

# Kindle's Korner

by

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## **Yankton School District Welcome Back To School Newsletter**

Our Back To School Newsletter has taken on a great look for the 2024-25 School Year. Please use the following link to access our colored flipbook version:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/296516fb40.html>

## **"I Love U Guys" School Safety Program Implemented in YSD**

- The "I Love U Guys" Foundation serves the lives of students, administrators, public safety experts, families, and first responders through the development and training of school and community safety and family reunification programs
- Programs have been implemented by over 50,000 schools, agencies and organizations across the United States, Canada and 11 other countries
- SD Department of Public Safety will be implementing this program state wide, YSD is ahead their roll-out
- The "I Love U Guys" Foundation is a conduit for the work and experience of administrators, psychologists, public space safety experts, families, and first responders
- The program is data-driven, researched, and based on experience and leading practices
- Collaboration between YSD, Yankton County Sheriff/EMS/Emergency Management, YPD, Yankton Fire Department
- Increased communication with parents/community
- In May the YSD sent school administrators and our SROs to training
- YSD School Board received an overview at the August School Board Meeting
- YSD Staff/Employees had an initial overview on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

- Parent/Community presentation on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the YHS Theater 6:00-7:00 followed by information from my office
- On-site Staff/Employee training from the national organization on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Additional On-site Staff/Employee training from the national organization on May 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Trailhead Learning Center**

Significant work has taken place and will continue on Trailhead Learning Center. The facility changes weekly both outside and inside Trailhead Learning Center.

We have been doing staff trainings over the past few months and this will continue along with moving plans.

Another step in this process involves the furniture delivery and set-up for each area of Trailhead Learning Center. We have been working very closely with our consultant as we approach this next step.

We are also in discussions about our dedication and open houses, which will take place on Thursday, April 24 with more details to follow.

The community is welcome to follow the construction progression along with updated pictures of Trailhead Learning Center by accessing the following link: <https://www.yzd.k12.sd.us/page/early-childhood-development-center>

### **Golden Lifetime Activity Pass Beyond Successful**

Residents of the Yankton School District who are 65 years of age and above may obtain a Golden Lifetime Activity Pass. The pass allows for free admission into all Yankton School District regular season activities.

The **Golden Lifetime Activity Pass** may be obtained at the Yankton School District Administration Building. Those wishing to obtain the pass must show an I.D. with birthdate and residence verification. A driver's license would suffice as an I.D.

We have provided nearly 1800 Golden Lifetime Activity Passes since we began the program! This is a terrific way to get involved with the Yankton School District and enjoy a number of wonderful activities!

## **School Board Meetings**

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm. Yankton School Board Meetings are held at the Yankton School District Administration Building in the School Board Meeting Room.

School board meetings are live-streamed, as well as recorded and re-aired on public access channels on our local cable television. The meetings are also archived on the YSD Website <https://www.ysd.k12.sd.us/o/ysd/page/video-archive>

## **Superintendent Presentations**

Thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me to lead the Yankton School District. You are welcome contact to me at any time to visit. 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.

If there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in the future, please call me at 665-3998 or email me at [wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us](mailto:wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us)

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