



"We promote spirited thinking, responsible citizenship and lifelong learning."



The 'Principle' Corner - A monthly report on school changes and academic updates by Principal Kimberly Kludt

I'm happy to say the 2011-2012 school year is up and running at DRHS! We've survived Homecoming and the end of the first quarter is drawing near. As I'm sure you can imagine, so much happens within a high school on any given day... with classrooms, hallways, organizations, clubs, and various athletic venues that it is nearly impossible to really update you on everything. This makes it necessary to narrow my focus.

I do believe every one of the experiences our students have shape them and affect their future; however, my first priority is the day-to-day work within our classrooms. Therefore, I would like to use this venue... the monthly edition of the *Wise Owl*, to spend a few moments describing the academic updates and sharing the hard work and achievements of our students and teachers.

It makes sense to start with one of the most exciting curricular changes... the publishing of the *Wise Owl*. During the course of their school day, students will take submitted work and fine tune the format to import the documents and images. In addition, they will write stories of their own by doing the leg-work necessary to find and create clear and concise news material of school district happenings.

In past years, the *Wise Owl* has been published by Performance Press, a local publishing company with an excellent reputation, talented journalists and creative layout specialists. Starting with this issue, DRHS students enrolled in Journalism are now not only learning the skill of journalistic writing and layout... they are doing the real-world work of putting together a widely-read community publication. As the reader of the *Wise Owl*, you will probably notice few differences. You will still read interesting articles about the school district's students, staff and activities, be reminded of important dates and events, and find yourself entertained with photographs and interesting tidbits of information. Students enrolled in Journalism, on the other hand, will notice great changes! They are now asked to practice, for a real-world audience, the 21st Century skills of critical thinking, problem solving, communicating, collaborating, and creating/innovating.

The task of writing and publishing a monthly publication, in addition to the school newspaper, requires students to think critically about the topics their readers want to learn about. They must problem solve in order to determine the best sources of that information and how to present the information in the best way. Only then can they collaborate with other student-staff members to communicate this information clearly and concisely with the audience. As if that wasn't enough, they will use a new program in *InDesign* to create a document layout that is both pleasing to the eye and easy to read.

One of the most important opportunities we can offer our students is the opportunity to practice real-world skills in a real-world atmosphere. In this case, we have the added benefit of including a real-world audience. We hope you, our students' audience, will not only appreciate the news and information shared with you each month, we hope you see the wonderfully unique academic opportunity our students are being offered. There will be many more such opportunities in other classes as well, and I'm excited to be the one to bring them to you each month. Stay tuned!!

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Mark Your Calendar - Dates to Remember!

Senior football parents - Senior parent night is **Thursday, Oct. 20** at the last regular season home game (a Booster Club calendar change).

School Photo Retakes - **Friday, Oct. 28, 2011**

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Elementary School

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - High School/Middle School

Post Prom Parents - Meetings the first Sunday of every month - 6:30 P.M. at Old 77

Next meetings in 2011 are on Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4.

For information contact:

Joanne Mathis at joannemathis@goldenwest.com or

Stephanie Van Duyn at vanduynd@siouxvalley.net

MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences - **Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011 from 4:30-8:30 P.M.**

Music Boosters - Meet the first Monday of every Month

Next meetings in 2011 are on Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

A Medical Reminder To All!!

Food Allergies at Dell Rapids Elementary School!!

Because DRES has students with severe fish and peanut allergies, DRES is no longer serving fish, peanuts, or peanut products in the lunch program. DRES is also asking that fish, peanuts and peanut products not be sent to school in students' lunches or sent as snacks. We ask the same of parents bringing their own lunch. Your cooperation with this health and safety measure would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Notice To All High School Parents

Mrs. Jennifer Ruesink, the High School Guidance Counselor, is requesting parents to provide the high school office with an e-mail address. Having this information will allow for a quick communication tool to inform parents of upcoming standardized tests, upcoming scholarships, scholarship information, financial aid information, reminders, as well as classroom specific information. You can contact Wendy in the high school office at wendy.anstine@k12.sd.us or call the office at 428-5473, Opt. 1 for the high school.

Meet the Staff and Crew of the Wise Owl



Wise Owl personal (from left): Zane Lodmell, Cheyenne Schumaker, Jese Nelson, and Aleza Kirschenmann

Please welcome the newest edition to the publications staff. These students are working hard to make a good publication that represents the school district. So please enjoy the changes and stories as they grow and learn the program.

Please send any *Wise Owl* information to **kerri.kirschenmann@k12.sd.us**. Thank you.

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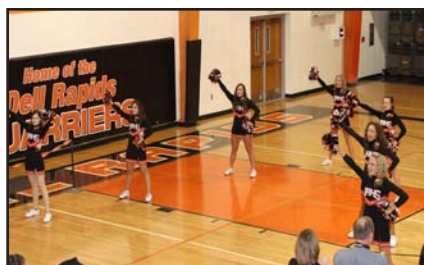
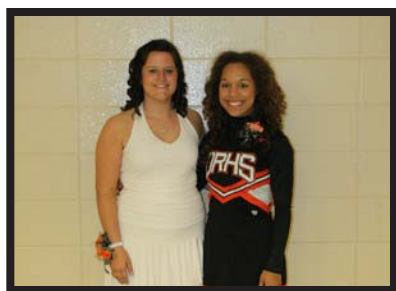
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www.dr-k12.org

MEETINGS

The Board of Education meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. BOE meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Distance Learning Room at the High School. Agendas can be obtained from the Superintendent's office on the Friday before any meeting. The Dell Rapids Tribune publishes the minutes of each regular and special meeting. Agendas and minutes are also posted on the school website.

Dell Rapids Homecoming 2011



2011 DRHS Homecoming royalty (from left) were: Weston Hansen, Channing Barber, Zachery Barber, King Tanner Munk, Queen Laine Mitchell, Haley Fiedler, Brittney Schlaikjer, and Paige Bunkers.

(Top left): Junior class president Kelsi Ritter and Cheerleader Samantha Mathis were responsible for introducing the royalty candidates; (middle left): Members of the Dell Rapids High School choir perform "Sweet Caroline" after royalty is introduced; (bottom left): The cheerleaders lead the audience in the school song at the end of the festivities.

Select eight seniors, add some dress up days, a lot of school sport activities, a parade, and a dance; and what do you get?? Homecoming 2011!!

This year was no different than any other in that the students saw another homecoming come and go. For the Freshman it was their first experience, but for the seniors it was their last chance to enjoy this high school tradition.

As always the week started with Monday being "dress as your favorite Idol Day" and the crowning of King Tanner Munk and Queen Laine Mitchell in a packed gym of students and community members. The week continued with Tuesday as "Random Costume" day, Wednesday found the halls full of "Nerds", Thursday was "Decade" day with the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's represented respectively, followed with the usual Friday "Spirit" and float building day. Winners were picked every day and were given a free drink and snack out of the vending machines for their participation.

Along with school related activities were the usual sporting events in a home volleyball game, cross country meet, and the final event in the football game. All the teams played well and created a lot of excitement in their areas.

All in all it was a fun and eventful week that we all look forward to that brings out the best in school spirit.



Give a creative mind free reign and you never know what look will occur during "Random Costume" Day.



The halls were full of Nerds on "Nerd Day" which brought out a time honored tradition of an old school look!



"Random Costume" day had kids scrambling around in their closets and boxes to find something old and reusable.



"Decade Day" was assigned to each class and many made a good attempt to display their eras.

Homecoming....Cont'd!!



Athletic Boosters of the Year Grace and Mo Lickteig have an honorary position in the parade for homecoming.



Seventh graders won the middle school float and the overall float for the day with their "101 Ways to Beat the Mustangs."



(Far left): DRMS Band performs in true Quarrier fashion; (middle left): Queen Laine and King Tanner start the parade for the schools; (above): The Marching Quarriers demonstrate how to keep those diagonal lines straight during the homecoming parade.



(Above): LuAnn and Rollie Heidebrink were the Grand Marshall's for the DRHS part of the parade; (above right): The Freshman class won the high school float division with "Wheel Whip the Mustangs" and a convincing panel of contestants.



DRMS Fifth graders challenge anyone to be smarter than a Quarrier. Great Quarrier spirit!



DRMS would like to announce and congratulate the **Students of the Month for September** in grades 5-8. These individuals have demonstrated positive behavior reflective of the Pillars of Character : trustworthiness, responsible, respectful, fair, good citizenship, and are caring individuals. Thanks to Lunchtime Solutions, Video Plus, and Pizza Ranch, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places! Congratulations (back row-from left): Joshua Parrott, Jordon Kerns, Andrew Hegge; (middle row-from left): Timothy Jaycox, Jacob Wolles, Adam Nagelhout; (front row-from left): Raigan Schmidt and Mikaela Stofferhan

Dell Rapids Elementary KIDS' CIRCLE

Kids' Circle is a learning and social interaction time for students and staff members. All students in kindergarten through fourth grades belong to a Kids' Circle group. Each staff member leads one of the Kids' Circle groups. There are 2-3 children from each grade in each group. Students remain in the same Kids' Circle group with the same leader throughout their entire elementary school career.

Kids' Circle is a unique opportunity for the students and staff at Dell Rapids Elementary to develop relationships with students from other classrooms and grade levels. Kids' Circle helps students feel good about themselves and encourages positive behavior.

Kids' Circle groups meet once a month to learn and practice the six pillars of good character: Citizenship, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring, and Trustworthiness.

"Survivor" Casteaway Holly Hoffman visits DRMS



On August 26, 2011, Holly Hoffman, one of the recent contestants on a popular game show called "Survivor", visited the Dell Rapids Middle School students to talk a little bit about her experience on the show.

Holly Hoffman is a 44 year old woman from Eureka, S. D., a small town of about 1,000 in McPherson County. While on the show, she was not only the oldest woman on the show, but the last woman to be voted off. Good evidence that she has a lot of determination, motivation, and skill.

"She talked a lot about the importance of family and determination and motivation. She said that everyone called her 'Mamma Holly' because she was the oldest one on the show. She was pretty motivational and touching." DRMS art teacher Pat Gengler said.

While Hoffman was here, she brought some "souvenirs" from her time on the show for the students to see. One of these "souvenirs" was her clothing that she was wearing during the time on the show. Students say that it smelled horrible and was extremely dirty.

Remember....

Scholastic Book Fair
DR Elementary School
Support your child's love of reading and our school library at the same time.



Thursday, Nov 3, 8am-6pm

Friday, Nov 4, 8am-6pm

Monday, Nov 7, 8am-6pm

Tuesday, Nov 8, 8am-8pm

The ACT Test Dates For 2011/2012

TEST DATE:

December 10, 2011

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Regular Deadline: Nov. 4, 2011

Late Fee Required: Nov. 5-18, 2011

TEST DATE:

February 11, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Regular Deadline: Jan. 13, 2012

Late Fee Required: Jan. 14-20, 2012

TEST DATE:

April 14, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Regular Deadline: March 9, 2012

Late Fee Required: March 10-23,
2012

TEST DATE:

June 9, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Regular Deadline: May 4, 2012

Late Fee Required: May 5-18, 2012

ACT Test Dates for 2012-2013

September 8, 2012

October 27, 2012

December 8, 2012

February 9, 2013

April 13, 2013

June 8, 2013

**To Register Go To
WWW.actstudent.org**

Dell Rapids Code: 420325

FCCLA News

Any student in grades 7-12 who this year is going to take or has taken in the past a FACS (family and consumer sciences) class, is eligible to join FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America). Regular meetings are held in the mornings at 8:25 in the FACS room twice a month. Other special meetings, activities, and projects will be announced. Dues for the year are \$15.00. Students or parents who have questions may contact the local advisor, Beverly Rieck.

FCCLA is a student led organization that focuses on family, career, and community projects and activities. Being a member helps to develop leadership skills, having fun through shared group experiences, to help develop a sense of community, family and school involvement, and gain recognition for accomplishments.

Dell Rapids Community Haven

Lights on After School!!



Haven will celebrate this nationwide event on **Thursday, October 20, 2011**. This celebration is held annually to call attention to the critical importance of quality After School Programs in communities and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open. After school programs keep kids safe, help working families, and provide opportunities for young people to develop into successful adults. Children who participate in after school programs are less likely to drop out of school. Visit www.after-schoolalliance.org to see how congress is showing their support & join the thousands of others in the "After School for All Challenge."

Come and join us on **October 20, 2011, from 4-6 P.M. at the Dells Bowl** as we celebrate LOA with an afternoon of bowling, food & fun!!

Please turn your porch lights on from 6:00-9:00 P.M. to show your support of "keeping the lights on & the doors open to after school programs everywhere!!"

Tuition

Tuition for the 2011-12 School Year is \$3.50/session or \$5/session for drop-ins. One session is one day before school or one day after school. Reduced tuition is available for those who qualify for free or reduced school meals.

Haven is available for drop-in sessions. Call ahead and pre-register so you are prepared for those unexpected events.

Registration forms are available at the school offices or by calling

366-8612

Before & After School Programs

- *For students entering Kindergarten-7th grades
- *Before School Program Open 7:00-8:40 a.m.
- *After School Program Open 3:45-6:00 p.m.
- *Flexible scheduling
- *Tons of fun activities planned, including Art & Craft Projects, Local Field Trips, Homework Help, Sports, Food Fun, Enrichments, Board & Card Games, Computers, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Science Experiments, Multicultural Activities, Special Events, Music, Visitors, Community Service Projects, and time to just have fun

**Contact the Dell Rapids
Community Haven at
366-8612**

Competitive Cheer Squad hits the mats

Along with the volleyball, football, golf and cross country teams, the Dell Rapids High School Competitive Cheer Squad has also gotten their season underway. This year's cheer squad, coached by Magen Richeal, has a total of 13 girls on the team which bumped them out of the small squad category into the large squad group. The squad consists of: Seniors Julia Brust, Ashley Van Hult, Megan Welbig, and Lexi Utech; Juniors Cheyenne Schumaker, Miranda Broin, Jese Nelson, and Samantha Mathis; and Sophomores Tia McKillip, Taiven Logan, Aubrey Kimball, Alex Roemen, and Alex VanOverbeke.

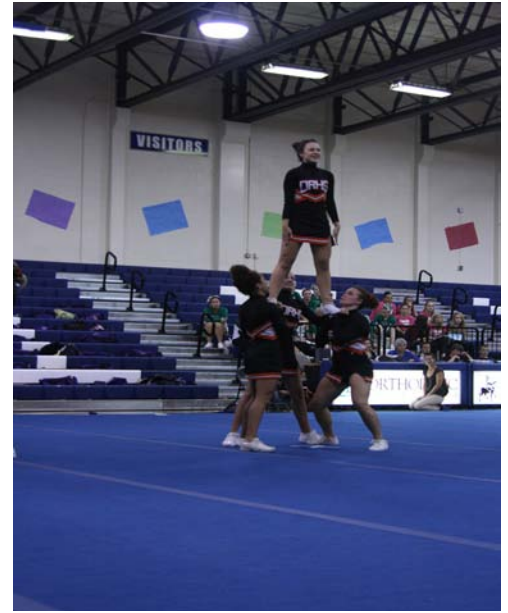
The cheer squad started practicing early in August, learning and perfecting their routine. The squad welcomed six new and talented members this year who are eager to learn and able to catch on fast. Roemen said, "I really enjoy doing cheer and its definitely harder than it looks, but when we all work together as a team we come to accomplish great things."

The squad has started off the year on a strong note. At their first competition in Yankton, S.D., on Sept. 10, 2011, they landed a solid Fourth Place finish. They scored an overall score of 169.5, trailing only behind 'AA' schools like Sioux Falls Washington, Watertown, and Brookings. The cheerleaders were judged in the areas of Cheerleading Fundamentals, Cheer, Dance, and Appeal and Perfection of Routine.

At the next competition in Brandon, S.D., on Sept. 17, they did well once again. Although they scored lower with 157 points, the squad still managed to pull out an Eighth Place finish. The squad hopes to keep improving and progressing as the season goes on. "Our biggest goal has been to stay healthy and competing. So far we have all been on the floor and as long as we stay healthy we will be able to progress according to plan and be ready for our state competition in November," said Coach Richeal.

The squad continued to practice for the next competition held on Sept. 27, at Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School. They took to the mats just shortly after 5:30 that afternoon and showed true Quarrier spirit. Placing Eighth on the day against some tough teams only shows that hard work and dedication pays off.

"This year we are doing very well. We have good team spirit and unity. We hope to continue on a strong path and keep healthy and eliminate injury. I'm glad to spend my last cheer season with my close teammates and friends I've gained over my years at DRHS!" said Senior Vant Hul



(Above): The girls show style and strength in one pyramid during competition at Brandon Competitive Cheer Invite;



(Below): Adding degrees of difficulty is the way to make the judges pay attention to a team who is ready to take the big league by storm.



Boy's Golf ends regular season strong

Congratulations to the 2011 State Boys Golf qualifiers after your tremendous win to bring home the Region Golf Championship on Sept. 26, 2011.

Making up this year's team representing the Quarriers is: (back row-from left): Jager Rus, Colin Karst, and Michael Schmidt; (front row-from left): Ted LaCoursiere, and Zach Schroeder.

Best of luck as you complete your season on Oct. 3-4 in Vermillion, S.D.

2011 DRHS All-State choir participants selected

On Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, interested students of the Dell Rapids High School choir auditioned for All-State choir positions. Each year Dell Rapids is able to bring two quartets to All-State competition, which consists of eight members. This year's All-State group is made up of Sopranos Jordan Stone and Darrian Grassi; Altos Miranda Broin and Nicole Rice; Tenors Austen Hof and Ben Hinricher; and Basses Jackson Gleason and Dylan Damm.

"I'm very excited to experience All-State choir this year and I am very glad to have gotten this opportunity," said Miranda Broin.

These talented young singers have already begun practicing for their big event, which is scheduled to take place on Oct. 28-29, 2011. This year's All-State will be held in Sioux Falls, S.D. at the arena.

The members will be rehearsing the whole day Friday and mid-afternoon on Saturday under the direction of conductor Vi Jay Singh, a professor of music in Washington State. "From what I have seen of the conductor, I think he is very good and the kids will really like him," said DRHS choir director Ginny Ziebarth.

The All-State participants will be performing eight songs at the concert at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night, which will be broadcast live.

"This All-State is going to be good. Of course, you can always expect there to be a lot of great music," said Ziebarth.



Music Booster Notes

Welcome to the Music Boosters. We have a few new faces joining us and will always welcome more. Interested in helping with plans for the trips, dinner, and fund-raising or just want to know more about the music department? If your son/daughter is in Band or Chorus, you are already a member. Come join us the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the new and improved band room. Next meeting is Oct. 3, 2011.

Marching Band performances this year included our Homecoming parade on Sept. 23, which had both the 7th and 8th grade bands as well as the high school band. Other parades for the high school will be the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls on Oct. 1 and the Chester-Lake Area Festival in Chester on Oct. 7.

Holiday concerts are coming up in December—middle school is Dec. 6 and high school is Dec. 15 at 7:00 each evening.

Music Scholarship applications for middle and high school student lessons are available and due October 1. Contact your child's director for the application or for more information.

Board	Members
Sharee	VanVoorst 428-4664
Marcia	Lodmell 428-6010

2011 All-State Choir members are (back row—from left): Jordan Stone, Ben Hinricher, Jackson Gleason, and Austen Hof; (front row—from left): Dylan Damm, Miranda Broin, and Nichole Rice. (Not pictured: Darrian Grassi).

The Wise Owl will only be mailed by request. The monthly Wise Owl and school calendars will be published for viewing online at www.dr-k12.org. Persons wanting to continue to receive a printed copy by mail must contact LuAnn Heidebrink at 428-5473, Opt. 7 or e-mail to LuAnn.Heidebrink@k12.sd.us to be included on the new mailing list.

Erdman spends summer experiencing Europe in the 'People to People' program

Summer is a time for fun, friends, or baseball games, or traveling abroad in Europe. April Erdman was one of 24 students from South Dakota who traveled abroad in Europe with the People to People Student Ambassadorship Program. The goal of the organization is to share American culture and learn about others' culture while traveling abroad.

In Erdman's journey, she traveled to Ireland, Wales, England, France, Belgium and Holland. Along the way, she saw many beautiful sights, such as, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Buckingham Palace, and Trinity College. She also visited Omaha Beach where the Battle of the Bulge took place, as well as Anne Frank's house. Erdman also went on the London Eye, and witnessed people make Belgian chocolate and clogs.

Erdman's favorite place to see was Ireland. "I really enjoyed all the countryside we saw. Plus, I'm Irish so Ireland was where I wanted to go the most," she said, "I recommend this trip to anyone who is interested in witnessing the similarities and differences of others' cultures compared to ours in the U.S."



Foreign Exchange students experience America at Dell Rapids High School

This year we are pleased to welcome Naetima Prathipthinthong, a foreign exchange student from Thailand, who answers to the name Mai. Mai is a sophomore this year and looks forward to experiencing the American high school culture.

She is very excited to be here. "I am looking forward to joining the *Echo* staff this year," said Naetima of adding to her high school experience.

In Bangkok, Thailand, Naetima has a five story building for her school, which consists of 3000 students in the student body. In her class alone, she has 300 students. Please welcome Mai to Dell Rapids High School and help her to enjoy her stay in America!



Yet another new face at Dell Rapids High School is junior Daniel Tchemerinski Konieczny. He is from Denmark and originally from Poland. Although his school in Denmark is much bigger than DRHS, he is liking the new experience. He wanted to come to South Dakota to play football, which he has already begun and is enjoying. As a matter of fact, he played in his first game ever against Canton.

When asked what he thought of football here, he said, "It is fun because football here is so much bigger and people really care a lot about it." Daniel also hopes to play basketball and then participate in track later in the year.

Daniel is currently living with Jeff and Teri Zastrow in Dell Rapids. He says he is glad to be here and is enjoying living with them. "I hope I have a good experience while I am living here and learn something new from it."

When asked about Daniel, football coach Jim Schroeder said, "Daniel is actually a pretty quiet kid, but if you get to talking to him you will find that he's very pleasant and a nice kid in general."

Good luck Daniel on the rest of your time in Dell Rapids!

Dell Rapids High School would like to welcome Sophomore Paassamon Chaiyont (who also likes to be called Beau). Chaiyont comes to Dell Rapids from Thailand. She is staying with Brandi Mitchell and her family here in South Dakota.

Chaiyont has 158 students in her class in Thailand. She is one of five children in her family. "I am looking forward to the whole year here," she said.

Paassamon's interests include math, food, school, and friends. Good luck and have a great year here at Dell Rapids High School!

NCLB District Reports

DISTRICT 2011	ASSESSMENT				ACCOUNTABILITY								
Reading	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Participation Rate %	Total % P&A 3-8,11	Grades 3 - 5 AMO=69		Grades 6 - 8 AMO=69		Grades 9 - 12 AMO=62		
	%	%	%	%			%P&A	AYP 3 - 5	%P&A	AYP 6 - 8	%P&A	AYP 9-12	
All Students	28	50	20	2	96.94	78	86	Y	71	Y	82	Y	
White(Not Hispanic)	29	51	20	0	96.98	80	86	Y	72	Y	82	Y	
Black or African American	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Asian	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Pacific Islander	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Native American	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Hispanic	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Two or more races	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Economically Disadvantaged	21	46	31	2	96.22	67	76	Y	56	Y		Y	
Limited English Proficient	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Students with Disabilities	14	36	46	4	96.91	50	71	Y	19	Y	DNM	Y	
DSTEP w/accommodations	14	35	47	4				Y		Y		Y	
DSTEP w/o accommodations	20	40	40	0				Y		Y		Y	
DSTEP Alternate	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y	
Gender	Male	28	45	25	2	96.80	73	82	Y	65	Y	80	Y
	Female	28	56	14	2	97.11	84	88	Y	80	Y	84	Y
Migrant	group does not meet minimum population size												

DISTRICT 2011	ASSESSMENT				ACCOUNTABILITY							
Mathematics	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Participation Rate %	Total % P&A 3-8,11	Grades 3 - 5 AMO=72		Grades 6 - 8 AMO=72		Grades 9 - 12 AMO=63	
	%	%	%	%			%P&A	AYP 3 - 5	%P&A	AYP 6 - 8	%P&A	AYP 9-12
All Students	22	55	23	0	96.94	77	89	Y	82	Y	74	Y
White(Not Hispanic)	25	59	16	0	96.98	74	89	Y	83	Y	74	Y
Black or African American	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Asian	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Pacific Islander	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Native American	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Hispanic	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Two or more races	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Economically Disadvantaged	18	55	27	0	96.22	73	79	Y	72	Y	DNM	Y
Limited English Proficient	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Students with Disabilities	9	45	45	1	96.91	54	76	Y	34	Y	10	Y
DSTEP w/accommodations	9	40	49	2				Y		Y		Y
DSTEP w/o accommodations	0	80	20	0				Y		Y		Y
DSTEP Alternate	group does not meet minimum population size							Y		Y		Y
Gender Male	26	58	16	0	96.80	84	90	Y	82	Y	74	Y
Gender Female	23	60	17	0	97.11	83	88	Y	81	Y	84	Y
Migrant	group does not meet minimum population size											

District Improvement Status	Reading Math	N	N	Graduation Rate	81.33%	Attendance Rate	96.94%
Teachers with Emergency or Provisional Credentials	0.00%	% Classes not taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	0.00%	Districtwide, Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers Disaggregated by Poverty Quartile		Highest Quartile of Poverty Schools: 0%	Lowest Quartile of Poverty Schools: 0%

DISTRICT 2011	ASSESSMENT				Participation Rate %
Science	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	
	%	%	%	%	
All Students	16	68	14	2	96.94
White (not Hispanic)	16	67	15	2	96.98
Black or African American	group does not meet minimum population size				
Asian	group does not meet minimum population size				
Pacific Islander	group does not meet minimum population size				
Native American	group does not meet minimum population size				
Hispanic	group does not meet minimum population size				
Two or more races	group does not meet minimum population size				
Economically Disadvantaged	9	69	19	3	96.22
Limited English Proficient	group does not meet minimum population size				96.91
Students with Disabilities	14	52	28	6	
DSTEP w/accommodations	16	52	28	4	
DSTEP w/o accommodations	0	50	50	0	
DSTEP Alternate	group does not meet minimum population size				
Gender Male	20	67	10	3	96.80
Gender Female	10	70	20	0	97.11
Migrant	group does not meet minimum population size				

Schools in Improvement Status: 0

Y - Met AYP, N - Did Not Meet AYP
 * group does not meet minimum population size

%P&A = Percent Proficient and Advanced
 AMO = Annual Measurable Objective

The district will provide printed copies in color of the full District Reports from the South Dakota Department of Education's website in the district office, each school, and displayed in public buildings within the community. Results for each grade tested, two-year trend data, and state comparisons can be found on the full reports.

All NCLB Report Card Information can be found at: www.doe.sd.gov/reportcard/index.aspx

Ag In Action

The Fundamental Ag Mechanics class has finished a unit on hydraulics as well as plumbing. The 22 students are now working on a concrete unit in which they will be introduced to the various components on concrete, how it is mixed, the various types of forms and the different types of concrete. On September 7, Jeff Vavra, the admissions representative from WyoTech school presented information about their school to the students.

The unit on FFA has been the main focus for the Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources students. The students have just finished covering the history, opportunities and skills students can develop by joining the FFA organization. Students have the choice to pay the \$15 dues and join this great organization. The students are now working on a unit covering water. They will be exposed to the types of water sources, water pollution and water conservation. This class had a guest presenter on August 30, 2011.

Mary Lou Lacey from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Minnehaha County presented information to the students on what the NRCS office does, her job requirements as a soil conservationist and what type of education is needed for jobs with the NRCS.

As the Fundamentals of Animal Science class finishes up their unit on genetics, they have gained knowledge on how traits that are passed from the parent to the offspring and using a Punnett Square to help predict the gene combinations. The next unit will be on livestock nutrition covering the various nutrients needed by livestock and how to balance their ration.

Cade and Caleb Buysse exhibited breeding ewes at the South Dakota State Fair in the FFA division on Sept. 4.. Cade received First Place and his ewe was selected as the grand champion breeding sheep. The district land judging school was held near Chester, S.D., on Sept. 22, with 14 agriculture students and FFA members developing skills in land evaluation. Two state FFA officers visited the morning agriculture classes on Sept. 26, to encourage students to get involved in the dynamic organization for students interested in agriculture. The FFA chapter had an entry in the homecoming parade on Sept. 23, 2011. Thank you to Billion Chevy for allowing our organization to use a vehicle.

The South East Region Land Judging event was held on Sept. 28, 2011, near Brandon, S.D. Erica Jurgensen and Gina Wolles will have the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, I.N., on Oct. 19-22. The members will once again be starting the annual fruit sale in mid-October, so keep an eye out for members selling and advertisements relating to this fundraiser. Members are also working on developing their leadership skills to compete in the leadership career development events on Oct. 31, in Brookings, S.D., and the district event on Nov. 15, 2011, in Hartford, S.D.



(Above left): Students take a field trip for hands on experience at the District Land Judging competition;

(Above): Gina Wolles exhibits her Dairy cattle at the 2011 State Fair;

(Bottom left): Past graduate, Cade Buysse, displays his Grand Champion sheep for the breeding category.

Construction safety necessary for new high school additions

The start of a new school year brings a change at Dell Rapids High School. As most students, and now community, know a construction project is taking place inside, outside and around the school. Some square footage has been added and remodeling has taken place in the Art Room, the shop area, and band room.

Although the changes are great, some temporary downfalls and even a few permanent downfalls, are present. "Right now parking is a nightmare and even after construction is finished there will be fewer parking spaces than before," said band director Brian Smith.

Also on the parking situation, Superintendent Tom Ludens said, "We lost about 68 spaces in the parking lot, but we have two hopes for fixing the parking. One, if we get a new bus barn, we will tear down the old one and use that space for parking. Two, we hope to find new property that we can purchase and use for parking purposes."

Even the busing situation is different in that students are dropped off and picked up in front of the middle school so watch for kids coming out and obey the signs as to what is allowed for parking and what is not.

A new hallway has been added to the school branching off from the north entrance and leading into what will be a new gymnasium, that will mainly be used for practices and middle school games due to the smaller amount of seating. Completion dates for these additions started out as Aug. 4, but were moved back to September 1, but classes did not get in all of the areas until mid-September but all is running and operational within the school walls. The new gymnasium is to be completed on Jan. 1 2012 and the coaches and kids are waiting to test out this new space that will eliminate some of the scheduling headaches and some morning practices.

For the most part there are great changes, the only problem seems to be with parking, and may it be resolved soon. DRHS/MS was in need of these renovations and they will be great additions to the school so your patience is appreciated but don't let it keep you away from the fun and activities as the school year moves on. A shuttle bus has been set up to help with some parking for activities so check the schedule and see what times and dates this service is offered.



The new gym is coming along well and is on schedule to be completed by the first of the year



The ground has been broken and the path ready for the new parking area on the east side of the school



The Haven participants enjoy some of the new equipment bought for them by the mini grant.

"Get Ready, Get Set, Get Balanced!"

The Dell Rapids Wellness Committee and Haven were awarded the **We CAN!!** mini grant from South Dakota Team Nutrition. The monies received have purchased the 'Spark PE' curriculum for the elementary school, sporting equipment for the Haven program and DRES, money to purchase fruit for concessions at sporting events, prizes for 'Get Ready, Get Set, Get Balanced' program after school, and will cover the expenses for families to attend a health awareness class to motivate families to get up and moving.

The 'Get Ready, Get Set, Get Balanced' event was held during Haven on Sept. 18. Individuals who attended had mini sessions on 'MyPlate', 'Go-Whoa-Slow' foods, and fun physical activities utilizing the equipment purchased with the grant monies. County Fair also helped distribute yummy fresh fruit snacks that were purchased through the grant.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that school age children need 60 minutes of physical activity every day and adults need 30 minutes of physical activity everyday. The reality of these numbers is entire families need to get up and moving in their homes every day. The CDC also reported that South Dakota ranked last in the nation for vegetable consuming. Grants like this help our school and community support overall health and wellness.

If you would like further information about taking this class please contact Char Faulstich at the Haven number of 366-8612.

Dell Rapids Elementary School



OCTOBER 2011 BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast Choices

Available every day
Breakfast includes:

- Entrée or choice of cereals & toast
- Fresh or Canned Fruit
- Milk choices



Cereal Choices With Toast

Available every day

Entree Note:

Homestyle/Scratch ☺

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Waffle with Syrup Fruit Milk Choices 3	Cheese Omelet Fruit Milk Choices 4	Homestyle Sausage Gravy over Fresh Baked Biscuit ☺ Fruit Milk Choices 5	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Milk Choices 6	Cinnamon Roll Tastry Milk Choices 7
No School 10	Fresh Baked Fruit Muffin Square ☺ Fruit Milk Choices 11	Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich made with a Fresh Baked Biscuit ☺ Fruit Milk Choices 12	Pancake Sausage Stick Fruit Milk Choices 13	Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll ☺ Milk Choices 14
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Cinnamon Tastry Fruit Milk Choices 31				



Meal Prices

Student Breakfast \$1.25
Adult Breakfast \$1.60

Breakfast is served every day
from 8:15 to 8:55.

Extras Available

Extra Milk \$.45

Applications for Free and Reduced
price meals can be obtained from
all building offices at any time
throughout the school year.

Whole Grain is Best!

We offer Cheerios® and Kix® cereals
daily to provide students with a
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Get your day off to a great
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Studies show that
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Questions Comments

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Dell Rapids Middle High School



OCTOBER 2011 BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast Choices

Available every day
Breakfast includes:

- Entrée, choice of Cereals w/Toast, or choices below
- Fresh or Canned Fruit
- Milk choices



Extra Breakfast Choices:

- Monday: Biscuit with Sausage Gravy
- Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza
- Wednesday: Breakfast Sandwich
- Thursday: Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy
- Cereal with Toast is available every day

These items will be served
along with the items listed on
the menu

Entree Note:

Homestyle/Scratch ☺

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Waffle with Syrup Fruit Milk Choices 3	Cheese Omelet Fruit Milk Choices 4	Homestyle Sausage Gravy over Fresh Baked Biscuit ☺ Fruit Milk Choices 5	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Milk Choices 6	Cinnamon Tastry Milk Choices 7
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Cinnamon Tastry Fruit Milk Choices 31				



Meal Prices

MS Breakfast \$1.25
HS Breakfast \$1.25
Adult Breakfast \$1.60
Extra Milk \$.45

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Breakfast MENUS

LUNCH MENUS

Dell Rapids Elementary School



OCTOBER 2011 LUNCH MENU



Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.



Healthy Cool Choices:

Sandwiches are available every day.

Menu Notes:

Vegetarian
Homestyle/Scratch
Good Source of Fiber

Meal Prices

Elem. Student Lunch \$2.20
Adult Lunch \$2.85
Extra Milk \$0.45

Free and reduced meal forms can be obtained from all building offices at any time throughout the school year.

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October selection: Apples

Find out the nutritional benefits of Apples on the poster in the dining area or at:
<http://server.lunchtimesolutions.com/81/farmersmarket.pdf>

New To The Menu Announcing the Mojo Sandwich!!

Tender Midwestern 100% pure ground beef simmered with a special blend of seasonings is served on a bakery fresh bun with cheese and dill pickle slices. Also known as a Loosemeat or Tavern, it's a real Midwestern tradition!



Dell Rapids Middle High School



OCTOBER 2011 LUNCH MENU



Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.



Healthy Cool Choices Offered Daily:

Fresh Baked Sub Sandwiches
Fruited Yogurt
Entree Salads

Menu Notes:

Vegetarian
Homestyle/Scratch
Good Source of Fiber

Meal Prices

MS Lunch \$2.30
HS Lunch \$2.30
Adult Lunch \$2.85
Chef's Prepared Meal \$4.00
Extra Entrée \$1.75
Extra Pizza Ranch \$1.75
Extra Milk \$0.45

Questions/Comments
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Chef Prepared Entrée Wed. October 5th

Thai Noodles with Chicken
Chef Keith will be preparing tender white meat chicken tossed with colorful fresh vegetables and al dente, linguine pasta in a spicy Thai sauce. The entrée is available for a special price of \$4.00 and includes the fruit and veggie bar and milk choice. You must have money in your account to choose this entrée.



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QUARRIERS				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 A. Homestyle Tator Hotdish B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Golden Corn	4 A. Super Nachos B. BBQ Rib Sandwich Refried Beans	5 A. Country Fried Steak B. Baked Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Frosted Yellow Cake	6 A. Homestyle Cavatini B. Hot Dog Green Beans Fresh Baked Breadstick	7 A. Pizza B. Breaded Pork Sandwich Steamed Carrots
10 No School	11 A. Soft Shell Taco B. Baked Corn Dog Marinated Black Bean Salad Locally grown apples	12 A. Hamburger or Cheeseburger B. Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce Green Beans	13 A. Homestyle Beef Chili B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich Peas Fresh Baked Cinnamon	14 A. Golden Macaroni & Cheese B. Pizza Steamed Broccoli
17 Breakfast for Lunch A. Pancakes and Sausage B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Tri-Tator Hashbrown	18 A. Homestyle Beef & Cheese Enchilada B. Hot Dog Whole Grain Rice	19 New to the Menu! A. Mojo Sandwich B. BBQ Chicken Wrap Baked Beans Rice Krispie Treat	20 A. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Baked Breadstick	21 A. Pizza B. Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup Golden Corn
24 A. Homestyle Scalloped Potatoes & Ham B. Hot Pepperoni Sub Steamed Broccoli	25 A. Super Mexican Potatoes B. Baked Breaded Pork Sandwich Refried Beans	26 A. Skillet Macaroni and Beef B. Baked Mini Corn Dogs Golden Corn Fresh Baked Ranger Cookie	27 A. Turkey & Gravy (over Mashed Potatoes) B. Baked Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Baked Dinner Roll	28 A. Hamburger or Cheeseburger B. Pizza Green Beans
31 A. Homestyle Chicken & Noodles B. Baked Breaded Beef Fingers Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Halloween Cookie				

October 2011

DR QUARRIERS
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responsible citizenship
and lifelong learning.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:45 AM Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls
2 8:00 AM FCCLA Leadership weekend in Rapid City	3 8:00 AM Boys Golf-State Tournament -Vermillion 8:00 AM FCCLA Leadership weekend in Rapid City 4:00 PM 9th FB @ Tea 4:00 PM 7/8 VB @ Tri-Valley 5:15 PM JV FB @ Tea	4 8:00 AM Boys Golf-State Tournament -Vermillion 4:00 PM 7/8 FB @ Home-Tea 4:30 PM MS/HS/P/T Conferences 4:30-8:30 PM	5	6 4:00 PM 7/8 VB @ Home-Sioux Valley 5:00 PM VB @ Sioux Valley 5:30 PM Cheer-Brandon Valley Invite	7 10:00 AM Lake Area Marching Band Festival in Chester 3:30 PM XC (BSC) @ EPJ 7:00 PM FB @ Home-Dakota Valley	8 9:00 AM 7/8 VB- BSC TNY @ Canton
9	10 8:00 AM NO SCHOOL (Native American/Columbus Day) 3:45 PM "C" VB @ Baltic 4:00 PM JVFB @ Home-Dakota Valley 5:30 PM 9th FB @ Home-Dakota Valley 7:00 PM BOE MTG	11 4:00 PM 7/8 VB @ Harrisburg 4:00 PM HS Quiz Bowl @ Brookings 5:00 PM VB @ Home-Harrisburg 5:30 PM Cheer @ Watertown	12	13 4:00 PM XC (Region) @ Deubrook 4:00 PM 7/8 FB @ Garretson 5:00 PM VB @ SFC	14 5:00 AM FCCLA Serve Breakfast @ Banquet 7:00 PM FB @ Sisseton	15 9:00 AM VB- BSC TNY @ Tri-Valley
16	17 4:00 PM DRMS Quiz Bowl 7:00 PM FFA Chapter Meeting-Ag Classroom	18 5:00 PM VB @ Home-Madison (Sr/Parent Night-VB, Boys Golf, XC)	19 8:00 AM National FFA Convention 8:00 AM End of 1st Quarter	20 8:00 AM National FFA Convention 7:00 PM FB @ Home-Milbank (Sr/Parent Night for Football & Dance/Cheer)	21 8:00 AM National FFA Convention 4:00 PM 7/8 FB @ Home- Harrisburg 4:00 PM HS Oral Interp @ Lennox 5:00 PM VB @ Chester	22 8:00 AM National FFA Convention 8:00 AM XC-State @ Sioux Falls 9:00 AM HS Oral Interp @ Madison (DSU)
23	24 4:00 PM HS Oral Interp @ Brookings 5:00 PM VB @ Beresford	25 7:00 PM FB-First Round Playoff -TBD	26 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM Staff Health Screenings/Flu Shots	27 5:00 PM VB @ Dakota Valley 5:30 PM Cheer @ SF Roosevelt	28 10:30 AM Elementary Picture Retakes (Photography by Mark) 1:00 PM MS & HS Picture Retakes (Photography by Mark)	29
30	31 7:00 PM FB- Second Round Play-off TBD	Dell Rapids School District 1216 N. Garfield Dell Rapids, SD 57022 Phone: 605-428-5473 Fax: 605-428-5609 Website: www.dr-k12.org				





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