

Kindle's Korner

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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 2025-26 School Year. Please use the following link to access our colored flipbook version:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/e54b7dfc46.html>

Celebrating 150 Years of Excellence in Education!

The Yankton School District is proud to mark its 150th Anniversary this year! Since 1875, we've been committed to providing quality education, fostering growth, and preparing students for the future.

To commemorate this milestone, we'll be sharing "Monday Memories" using our social media throughout the year, highlighting stories, photos, and milestones from our district's rich history. We'll also be celebrating in our schools and community with special events, student projects, and opportunities to reflect on our past while looking ahead to the future.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we honor 150 years of learning, leading, and achieving—and we look forward to the next 150!

Stay tuned to our social media and website for updates, photos, and ways to join in the celebration.

"I Love U Guys" School Safety Program Year 2

The Yankton School District is in its' second year of the program. There have been various trainings in the past year done by staff from the "I Love U Guys" Foundation along with internal training.

This past May, Yankton School District Staff took part in "Reunification Training" and simulations conducted at our "Reunification" sites. Additionally, training reminders and discussions took place during our return to school In-service week held in August.

- 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 along with 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
- Empowering students to use their phone/electronic devices in emergency situations.
- Collaboration between YSD, Yankton County Sheriff/EMS/Emergency Management, YPD, Yankton Fire Department and Yankton Ministerial Association
- Increased communication with parents/community

School Board Meetings

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd 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

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