



Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

1st Quarter 2014-15

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year at Dell Rapids Public School. After getting to know the staff, students, and community, I can say with 100% certainty,



Summer Schultz Superintendent - DRPS

"It is a Great Day to be a Quarrier!"

As you finalize your back to school plans, remember to double check your child's transportation to and from school and if you have questions or need to set up transportation, please contact Jeff Schmidt at 428-5473 (ext. 7).

Please help me welcome the new Quarrier staff members:

Jessica Hendrickson Mary Slunecka	Kindergarten Early Childhood SPED
Tasha Davis	3rd Grade
Kelli DeWaard	Speech
Sherry Jackson	Deaf Educator
Rebecca Ostraat	MS Band
Kelsey Dykstra	MS SPED
Kari Hettinger	MS Teacher
Aimee Lenocker	MS Teacher
Amy Holm HS/MS As	
Jessica Kolasa	HS Custodian
Joseph Brisbois	HS Math
Rebecca Reyes	HS Spanish

Whether you have students who attend DRPS or you are a Quarrier supporter, keep in mind there are multiple opportunities to share your time and talents. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, I wish you and your children a successful 2014-2015 school year at Dell Rapids Public Schools.



Austin Eulberg and Alex Eulberg planted the sixteen acres of school land utilized by the agriculture classes as a land lab on May 23. FFA members then use it to gain experience in applying crop production skills.

New Ag Class Offered

DRHS and Mr. Tom Wolff will offer a new course this fall called Fundamental Plant Science, as the plant science industry is a large part of the economic structure in South Dakota. The demand for careers in plant science is expected to grow by 10% by 2016. Students in this class will be exposed to the principles of anatomy and physiology in plants in both domesticated and natural environment, the environment to promote optimal growth in plants, fundamentals of production and harvesting of plants, pest management plans, and handling, storing and marketing of various crops.

Many opportunities in FFA allow students to practice speaking and critical thinking through a variety of agricultural judging events. If you would like more information about agriculture education classes or the FFA, contact Mr. Wolff.

The first FFA chapter meeting will be held on Monday, September 8 at 7 pm in the high school agriculture classroom.



See photo and special feature inside to check out what Austin Machmiller and Mr. Wolff were up to this summer.

Home of the Quarriers

Changes for the Wise Owl:

In an effort to conserve cost and staff time, the Wise Owl will be published quarterly for the 2014-15 school year with issues being scheduled for **August**, **November, February**, and **April**.

In addition, the school lunch menus and COMPLETE and up-to-date athletics and activity schedules will be available on the school website <u>dr-k12.org</u>.



Preparations for 2014-15

Just because the thermometer and calendar say it's summer doesn't mean the work ends for Dell Rapids staff and students. Dell Rapids students and teachers alike spent the past summer preparing to maximize the potential learning and success for the next school year. Many Quarrier athletes - both young men and women - took part in Acceleration training throughout the summer to hone their performance on the court, on the field, and golf and running courses. This training is in addition to attending camps or playing rec sports to stay in shape.

Many teachers took part in the South Dakota teacher training to build skills for writing Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and the related assessments to maximize student learning for the coming year. SLO training also helps them prepare for the new evaluation system required by the State. Many teachers also took part in additional training in their content areas. Some teachers like Sherry Koopman, Karla Gruis, and Nichole North took part in Top 20 Training to help perfect their skills and make their classes among the top 20%. DRHS teacher, Deb Huska, spent most of June researching cybersecurity and later attended the ISM Films 5-day teacher workshop to improve her classes. As the days inch closer to the first day of school, both students and teachers are ready to make 2014-15 their best year yet.



The Dell Rapids High School Booster Club welcomes new members to the Board:

Dennis and Dondi Ahlers Wayne and Kim Mortrude Jason and Cindy Pulscher

2014/2015 Booster Club officers are:

President-LeAnn and Monte Kerzman Vice President-Gary and Thelma Haak Treasurer-Glen Heinrichs/Asst-Dondi Ahlers Secretary-Kris Heinemann/Asst-Barb Pedde



Look for these opportunities to kick off the school year with the Boosters

(Memberships, calendars and new orders for Quarrier Wear - Check out our new Quarrier Wear options.) Fall Sports meeting (Monday, August 11 at 6:30 pm) Registration (Tuesday, August 12 at Elementary school from 7-4pm and Middle school from 9-4pm) Open house (Tuesday, August 26 at Middle school).

Special Note on Quarrier Wear. We will be utilizing an order form this year. Due to numerous issues, we will not be offering a website this year. As these websites are perfected, we may consider this again in the future.

We look forward to great sporting events this year. Good luck to all our student athletes!

Dell Rapids Community Haven A Great Place for YOUth!

2014-15 HAVEN FEES:

BEFORE SCHOOL: \$3.50/session AFTER SCHOOL: \$4.00/session DROP-IN: \$5.00/session PUBLIC NON-SCHOOL DAYS: \$20/full day or \$12/half day (6 hours or less) Drop-In \$25/full day or \$15/half day

Haven will accept drop-ins if space is available. <u>Pre-registration and notification is required</u>. **Call ahead and pre-register so you are prepared for those unexpected events.**

Reduced tuition rates are available for those who qualify for free or reduced school meals. Please see Haven Program Director for more information.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

* For students entering Kindergarten-7th grades (ages 5-12yrs)

- * Before School Program begins at 6:45 a.m.
- * After School Program runs until 6:00 p.m.
- * Flexible scheduling

* Tons of fun activities planned, including Art & Craft Projects, Local Field Trips, Homework Help, Sports, Food Fun,

Enrichment, Board & Card Games, Computers, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Science Projects, Multicultural Activities, Special Events, Visitors, Community Service Projects, and time to just have fun with new & old friends!

Registration forms are available at Haven, the school offices, at http://haven.dellrapids.k12.sd.us/ or by calling 366-8612. Registration forms must be turned in to Haven Staff prior to attending programs.

HAVEN'S HOURS OF OPERATION:

- **BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM:**
 - Operates each day public school is in session starting at 6:45 am.
 - If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "late start" on a particular day due to the weather or other emergency, the Before School Program will open at 6:45 am and run until the announced school start time (the fee for a late start day will be 2 sessions).
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:
 - Operates each day public school is in session until 6:00 pm.
 - The After School Program will be open on all early dismissal days beginning when school is dismissed until 6:00 pm (the after school fee for early release day will be determined based on the number of hours of operation).
- Administration may close program for severe weather or other emergencies. Parents will need to pick-up their child as soon as possible.
 The Haven Program will be closed on snow days. In the event that a late start day turns into a snow day, Haven staff will notify parents and arrangements will need to be made for students to be picked-up from the elementary school as soon as possible.
- The Haven Program will be open on the following public non-school days from 6:45 am-6:00 pm at the old elementary school/River Community Church for the 2014-15 school year: Aug 25, 26, Oct 13, Nov 26, Feb 13, 16, & April 6. Full day and half day rates will apply. Haven will be closed on major holidays and the entire winter break.



Get your delicious PASTRY PUFFINS!



ANNUAL HAVEN FUNDRAISER!... Haven is selling these melt-inyour-mouth pastries to raise money for program materials. Each box is 24oz & contains 12 flaky puffins (which are from the same great company as Butter Braids, but are more convenient to make!) Puffins come in 8 scrumptious flavors; *Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Blueberry-Cream Cheese, Strawberry-Cream Cheese, Apple, Cherry, Caramel, & Mozzarella*. Puffins are perfect for family get-togethers, holiday events, gifts or anytime you want a delicious treat! Puffins come frozen, and need to stay frozen until ready to use. No need to wait for the product to thaw! When you are ready to enjoy them, simply take out & bake your desired amount...you can make 1 or all 12...you decide.

Place your order from October 27-November 7 with Haven students, staff, and board members or by calling us at 366-8612. Orders will be ready for pick-up the week before Thanksgiving.

SCHOOL LUNCH

The Dell Rapids School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Lunchtime Solutions provides complete, well balanced meals that are attractive and satisfying to students. All students are encouraged to enjoy the nutritious meals that include an all-you-can-eat salad bar. Applications for free and reduced price meals are mailed to each family with registration or open-house information and are also available in the principals' offices. Parents that have not received a direct certification notice, and wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for their children, should return a completed application form to the business office.

Students may buy breakfast for \$1.30 at each school. The daily price for lunch at the elementary school is \$2.50, and the daily price for lunch at the middle school and high school is \$2.60. The price for an Adult Meal is \$3.10. The price for an extra milk, or milk for elementary breaks, is \$.50. An Extra Entrée is \$1.60, and an extra pizza slice is \$1.80.

A selection of a la carte items are available for purchase in the middle school and high school after the purchase of a complete meal. Parents are able to place restrictions on student purchases of a la carte items. Accounts may be restricted to allow no purchasing of a la carte items or to allow a la carte purchases with cash only. To request account restrictions for the 2014-2015 school year, parents should call the business manager or food service director at 428-5473.

The district uses NutriKids computer software for record keeping. Each student has his/her own lunch account, and the district requires payment in advance for students to purchase meals or a la carte items. Any dollar amount can be deposited toward future purchases. It is recommended that deposits into students' accounts be made by check. Meals may also be purchased with cash at the point of service. **New policy: If a student's lunch account is delinquent, the student will be provided an alternative meal for up to five days per school year.**

Through the MySchoolBucks.com website, parents are able to view their child's account balance, access their child's eating history report for the past thirty days, and sign up for low balance notifications. The MySchoolBucks.com website is also a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into a child's school meal account. More information on how to access this service is available on the district website at http://dr-k12.org.

Student Health

Food Allergies:

In the interest of our students with food allergies, Dell Rapids Elementary School (DRES) continues to be Peanut Aware. We ask that students and parents, please, not bring peanuts or peanut products into DRES or send them as snacks on field trips. In addition, we ask that fish, including tuna fish, not be brought to DRES. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our students with food allergies healthy and safe.

Immunization Records:

All new students to the school district (Early Childhood, K-Prep, Kindergarten, transfer, and foreignexchange students) must have on record in the school office an up-to-date immunization record and a copy of his/her official birth certificate by the first day of school.

Medications:

All students requiring medication administration during school hours must complete the proper forms.

Please see Jill Dvorak, RN, the school nurse with any questions you might have.

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Dell Rapids Middle School Supply List

5th & 6th Grade:

PE: Lace-up, non-marking athletic shoes

Music: 1 two-pocket folder to be left in music classroom & 1 pencil

Computer: USB Flash Drive is recommended but not required.

Art: markers (broad line), colored pencils, crayons, 12 inch ruler, scissors, glue stick, and a small school box to keep art supplies.

7th Grade	8th Grade	
2 black pens	2 black pens	
4 red pens	3 black Sharpie markers	
2 dozen #2 pencils	4 red pens	
6 spiral, single subject college-ruled notebooks	2 dozen #2 pencils	
Calculator (TI30 or TI36 required)	5 spiral, single subject college-ruled notebooks	
2 boxes of tissues (175-200 ct.)	Calculator (TI30 or TI36 required)	
1 container of Clorox wipes	2 boxes of tissues (175-200 ct.)	
USB flash drive (1GB)	1 container of Clorox wipes	
Inexpensive earbuds	USB flash drive (1GB)	
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8th Grade

Art: markers (broad line), crayons, colored pencils, 12 inch ruler, scissors, glue stick, and a small school box to keep art supplies. Required art supplies needed in art class, reading, and science.

PE: T-shirt, athletic shorts that are not too short, sweats, and rubber-soled, <u>Lace-up</u>, <u>non-marking</u> athletic shoes.

Students should NOT bring the following:

IPods, MP3 players, large sums of cash, laser pens, camera, and personal items of significant value.

School will provide the following for students:

Assignment books for grades 6-8.

2 Boxes of Kleenex - Bring to Registration and give to Wendy Headphones or earbuds

TI-84 Inspire Calculator (suggested but not required - example:

http://walmart.com/ip/Texas-Instruments-TI-Nspire-Handheld-Graphing-

Calculator-with-Touchpad-15127158?_mm=#Item+Description)

Additionally, classroom teachers will discuss requirements with students on the first day of school.

NEW ACTIVITY TICKET POLICY

For the first time in 2014-2015, a family all-season athletic pass will be available for \$100.00. A family pass will include up to two adults (must be a parent or guardian) and all school-age children living in one household. An individual high school student activity ticket costs \$20.00, and the cost of a middle or elementary student activity ticket is \$15.00 for use during the 2014-2015 school year.

All students and families have an opportunity to buy activity tickets on registration day. Activity tickets allow allseason admittance to most athletic events conducted by the Dell Rapids Public Schools and as identification for student prices at other activities.

Other options for admittance to school activities include the adult 10-punch athletic passes for \$30.00 or adult all-season athletic passes for \$50.00 each. Regular contest 2014-15 athletic competition admission prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, and \$6.00 and \$4.00 for double-header games respectively. Dell Rapids senior citizens (age 62 and over) may pick up a free season pass for most athletic events at the District Office. If you miss out at registration, Dell Rapids Schools will also sell passes at the first home football and volleyball games.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Dell Rapids schools do not carry insurance to pay for school related accidents. If an accident occurs, costs from the accident are the responsibility of the person involved in the accident. Individuals are encouraged to carry accident insurance.

Student accident insurance is available through Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, MN. The school district has brochures available at registration and in the school offices. To be eligible for coverage, the envelopes must be returned to the school. Claim forms, with coverage subject to the terms of the plans listed on the brochures, will be available from building secretaries. The school district does not attempt to become an agent for the company and further questions may be directed to insurance agent David Desch at 1-800-328-2739.

Non-discrimination Policy

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

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Ag In Action Chapter Officer Attends Leadership Retreat, Gains Skills

Austin Machmiller, the Dells FFA Chapter Secretary, his dad Alan and Mr. Wolff, attended the State FFA Leadership Retreat at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD on July 15 through July 18. The retreat focused on a superhero theme, "What's Your Superpower?" FFA members developed and enhanced their leadership skills and selfconfidence through interactive learning. The program featured workshops focused on servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. They also examined social media responsibility and professional development enhancement. During two days of the retreat, Mr. Wolff participated in the workshop offered on developing Student Learning Objectives which will enhance his teacher effectiveness.



(Left to right: Kaden Eisenbraun, state vice president; Austin Machmiller, Dells FFA Secretary; Ellen Minihan, state secretary; and Mr. Tom Wolff Dells FFA Advisor.)

Any student enrolled in an agriculture class can join the FFA organization which can help prepare students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Interested? Contact Mr. Wolff. The first FFA chapter meeting will be held on Monday, September 8 at 7 pm in the high school agriculture classroom.

Classes in Demand

The courses being offered in Agriculture Education for fall semester are:

Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource

- learn the role of the FFA organization in Agriculture Education
- define and discuss the concepts of natural resources, animal science systems, plant structure and function, food science technology principles.
- learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project.

Ag Processing (1st semester skinny)

- identify processing, handling, and storage factors and how they impact product quality and safety
- learn how those factors work with processing inspection and laws.

Wildlife and Fisheries

- learn the importance of managing fish and wildlife.
- New this fall Fundamental Plant Science (1st quarter)
- be prepared to enter careers in plant science which are expected to grow by 10% by 2016.
- learn the principles of anatomy and physiology in plants in both domesticated and natural environment,

Fundamental Animal Science (2nd quarter)

- apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to produce and manage animals in a domesticated or natural environment.

Service to Students

FFA provides lunches for students at Dell Rapids as a service project and as a fundraiser for the organization. The FFA started the summer break off serving lunch to the students enrolled in driver's education. Austin Eulberg helped serve the lunch each of the four days and Andrew Wiebenga helped one day.

Future events for FFA members:

- August 1 -10 the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls
- August 28 Sept. 1 the South Dakota State Fair in Huron. Entries for the state fair are due August 15.
- Dell Rapids FFA Chapter meeting 7pm - DRHS Ag room
- September 25 Celebrate National Teach Ag Day to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education
- September 30 The Southeast Regional Land Judging The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2015.
- October 29 through November 1 the 87th National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky
- November 17, competition at West Central against 9 other District schools. The top three individual competitors and the top two teams will advance will advance to compete at the state event held in Pierre on December 7 & 8.

Important Dates to Remember:



Please check the Dell Rapids Schools Website (dr-k12.org) for School Lunc Menus and COMPLETE and up-to-date athletic and activity schedules.

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