



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

3rd Quarter 2014-15



Jay Nelson – DRES Principal

Is my child ready to begin Kindergarten?

As with every school year, many parents struggle with this question as they watch their 4 year old develop. It is a difficult decision that will affect your son or daughter for the next 12 school years and beyond. While sending your child to Kindergarten can be a monumental and frightening step, working closely with the school and looking at the whole child can help parents make the right decision.

South Dakota law stipulates Kindergarten eligibility for those children turning 5 on or before September 1st of the current year. While the chronological age gives us a cutoff date for eligibility, it is a variety of other information the school and parents should gather through assessments, observation and conversation with caregivers. Below is a list of developmental areas our screening team will be assessing:

- **Social Development**
- **Emotional Development**
- **Language Development**
- **Motor Development**
- **Intellectual and Academic Development**

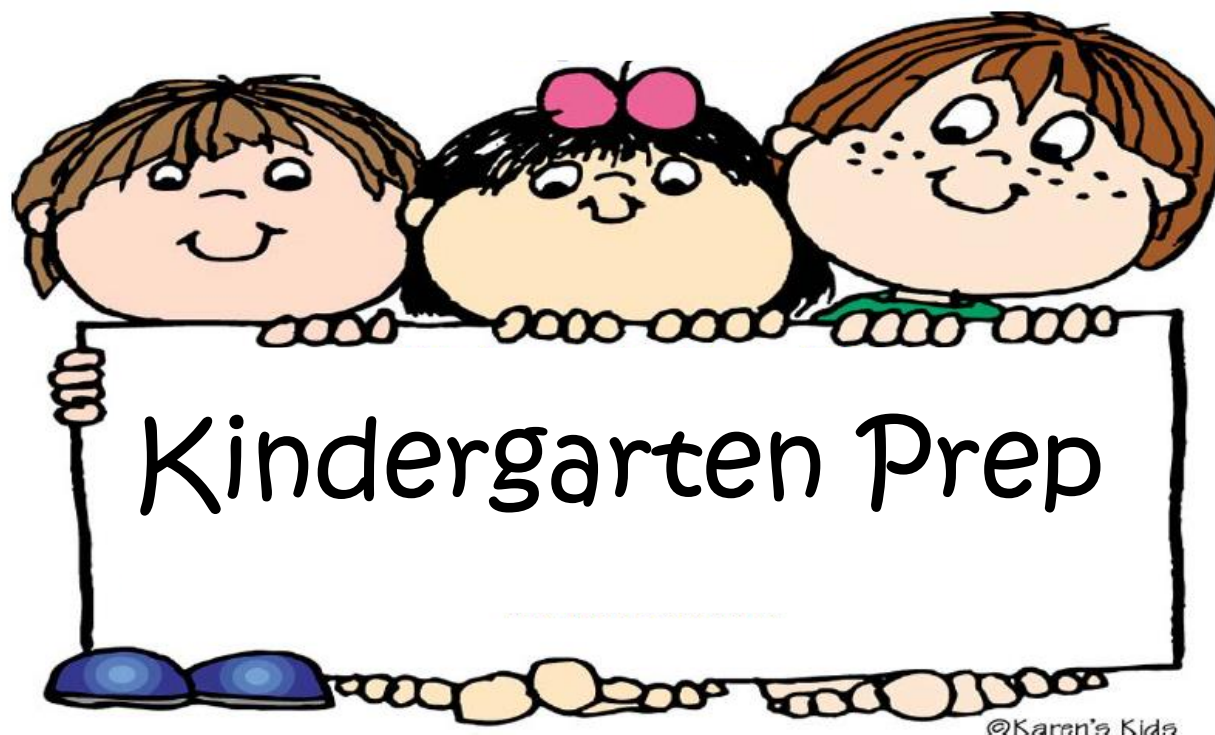
The Dell Rapids School District will host a Kindergarten Screening on March 26 and 27 at the elementary school. Dell Rapids is able to offer “all day, every day” kindergarten, as well as a Kindergarten Prep program that follows the same schedule. Above all, I encourage parents to consider the maturity of their child when making this decision. Too often, I have conversations with parents that regretted sending their child early to school. Rarely, if ever, has a parent said that I wished I would have sent him earlier. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, or would like to schedule a visit to see our Kindergarten, please don’t hesitate to call.

Please watch the Dell Rapids Schools website for online screening registration coming soon!

Dates to remember:

February 13 – 16 No School

**March 2nd K12 Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-8pm)
Students dismissed at 12:30pm**



What is Kindergarten Prep?

Kindergarten Prep is a differentiated program that is designed to help the Kindergarten aged child transition into a routine of everyday all day school. Kindergarten Prep will provide a supportive environment for your child and will focus on social and emotional development, physical and motor development, as well as academic skills needed to prepare your child for kindergarten. Research suggests that children greatly benefit from programs that address school readiness. The children are nurtured emotionally, socially, and academically to achieve their potential and feel valued as learners. A combination of small group instruction and whole group activities allows the children to develop as cooperative learners. The Kindergarten Prep experience fosters a safe learning environment and fuels the children's natural curiosity and desire to learn.

Mrs. Turner
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Dell Rapids Community Haven

A Great Place for YOUTH!

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

The Dell Rapids Community Haven is looking for enthusiastic individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for 2015! The Haven Board typically meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm. This dedicated group of community members meets to discuss Haven's policies, budget, fundraising plans and the need to keep school-age children safe while providing exceptional learning opportunities and experiences. Please email or call our Haven Program Director, Jessica Oswald, if you would like more information about becoming a Haven Board member at 605-366-8612 or Jessica.Ostwald@k12.sd.us

The Dell Rapids Haven is hosting a **WINTER DANCE for 7th-8th grade students!**

WHEN: Friday, February 27th 7-9:00 pm

WHERE: Public MS Commons

COST: \$5/student (water will be available for purchase)

DJ services will be provided by Mr. Tjaden



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. Pre-registration and notification is required. **Call ahead and pre-register so you are prepared for those unexpected events.**

Honorable Middle School Musicians

Six students from Dell Rapids Middle School were selected to participate in the "Celebration of Music Festival" Honor Band. Emily Dorn, Carter Wynja, Hunter Garry, Jada Knuppe, Tayte Gleason, and Matt Benda were selected to participate in the Honor Band after receiving nominations from their director, Brian Smith. These six will join other top band students from the Tri-State area to perform in concert on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015. The concert is being held in the beautiful Brandon Performing Arts Center at 2:00 PM on March 4th. The students will work on perfecting their music while working with a guest conductor during the morning. The concert is FREE and open to the public. Congratulations to these young musicians for being selected for this honor.

2015 Middle School Students of the Month



Congratulations to our September Students of the Month:

5th grade: Maggie Schmidt & Jayme Schmidt
 6th grade: Rebecca Dorn & Coby Maeschen
 7th: Aspen Hansen and Jessica Schoeberl
 8th: Josh Eining and Ashley Lambert



Congratulations to our October Students of the Month:

5th grade: Lilly Tiernan and Madysen VanOverbeke
 6th grade: Olivia Prasek and Zach Schreier
 7th grade: Britton Gordon and Mason Machmiller
 8th grade: McKenzie Peters and Daisy Snoozy

2015 Middle School Students of the Month



Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:

5th Grade: Miriam Pickard
& Hanna Vanoverbeke
6th Grade: Nate Borchert & Kenzie Apland
7th Grade: Kenzie Watkins & Libby Dorris
8th Grade: Jayden Boyle & Brett Posey



Congratulations to our December Students of the Month:

5th grade: Weston Mason, Maddie Ljunggren
6th grade: Carter Nelson, Kyra Wajer
7th grade: Dade Kroeger, Mitchell Heinemann
8th grade: Morgan Nemmers, Taylor Reit



Congratulations to our January Students of the Month (above):

Grade 5: Charlie Holm and Josh Deknikker
Grade 6: Mitchell Geraets and Ashley Williams
Grade 7: Abby Stauffenecker and Drew Van Regenmorter
Grade 8: Thomas Petrik and Diego Vera



Congratulations to our February Students of the Month (above):

Grade 5: Michaela Witte and Landon Ruesink
Grade 6: Lincoln Richeal and Megan Lauritzen
Grade 7: Kyra Graham and Jared Lowry
Grade 8: Josh Green and Terry Lowry

2014-15 Quarter 2 – DR Middle School Honor Roll

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
GOLD	GOLD	GOLD
Dorn, Rebecca	Gordon, Britton	Dorn, Emily
Fletcher, Kathryn	Gruis, Kade	Gleason, Tayte
Lauritzen, Megan	North, Katelyn	Jackson, Maria
Price, Samantha	Riswold, Ethan	Knuppe, Jayda
Schmitt, Sadie	SILVER	Paul, Emma
Wilber, Madelynne	Brech, Morgan	SILVER
SILVER	Dorris, Elizabeth	Benda, Matthew
Andersen, Dayton	Eining, Jordan	Eichinger, Sydney
Berg, Lucas	Goeken, Mason	Fletcher, Hannah
Cross, Trevon	Graham, Kyra	Holm, Jay
Fiddelke, Ellie	Haak, Mallory	Jaycox, Katie
Gee, Brayden	Heiberger, Hannah	Jaycox, Tim
Gleason, Peyton	Larson, Erin	Klein, Brooke
Hackett, Ian	Lee, Cydney	Krumm, Paige
Hansen, Taylor	Lowry, Jared	Lamer, Maxon
Hegg, Allison	Meyer, Amy	Luke, Karley
Hilmar, Danek	Miles, Jenna	Miller, Keegan
Klinkenborg, Mitchell	Nordstrom, Andy	Pedde, Ryker
Kringen, Madeline	Oberg, Kaylei	Price, Edward
Larson, Brady	Peter, Riley	Pudwill, Emily
Lensing, Asher	Rus, Dezi	Weiland, Bergen
Letsche, Jakob	Schumacher, Cade	Wynja, Carter
Maeschen, Coby	Schumaker, Zeb	BRONZE
Nelson, Carter	Shellum, Ceara	Boyle, Jaden
Prasek, Olivia	Steineke, Katelyn	Busk, Maddison
Rentz, Colin	Stelzer, Olivia	Garry, Hunter
Rentz, Connor	Stelzer, Sydney	Ginsbach, Brayden
Schmidt, Samantha	Symens, Anna	Heim, Logan
Schrad, Logan	Tisher, Joey	Hoffman, Ravyn
Victor, Rachael	Van Regenmorter, Drew	Kistler, Peyton
Vlietstra, Natali	Watkins, Mackenzie	Kolbeck, Tate
Wajer, Kyra	Welbig, Karsen	Kringen, Alex
Williams, Ashley	Wood, Tyler	Kruse, Amber
BRONZE	Yetter, Dylan	Lambert, Ashlee
Abbott, Megan	BRONZE	Saxon, Alec
Anderson, Logan	Carr, Gage	
Apland, Mackenzie	Dearduff, Adam	
Clark, Caleb	Hansen, Aspen	
Cross, Trevon	Hofeman, Kendra	
Flaskey, Tate	Mortrude, Zoe	
Fritz, Micah	Randall, Noah	
Griebel, Eli	Rentz, Carter	
Hurlburt, Hanna	Rus, Gabi	
Lowman, Canyon	Schoeberl, Jessica	
Moore, Haley	Schuring, Ava	
Nyman, Riley	Stone, Logan	
Pedde, Austin	Visser, Logan	
Pulscher, Katy	Welbig, Avery	
Richeal, Lincoln		
Schoeberl, Teri		
Schultz, Cody		
Snoozy, Ashley		
Steineke, Nychole		
Vail, Gracie		
Vanderloo, Veronica		
Weiland, Andrew		

2014-15 Quarter 2 – DR High School Honor Roll

Gold

Bruggeman, Beth N
 Carr, Kinsey A
 Cook, Sydney V
 DeLange, Theodore
 DeNoon, Mikayla J
 DeVos, Alexa
 Finkral, Tiffany
 Gillogly, Matthew W
 Greenhoff, Kaitlyn N
 Gullickson, Mackenzie N
 Haak, Sarah E
 Hennen, Kaylee A
 Hoff, Shaylee R
 Hoglund, Ty
 Holmes, Dominic
 Huss, Hannah
 Jensen, Morgan
 Kaiser, Brooke N
 Karst, Adam R
 Klein, Eric
 Kludt, Brittany N
 Knuppe, Trent
 Lueders, James
 Miles, Megan
 Mogen, Brett
 Munk, Bailey
 Nagelhout, Adam J
 Nemmers, Roman G
 Parrott, Joshua
 Petrik, Elyssa M
 Riswold, Justin
 Roemen, Joshua J
 Schmidt, Riley
 Schuch, Jeffery T
 Schumaker, Autumn L
 Solberg, Cloe J
 Stone, Regan
 Tisher, Jessica
 Tomes, Amanda A
 Tran, Ahn
 Van Regenmorter, Sara M
 Warne, Mariah M
 Welbig, Brittnay
 White, Sam
 Wiebenga, Andrew
 Wilke, Melanie
 Wilson, Reiley

Silver -----

Bakker, Skyler
 Benda, Joshua
 Boever, Margaret C
 Boever, Matthew

Silver continued:

Boyle, Emily E
 Brandner, Maria E
 Broin, Austin
 Carpenter, Beau R
 Dearduff, Cassidy
 Dennis, Stephanie G
 Dishman, Zachery
 Dorale, Tiffany D
 Dorn, Justin F
 Drew, Kendra
 Erickson, Demi
 Faux, Jacob T
 Gillogly, Benjamin
 Gleason, Kenyon
 Gleason, Micah E
 Gordon, Trinity
 Gronli, Brooke
 Gullickson, Christopher
 Hammer, Benjamin
 Hauf, Kelcie L
 Hegge, Nadine E
 Heim, Tanner A
 Hemenway, Keegan B
 Hennen, Ty
 Hof, Alisyn M
 Hofeman, Trystan
 Jorgensen, Karlie
 Jurgensen, Riley
 Kistler, Morgan W
 LaCoursiere, Sydney S
 Lightner, Braeden
 McKee, Nathan R
 Meyer, Justin
 Morris, Lindsey
 Nelsen, Jill M
 Nemmers, Morgan M
 Nielsen, Samantha P
 Nordstrom, Alexander J
 Pankonen, Averi A
 Peter, Mason L
 Reider, Samantha J
 Schmit, Anna M
 Schrad, Zachary
 Schreier, Jacob
 Schreurs, Harrison C
 Schull, Jade M
 Schumacher, Kiah
 Schumacher, Pierce T
 Spielmann, Seth D
 Stange, Rita L
 Stelzer, Zachary
 Stofferahn, Mikaela
 Story, Elijah N

Silver continued:

Symens, Lydia M
 Tisher, Grace K
 Weber, Devon T
 Welbig, Hannah
 Wiebenga, Ross J
 Wolles, Jacob M
 Wrage, Shelby

Bronze -----

Abbott, Joey
 Adams, Cheyenne M
 Ahlers, Derek
 Baker, Zachary J
 Black, Aidan T
 Brobjorg, Ethan
 Dahler, Tyson G
 Erickson, Dena R
 Eulberg, Austin
 Faux, Ethan D
 Fritz, Veronica L
 Geurts, Andrew J
 Griebel, Megan E
 Habeger, Rose M
 Hansen, Hunter H
 Hanzlik, Trevor
 Heinemann, Mackenzie
 Hoffman, Nicholas R
 Kerns, Jordan J
 Kerzman, Dawson L
 Kirschenmann, Caleb D
 Krantz, Alexis V
 Lucero, Angel T
 Lueders, Angel L
 Machmiller, Austin
 MacRunnels, Michela A
 Millage, Kendrin R
 Miller, Makaylah
 Nelson, Jase
 Palmer, Nicholas
 Prasek, Samuel
 Pulscher, Trevor J
 Redetzke, Shelby L
 Ruesink, Logan C
 Schmidt, Mason P
 Schumaker, Zane
 Shellum, Alyssa J
 Shellum, Cody J
 Siemonsma, Sheldon T
 Tesnow, Isabella
 Tiernan, Reice T
 Verver, Samantha D
 Welbig, Ashley
 Winkel, Johanna

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)



“The Hunger Games” was the theme for this year’s District meeting on January 28th, which was hosted by Dell Rapids FCCLA and held at the First Reformed Church in Dell Rapids. (above, right to left) Stephanie Dennis, the outgoing District II Secretary for FCCLA, offers a good luck hug to Kelcie Hauf, who is the incoming District II Chair.



FCCLA members who participated in the District meeting. (back - left to right) Elly Petrik, Stephanie Dennis, Kelcie Hauf, Sara Van Regenmoter, (middle) Anh Tran, Mackenzie Peter, Tim Jaycox, Morgan Kistler, Beth Bruggeman (front) Malakai Anderson, Taylor Reit, Katie Jaycox.

Buy a 2015 Quarrier yearbook, so you'll have a record of your memories for years to come.

Use the link on the right side of the <http://dr-k12.org> website or go to **JostensYearbooks.com** to order online with a debit or credit card. To order with cash or check, get an order form from Mrs. Gleason, LuAnn, or Wendy in the high school to order yours today! Yearbooks are \$65 and checks should be made to DRHS.

After the deadline ends, many students, especially Seniors, wish they would have ordered. Do you want to risk missing out? After May 31st, ordering ends. **Life gets busy near the end of the school year - order today!**



DRHS Band Notes:

Congratulations to Erica Opland on making All-State Band!!

Congratulations to Erica Opland (solo), Erica Opland, Brooke Gronli (ensemble), Melanie Wilke, Brett Mogen, Samantha Verver & Mikaela Stofferahn (brass ensemble) on receiving superior ratings at the Region II Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Contest at Augustana College.

**Dell Rapids High School Baseball
Registration and Preseason Meeting
Sunday, February 8 @ 4:00 PM
In Dell Rapids Middle School Commons
for Grades 8-12**



Help Wanted:



**Activity Bus Drivers - \$11.50 per hour
Substitute Special Ed Drivers - \$11.50 per hour
Sub Route Drivers - \$18.97 per hour**

To apply, call the school at 428-5473 or stop by and talk to LuAnn in the Business Office or Jeff in the Bus Barn.

Ag In Action

Class Notes:

The first skinny class period of the second semester consists of 16 students in Fundamental Ag Mechanics. The students in this semester long class will have the opportunity to apply safety skills with engineering applications with mechanical equipment, structures, land treatment, power utilization and technology; exercise basic skills in blueprint and design development to create sketches, drawing and plans with estimate costs; develop skills required to use construction/fabrication equipment and tools; use a variety of concrete and masonry products; apply math and science principles to identify soil and water engineering and their properties.

Another section of Wildlife and Fisheries class is being offered during the spring semester to 16 students during the second skinny class period and it will last the entire semester. Students enrolled in this class will recognize the importance of managing fish and wildlife and understand the importance habitat plays in their populations, identify key factors including economic and social issues related to fish and wildlife and identify life patterns of fish and wildlife.

Because of the high number of students wanting to take Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, another section is being offered the second semester. The 26 second period students will have the opportunity to learn about the role of the FFA organization in Agriculture Education, define and discuss the concepts of natural resources, demonstrate an understanding of animal science systems, demonstrate an understanding of plant structure and function, relate basic food science technology principles to production agriculture, summarize basic food science technology, and summarize basic principles involved in agricultural systems technology. They will also have the opportunity to learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project.

The quarter long class of Advanced Ag Mechanics is being held during 4th block. The students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to utilize the skills learned in previous agriculture courses. These students have been in the shop constructing larger projects both out of wood and metal. During the 4th quarter, the class offered 4th block will be Ag Power Technology. This class will consist of 13 students analyzing various engine information in the classroom before going to the shop to work on engines. The classroom instruction will include safety, tools, fasteners, principles of operation, 2 and 4 cycle engines, engine performance, emission controls, carburetion, ignition systems, lubrication systems, cooling systems and preventative maintenance and troubleshooting. The students will then have the opportunity to work on their own engine projects ranging from general maintenance to complete over-hauls.

Member News

In the FFA, Lindsey Wolles exhibited a breeding heifer calf in the Youth Invitational Calf Show as part of the Sioux Empire Farm Show on January 27.

The FFA members held a 3-point shot event during the half-times of the basketball games on January 29 and another on February 3. The FFA Chapter matched the \$566 brought in by the fundraiser, and a donation was made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for a total of \$1132.



FFA Scholarship Opportunities

Several scholarships are available for senior members such as five scholarship of \$500 each for members who plan to major in agriculture at a South Dakota University or Technical Institute. A \$500 scholarship is available for a member planning to enroll at South Dakota State University majoring in Agriculture Education with these applications due Feb. 15. Younger members can apply for the four \$500 scholarships to attend the Washington Leadership Conference held during the summer with the application deadline also Feb. 15.

Coming Soon

The National FFA Week will be celebrated from Feb. 21-28. FFA Week is an opportunity for FFA members, alumni and sponsors to advocate for agricultural education and FFA. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day. In March the Career Development Events take place in preparation for the State FFA Convention. There are 14 different areas that members can develop their skills in that can eventually lead to career success. The areas include: Ag Business Management; Ag Mechanics; Agronomy; Dairy Cattle Evaluation; Floriculture; Food Science; Horse Evaluation; Livestock Evaluation; Meats Evaluation; Milk Quality and Products; Natural Resources; Nursery/Landscape; Range Plant Identification; and Veterinary Science. The competitions will be: March 10 at DeSmet; March 18 at Flandreau; March 23 at Tri-Valley; March 27 at Little International in Brookings; and March 31 at Lennox. The State FFA Convention will be held in Brookings on April 12-14, where our members will compete against other members from across South Dakota with the top placing team advancing onto the national event.

We will be holding the FFA Parent/Member Banquet on Sunday, April 19 in the Middle School Commons at 6:30 pm to recognize the members on their achievements from the year.

State FFA Summer Leadership Retreats.

One retreat will be held June 29-July 1 at Swan Lake near Viborg and the other will be held July 7-10 at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer. By attending one of these retreats, FFA members will develop and enhance their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. There will be workshops that help members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. Another leadership opportunity would be to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. During the five-day event, attendees learn how to become effective leaders by learning their purpose, how to value people, how to take action, and how to serve others. FFA members leave WLC with the knowledge and the confidence to act in ways that help their schools, community, and their country. This conference is held seven different weeks throughout the summer to allow members flexibility to attend this action-packed week that will help them gain self-confidence and leadership skills to bring back to the FFA chapter and share with other members. Registration opens March 3 for the sessions which are: June 2-7; June 9-14; June 16-21; June 23-28; July 7-12; July 14-19; and July 21-26.

Educators address joint session of House and Senate Education Committees



(L to R) 1st grade teacher Lauren Doust, reading instructional coach Jennifer Nehl, JAG student Eric Kiefer, JAG specialist Kim Claussen, Sen. Deb Soholt, principal Susan Foster, high school math teacher Jay Bergland, 6th grade teacher Robin Curtis, Rep. Jacqueline Sly, **Principal Kim Kludt**, 4th grade teacher Jamie Schwenn, math instructional coach Shawn DeWitt (reprinted with permission from the

Quarriers of the Month

September



Jessica Tisher

October



Sarah Haak

November



Riley Schmidt

December



Ben Gillogly

January



Justin Meyer

Athletic Booster Notes:

We had a successful youth wrestling tournament in December. We had wrestlers come from across South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make it a success.

Upcoming events.

Booster Annual Youth Basketball Tournament is on March 7 for 5 & 6th girls and boys.

Upcoming Parents Nights for Seniors:

Feb 19 GBB

Feb 23 BBB

May 11 Track and Girls golf

Join the Dell Rapids Booster Club. We are looking for 3 new couples to join in the fun. See a booster member if interested. Help support our athletes.

Watch for information on upcoming new projects in the next Wise Owl.

**Do you know a teacher who is dedicated, inspiring,
and making a difference?**

**Nominate a teacher for the
Dell Rapids Public School
Teacher of the Year Award.**

Forms are in the school offices and are due by March 5, 2015.



Sweet Rewards!

During the month of November, the elementary cooks sponsored a trivia contest for the students. In the upper grades, the students in Mrs. Koopman's 4th grade class and Mrs. Gruis' 3rd grade class submitted the most correct answers. As a reward, the cooks treated them to a cookie-cake on Tuesday, November 25. Pictured below: Mrs. Koopman's class with their prize!



Make a Difference!

Two Dell Rapids School Board positions will be up for election on **April 14, 2015**. The three-year positions, with duties to be assumed on July 13, 2015, will be vacant due to the expiration of the present terms of Troy Randall and Steve Stofferahn. Nominating petitions, along with information on how to circulate a petition, are available in the school district business office at 1216 N. Garfield Avenue. Petitions may be picked up and circulated between January 30th and February 27th, and must be filed with the business manager no later than February 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. To vote in this election, residents of the school district must be registered by March 30, 2015.

Serving as a school board member is a challenging job that requires leadership, vision, and dedication. It is one of the most important responsibilities a citizen can undertake. School board members shape the future of the community and society by establishing educational goals that help students reach high levels of achievement. Some of the most important duties of the school board are to advocate on behalf of all students, policy-making, hiring and evaluating the superintendent, planning and goal setting, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and providing safe, secure school facilities.

To be eligible to serve on a South Dakota school board, one must be at least 18 years old, a resident of the school district, and an eligible voter of the school district.

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