

SCHOOL MENUS

Menus listed below are for December 19 - 25. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Vermillion Elementary & Middle School

Breakfast Available everyday: Breakfast entrée or choice of cereals with toast. Fruit or Fruit Juice, Milk choices.

Wednesday – Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich Made with a Fresh Baked Biscuit
Thursday – Pancake Sausage Stick
Friday – Fresh Baked Cinnamon roll
Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

Vermillion Elementary Schools – Lunch

Wednesday – Fresh Baked Pizza or Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Golden Corn
Thursday – Sliced Turkey Whole Grain Roll or Baked Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Roll or Oriental Salad Whole Grain Roll, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce on F & V Frosted Holiday Cookie
Friday – Skillet Macaroni and Beef Breadstick or Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans
Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

Vermillion High & Middle School – Lunch

Wednesday – Home-style Pizza or Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Combo Sandwich, Golden Corn
Thursday – NA
Friday – NA
Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

Elk Point Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday – Fr Toast & Sausage & Fruit – Lunch: Pizza or Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Oranges, Breadsticks
Thursday – Biscuits &

Gravy & Fruit – Lunch: Baked Chicken or Ham, M. Potatoes & Gravy, Gr. Beans, Cranberries, Pumpkin Pie
Friday – Ham, Egg & Cheese Biscuit – Lunch: Fish Shapes or Salsa Chicken, Noodles, Peas, Squash, Baked Apples
Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

Irene-Wakonda School – Breakfast

Available every day: Breakfast entrée or Choice of cereals w/toast, Fruit, Milk Choices
Wednesday – Scrambled Eggs, Tri-Tator Hash

Brown
Thursday – Pancakes with Syrup
Friday – NA
Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

Irene-Wakonda Elementary School – Lunch

Wednesday – Sliced Turkey Whole Grain Roll or Baked Chicken Nuggets whole Grain Roll, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce on F & V Frosted Holiday Cookie
Thursday – Pizza or Cheeseburger, Golden Corn, Stained Glass Dessert
Friday – NA

Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

Irene-Wakonda High & Middle School – Lunch

Wednesday – Sliced Turkey Whole Grain Roll or Baked Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Roll or Sub Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce on F & V Frosted Holiday Cookie
Thursday – Pizza or Cheeseburger or Deli Wrap, Golden Corn, Stained Glass Dessert
Friday – NA
Monday – NA
Tuesday – NA

A call for reform

While flipping through the channels on the TV recently, I stumbled upon “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,” the film screened decades ago that made Jimmy Stewart a star.

I’m not going to go deep into the plot of this classic movie. Most of you have probably seen it. To sum things up, the character played by a Stewart – he was one of the good guys in a nation’s capital filled with corrupt characters – could be deemed a winner in this story.

Thanks to the filibuster. In the film, Stewart, a member of the Senate, did what many of us expects happens when someone wants to stop something from happening in the upper house of Congress. He takes advantage of the filibuster, which, as grade school kids we all learned is a tactic sometimes used in the U.S. Senate by opponents of a bill to block its passage.

The thought of it brings up images of Jimmy Stewart, or of real-life senators who have, in the past, brought the nation’s business to a grinding halt by standing on the floor of the Senate and reading the Bible, or the phone book, or each one of his wife’s favorite recipes.

The filibuster, at least the type we all learned about in school, allows a member of the Senate, once granted permission

to speak by the presiding officer, to continue to speak indefinitely in an effort to delay or prevent a final vote on a bill. To halt the filibuster, the Senate must pass a “cloture” resolution by a three-fifths majority (60 votes).

The Jimmy Stewart version of the filibuster is one example of how it used to work. The Senate hasn’t enacted what we all believe is a traditional filibuster in more than four decades. In fact, the rules were specifically changed to PREVENT Jimmy Stewart-type of stunts from holding up bills.

A filibuster, today, means not getting 60 votes for a procedural motion, usually to invoke cloture and proceed to the vote. If you don’t get the 60, the bill is under filibuster. That’s it. No one has to hold the floor. The Senate doesn’t have to remain in session. No all-nighters are needed.

It was done this way after the civil rights acts of the 1960s, to specifically prevent individual Senators or small groups from being able to derail the business of the entire chamber by requiring a minimum number of votes to filibuster – currently, 41.

Unfortunately, the past couple years have shown that the use, or rather misuse of the filibuster, even after its rules were changed four decades ago, is still rampant.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid calculates that he’s faced nearly 400 filibusters in his six years as majority leader. The problem, as critics see it, is that ever

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more matters are put to filibuster. It’s not just bills – it’s even the question of whether to open debate on bills. In effect, a supermajority of 60 votes is now required to pass any bill that’s at all controversial. Reformers say it’s patently absurd; if the Framers had intended for all legislation to require a supermajority, they would have indicated it.

Congress currently has its hands full, trying to steer the nation clear from the impending fiscal cliff before year’s end.

We hope they find time to at least resolve, in the coming new year, to tweak the filibuster rules.

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effective June 30, 2013. “The board is certainly very appreciative of Dr. Gertsema’s 22 years of dedicated service to our district and our community,” said school board president Chris Specht at Monday’s meeting.

Gertsema said Monday that the accomplishment for which he felt the most pride was that of student achievement.

“The thing that has really driven me, contrary to what some people may think, has always been the kids,” he said. “Without the students here, we don’t need to be here tonight.”

Gertsema was arrested at approximately 1:20 a.m. Oct. 7 after failing a sobriety test at a South Dakota Highway Patrol checkpoint about three miles east of Vermillion on Highway 50.

– Press & Dakotan reporters Derek Bartos and Nathan Johnson contributed to this report.

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DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS

Dakota Senior Meals Served at The Main Street Center & Town Square, “Meals on Wheels”
Please call before 9:00am to schedule or cancel a meal at 624-7868.

Menus listed below are December 19 -25. Menus are subject to change without notice. All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk unless otherwise noted

Wednesday – Christmas Dinner, Glazed Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Baked Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Black Forest Cake
Thursday – Ham Potato Omelet, Winter Blend Vegetables, Fruit, Cinnamon Roll
Friday – Chili, Marinated Vegetable Salad, Fruit in Pudding
Monday – Holiday, No Meals
Tuesday – Christmas, No Meals



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Attention Residents/Landowners on Clay Creek Ditch
Johnson Engineering of Yankton was awarded the Bid to conduct survey of the Clay Creek Ditch from 460 Ave (Yankton/Clay county line road) to the end of the ditch in the South 1/4 Section 3, Vermillion Township (3-91-51). They will be working in the ditch right-of-way for the next few weeks, weather permitting.
Ruth A. Bremer, Clay County Auditor