. Our school has never looked better. Thanks so much Fred!
Susan Moberg	Susan has done a fabulous job this year (and other years as well) keeping the library up to date with books that are engaging for students. She has taught classes for the ELA department on research, as well as invited all ELA classes to the library to check out independent reading books. She has helped process books for the ELA department, which is a considerable amount of work and isn't necessarily her job, but took on that role without complaint. Susan continues to make the library a safe place for all students and staff. She often substitutes for teachers when there isn't a place for students to go. Thank you Susan.

Tad Schye	Mr. Schye truly believes in the power of building meaningful relationship with the students, parents, and staff members! I am glad to work with an inspiring and caring supervisor.
Pete Dobitz	Thank you Pete for being willing to wrestle Troy Berg for Peer to Peer!!!
Mr. Wanner	Thank you for being so generous with your classroom in Peer to Peer as well as reaching out to organizations to help us get donations for Peer to Peer. We love being with you! And for getting pied in the face
Mr. Michaelson	The BEST MC for Peer to Peer assembly. Also thanks for getting pied in the face :)
Mr. Conrad	Thank you for losing those beautiful handlebars so peer to Peer could raise money :)
Mrs. Wolberg	Thank you so much for agreeing to get pied in the face so Peer to Peer could raise money!
Mr. Cranston	Shout out to Mr. Cranston for being willing to get pied in the face as a fundraiser!
Mr. Hepperle	Thank you so much for being willing to get pied in the face!!!
Dev Dawg Douglas	Thank you for all the support with your classes in our Peer to Peer fundraiser!! You made the fundraising experience so fun. Also, thanks for getting pied in the face!
Mrs. Goodall	Thank you for being such a trooper in our Peer to Peer fundraiser!! Also, Thank you for making cotton candy for us to sell as an additional money maker. We are so thankful for you!
Jeremy Wanner	Jeremy is so easy and fun to work with. He is always trying new and innovative ways to teach his content. He is willing to put in the work to create a great educational experience for all of his students.
Kim Goodall	Kim is such a caring individual. She creates such a warm and welcoming environment not only for her students but for staff as well. She goes out of her way to help with any and everything. She is a fantastic, student-oriented teacher.
Brittany Thier	Brittany is always creating new content and material for her students. She is constantly thinking of ways to take old materials and make them new and exciting. She puts in endless work on her materials and finds ways to make them enticing to students.
Mel Steffan	Mel is one of the best teachers I've gotten the privilege to see. Her peer to peer class is a phenomenal addition to DHS and most only get a glimpse of all the awesome things they learn, experience, and do. She is a great leader, example and teacher.
Pete Dobitz	Pete has been a great member of the physical science PLC. We were discussing alternative assessment opportunities for students recently during our meeting time. Pete was willing to try an alternative building type assessment for his students, despite his concerns and hesitation he had. Watching those students in the hall, truly engaged in science and enjoying themselves and Pete right there with them is why our PLC works. We all are willing to try new things, even if it means a change from the status quo. I appreciate Pete's openness to change and his contributions to our PLC.
Cassy Gebhardt	Cassy deserves so much credit for being a newer singleton teacher at DHS. The best thing she has done is revived the DHS Art Club. On Thursday's after school if you get the chance to see her room you will see kids in their safe place doing what they are passionate about. Those students needed a home and I'm glad that Cassy is able to provide it.
Brenda Loney	I am always so impressed with Ms. Loney's work ethic and commitment to her students. She is organized and thoughtful

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	in her approach, and she's been such a great colleague and friend to me in the 300 pod. I am thankful for her!
Mark Breen	Working with the students that are having a difficult time being in a classroom. Keep building relationships with our students!
Mrs. Pavlicek	Thank you Pav for helping us with getting organized for our Peer to Peer assembly! You are always so gracious with my students :)
Desirae Tibor	Putting in Positive Office Referrals!!! Keep up the good work!
Elisa Kensingler	Her continued communication with her students and parents is second to none!
Annette Schroeder	Getting the ACT all lined up!! Happy retirement from the ACT..You say :)
Leslie Wilke / Culinary Class	The meal was awesome. Thank you for your dedication to increase my waist line! The kids did a great job serving us!! Much appreciated
Sheila Hlibichuk	With Sheila's guidance our Acalympic team qualified for the state competition.
Elisa Kensingler	Under Mrs. Kensingler tutelage the DHS team defended their state championship in State Tech Wars.
Angela Main	Ms. Main has agreed to assume the role as an assistant test coordinator. She will be working with with Mrs. Schroeder and will take over the full time duties in the future.
Annette Schroeder	Mrs. Schroeder once again put in extra hours and did an excellent job coordinating the ACT test and planning all our assessments.
Rachael Sisson	I have been working with Rachael with a few of her students lately and want to recognize her for doing such a great job with them. Many of her students have significant mental health needs. Rachael takes the time to connect students with counselors, lend a listening ear, contact parents, brainstorm how to meet the students' needs, etc. She truly has their best interests and wellbeing at heart.
Trevor Conrad, Haley Potter, James Hayden	Although this recognition is a little late, Jeanine and I wanted to say how excited we were to collaborate with you in your Freshmen Seminar classes! Your passion to help your students succeed was evident during the time we worked together in your classes.
Courtney Sadowsky, Kim Goodall, Heather Blum	These three wonderful teachers have really demonstrated a commitment to helping their students grow and gain skills in many areas. This was seen during the time Jeanine and I collaborated with them to help students develop master applications, resumes, practice interviewing skills, etc. It was great to be able to partner with them in providing these important learning experiences to students!
Tracy Zubke	Tracy is amazing at her job, while putting the schedule together, she talks to (many) students, and takes phone calls, and she does all of this with kindness and patience.
Jeanine Schmidt	Jeanine goes above and beyond on a daily basis. She has been such a great partner in providing transition services at DHS. She routinely steps up or fills in wherever necessary!!!!
Lauren Roemmich	I appreciate that Lauren has been advocating for the Pantry. She cares about the needs of our students.
Tracy Zubke	Thanks, Tracy for being patient and skilled in arranging schedules!
Maxine Hauck	Maxine's positive thinking and work ethic have made her someone great to work with. She is quick to help with anything and has been very engaged in attending to the students of the

	Freshman Academy. She is a great teammate and she will be missed next year!
Jill Clemow	She is a very positive role model for students. She shows empathy to students and truly cares about her students. She works very hard, even when there are difficult students around. She does a great job of keeping a positive and happy attitude. We need more people like her in our building and in the world!
Marlene, Dave, and Elmer	After completing their primary cleaning responsibilities, they clean the 100 pod that is without custodial staff. They do this with a smile on their faces and with quality. I look forward to seeing them each night.
Greg and Tina	In their roles as instructional coaches, Greg and Tina assisted the Algebra I PLC in writing our next common summative assessment. To prepare for this, they studied our current proficiency scale and 2 past tests on the same content. Rather than writing a brand new assessment, they guided us to see value in past assessment problems and to write new problems to fill the gaps in aligning to our proficiency scale. Thank you Greg and Tina.
Mr. Schye	Thank you for always being available to discuss your experiences and vision for PBIS and RTI. I always try something new when you leave my room.
Ashly Marshall	Ashly is always available to listen to and help me refine any new ideas. Thank you for always being willing to try most of those ideas. Ashly is that colleague that pushes me to be better.
Brittany Thier	Brittany creates high quality and engaging lesson presentations for her students that she also shares with teachers in her PLC.