

Menus listed below are for September 16 – September 22. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Vermillion Schools

Breakfast

Available everyday:
Breakfast entrée or choice of cereals with toast. Fruit or Fruit Juice, Milk Choices
Wednesday – A. Breakfast Pizza, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Pineapple, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Thursday – A. Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Sliced Peaches, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Friday – A. Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Applesauce, Juice Choices, Milk Choices

Monday – A. French Toast Sticks, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Pineapple, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Tuesday – A. Pancakes with Syrup, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Applesauce, Juice Choices, Milk Choices

Vermillion Elementary Schools

Lunch

Wednesday – A. Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup, B. BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans
Thursday – A. Home-style Beef Goulash, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Sugar Cookie
Friday – A. Pizza, B. Taquito, Baked French Fries
Monday – A. Chicken Fajitas, B. Corn Dog, Refried Beans
Tuesday – A. Home-style Beef Chili with Crackers, B. Baked Crispy Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Frosted Cinnamon Roll

Vermillion High & Middle School

Lunch
Wednesday – A. Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup, B. BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans
Thursday – A. Schoolin' the Streets Cuban Sandwich (HS), Home-style Beef Goulash (MS), B. Crispy Chicken

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU'S

Sandwich, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Sugar Cookie
Friday – A. Pizza, B. Taquito, Baked French Fries
Monday – A. Chicken Fajitas, B. Corn Dog, Refried Beans
Tuesday – A. Home-style Beef Chili with Crackers, B. Baked Crispy Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Frosted Cinnamon Roll

Elk Point-Jefferson

Breakfast
Wednesday – Breakfast Pizza, Pineapple, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices
Thursday – Pancakes with Syrup, Sliced Peaches, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices
Friday – Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, Applesauce, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices

Monday – French Toast Sticks with Syrup, Pineapple, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices
Tuesday – Home-style Sausage Gravy over a Fresh Baked Biscuit, Applesauce, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices

Elk Point - Jefferson Elementary School

Lunch
Wednesday – A. Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup, B. BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans
Thursday – A. Home-style Goulash, B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Fresh Melon, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Sugar Cookie
Friday – A. Pizza, B. Taquito, Golden Corn
Monday – A. Fajita, B. Corn Dog, Refried Beans
Tuesday – A. Home-style Beef Stroganoff, B. Baked Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Frosted Cinnamon Roll

Elk Point-Jefferson High & Middle School

Lunch
Wednesday – A. Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup, B. BBQ Rib Sandwich, C. Sub Sandwich, Baked Beans
Thursday – A. Home-style Goulash, Breadstick, B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich, C. Sub Sandwich, Fresh Melon,

Green Beans, Fresh Baked Sugar Cookie
Friday – A. Pizza, B. Taquito Grande, C. Sub Sandwich, Golden Corn
Monday – A. Fajita, B. Corn Dog, C. Sub Sandwich, Refried Beans
Tuesday – A. Home-style Beef Stroganoff, B. Baked Chicken Nuggets, C. Sub Sandwich, Green Beans, Frosted Cinnamon Roll

Irene-Wakonda School

Breakfast
Available every day:
Breakfast entrée or Choice of cereals w/toast, Fruit, Milk Choices
Wednesday – Waffles, Fruit, Milk Choices
Thursday – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk Choices
Friday – N/A
Monday – Apple Bosco Stick, Fruit, Milk Choices
Tuesday – French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Milk Choices

Irene-Wakonda Elementary School

Lunch
Wednesday – A. Italian Meatball Sub, B. Hot Dog on a Bun, C. Italian Sub, Corn Chips, Carrots
Thursday – A. Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, B. Chicken Nuggets, Bread, C. Roast Beef & Swiss Sub, Green Beans
Friday – N/A
Monday – A. Italian Pasta Bake with Breadstick, B. Cheeseburger, C. Ham & Cheese Sub, Green Beans
Tuesday – A. Grilled Ham & Cheese, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, C. Cold Cut Sub, Baked Beans

a Bun, Corn Chips, Carrots
Thursday – A. Macaroni & Cheese, B. Chicken Nuggets, Bread, Green Beans
Friday – N/A
Monday – A. Italian Pasta Bake with Breadstick, B. Cheeseburger, Green Beans
Tuesday – A. Grilled Ham & Cheese, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans

Irene-Wakonda High & Middle School

Lunch
Wednesday – A. Italian Meatball Sub, B. Hot Dog on a Bun, C. Italian Sub, Corn Chips, Carrots
Thursday – A. Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, B. Chicken Nuggets, Bread, C. Roast Beef & Swiss Sub, Green Beans
Friday – N/A
Monday – A. Italian Pasta Bake with Breadstick, B. Cheeseburger, C. Ham & Cheese Sub, Green Beans
Tuesday – A. Grilled Ham & Cheese, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, C. Cold Cut Sub, Baked Beans

Continuing The Workforce Marathon

A COLUMN BY GOV. DENNIS DAUGAARD

Supplying our employers with needed workforce continues to be a major challenge for our state. Our low unemployment rate is a sign of economic strength, but it also means it's difficult for employers to add more jobs even if they have the business to justify it.

Still, whenever we face a challenge, South Dakotans roll up their sleeves and work together to find a solution.

One year ago, I challenged all sectors – business, education and government – to work together to address workforce challenges. Using feedback and information gained from six regional workforce summits, we identified the key components of an effective workforce system.

First, we need to prepare our youth to reach their true potential by providing the tools, information and opportunities to guide them in their career decisions.

At the high school level, our Dual Credit Program has provided opportunities for juniors and seniors to enroll directly into college courses. This helps prepare them

for their careers, and also provides credits toward both a high school diploma and a post-secondary degree. During the 2014-15 school year, nearly 2,000 students registered for 3,810 courses totaling 11,196 credit hours. Three out of every four earned A's and B's.

Second, employers need mechanisms to help them recruit and retain quality workers. Certainly, training is needed to help citizens fill the skilled jobs in our state. At the same time, though, we should recruit workers from outside our state, welcoming new South Dakotans and encouraging the return of those who have left our state.

Toward encouraging local communities to meet their own unique workforce needs, the Community Incentives Matching Program provided 1:1 grant dollars to help implement locally developed strategies. Fourteen grantees received a combined total of \$1 million towards their sustainable local initiatives. Workforce strategies ranged from housing to internships and certification and training programs to English as a Second Language classes.

Lastly, the foundation of an effective workforce system must be built around data and a common

language. The Department of Labor and Regulation is overhauling its entire SDWORKS job service system. When the overhaul is complete, to make decisions we will have real-time, skill-based supply and demand information, not just historical information. Additionally, the jobs database will use language describing jobs and job seekers in terms of actual skills and experiences, competencies, and preferences, not just job titles. This will allow job seekers, employers and education institutions to make better job matches by using common terminology.

Looking at our progress, many other programs included in our South Dakota Workforce Initiatives are also doing exceptionally well. Collaborative efforts to fill our workforce gaps have grown and been successful. The South Dakota Workforce Initiatives annual report is a testament to the progress we've made. Read it at SouthDakotaWins.com.

The challenge of supplying our employers with needed workforce cannot be overcome easily. This is a marathon, not a sprint, but we're making progress.

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

Sept. 16 – Sept. 22. Menus are subject to change without notice. All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday – Italian Sausage with Marinara Sauce and Spaghetti, Baked Acorn Squash, Tossed Salad, Pizzelle, Fresh Pear
Thursday – Ham Loaf, Mashed Potatoes with Milk Gravy, Peas, Apricots
Friday – Tuna & Noodles, Seasoned Spinach, Banana, Bread Pudding
Monday – Liver and Onions, Baked Potato, Green Beans Amantine, Crunchy Cranberry Salad
Tuesday – Taco Salad with Meat, Bean, Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Tortilla Chips, Fresh Fruit

NRCS Announces Program Signup For Equipment

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS), Huron, S.D., September 10, 2015– Applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are batched annually for funding consideration. October 16, 2015, is the date by which an operator or landowner must sign an application at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 funding consideration, according to Jennifer Wurtz, EQIP Program coordinator, with the NRCS.

The EQIP program provides financial and technical assistance to help farmers and ranchers voluntary implement conservation practices to improve natural resources on working agricultural lands. Payment is provided for a variety of practices to address resource concerns such as water quality, grazing land health and productivity, soil erosion and soil quality, and wildlife habitat development.

Applications for all NRCS conservation programs are accepted continuously, however the application batching date, or call for ranking, for FY16 EQIP funds is October 16, 2015. Wurtz says, "The batching deadline for this popular conservation program comes around quickly. I encourage any operator or landowner to apply early, not wait, and visit your local NRCS office to work on the development of a conservation plan. Having a conservation plan in place will aid in the development of a conservation program application down the road."

For information about technical assistance and conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted. For more information about the EQIP or to apply, please contact your local NRCS office.

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To apply, go to <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus>. Job ID #5000 or 5001. For more information, contact the HR Office at 605-668-3118.

SOUTH DAKOTA HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

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