



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

4th Quarter 2014-15



Fran Ruesink
DR Middle School Principal

Spring Testing

This spring, South Dakota will begin using a new state assessment, called Smarter Balanced that is based on the state's standards in English language arts and math. This test is administered to students in grades 3-8 and 11. It will replace the Dakota STEP test in English and math. The test was developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, a group of 22 states, including South Dakota. More than 100 South Dakota educators served on Smarter Balanced work groups as the test was being developed.

The Smarter Balanced assessment was field tested in spring 2014. That practice run gave our district's teachers and schools a chance to practice test administration procedures, and students the opportunity to experience what will be expected of them on the new assessment. Since the field test, a number of South Dakota educators have served on panels to help set achievement levels for the new test.

Delivered entirely online, the Smarter Balanced assessment offers significant improvements over multiple choice, paper-and-pencil tests of the past. Students now have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways. Writing is required at every grade level, and performance tasks ask students to demonstrate an array of research, writing and problem solving skills. This variety in test items means test results will provide a more meaningful picture of what students know and can do. The new test also offers expanded accessibility features to better meet the needs of all students.

Because the new assessment measures student mastery of new, more rigorous standards, student performance on Smarter Balanced should not be compared to performance on Dakota STEP. Any time a new test is introduced, there will be a period of adjustment as students become familiar with the new concepts being assessed. If you must compare results of the two tests, expect to see a drop in the number of students demonstrating proficiency (Levels 3 and 4). This should not be cause for alarm; it means we are challenging students and preparing them for the rigors of postsecondary education and careers in today's world.

It is also important to remember that a child's score on the state assessment only reflects their performance at one moment in time. Throughout the school year, teachers continually measure student progress through a variety of methods.

MEDICATIONS

Parents, if your child has medication stored in the nurse's office, please pick up the remaining medication by the last day of school. Any excess medication not picked up by the last day of school will be destroyed. Thank you. Have a great summer! ~ Jill Dvorak, RN



Front Row: Lily Bryan, Lexi Reider, Sophia Nielson, Grace Weiland, Sarina VanDaalen
Back Row: Maya Lee, Dylan Mathis, Ethan Scotting, Cadyn Leighton, Elly Olson

Winning Writers

The Prairie Valley Reading Council has contests for Young Author, Illustrators and Poets. Dell Rapids Elementary had winners from Mrs. Leib's, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Anderson's classes. The banquet to honor them was held April 16. These winners' categories were Young Authors, Young Illustrators and Poetry Cabaret.

2015 Jump Rope for Heart

by Shannon Tjaden - DR Elementary School Physical Education Teacher

Dell Rapids Elementary Schools have been filled with the whapping, whistling sounds of jump ropes for the last couple weeks. The Dell Rapids Elementary students are participating in the American Heart Association's 36th annual Jump Rope for Heart.

Along with learning about the cardiovascular system and what measures can be taken to prevent heart disease and other illnesses, the students will be supporting the efforts of the American Heart Association by collecting donations online as well as through family and friends. All money raised will stay here in South Dakota and it benefits the people with heart disease. As students collect funds, they will be rewarded with achievement ducks, t-shirts, toys and trophies when they reach certain dollar amounts. Skyzone has also signed on as a sponsor this year. Every student that raises over \$100 will receive a free hour at Skyzone. Also, for every \$1,500 the students raise, a \$100 certificate is awarded to our school for the physical education program to purchase new equipment.

As of Friday, March 27th money is still being collected online and through family and friends. An estimated total of over \$13,000 will be unveiled at a school celebration after prizes are received from the American Heart Association. If totals come in as anticipated Dell Rapids will finish in the top 3 raising schools in the state behind Spearfish and Sioux Falls. Pretty cool achievement from a smaller school! Thanks again to all of the parents for your support of Jump Rope for Heart and Physical Education at Dell Rapids Elementary School!

On a quick side note there are three cool new programs coming to our Elementary Physical Education program this Spring/Fall. They are First Tee (golfing for kids), Bowlers Ed (bowling in schools), and NASP (National Archery in Schools Program). These programs have been funded by grant dollars and will help promote lifelong fitness in our students at DRES.

Mark your calendars for the Elementary field day on May 8th with our rain date of May 12th. If you are interested in helping please contact: Shannon.Tjaden@k12.sd.us

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

Join the FUN AT HAVEN!

2015 Summer Haven Programs

- All Summer Programs are open to students who have completed Kindergarten through age 12
 - Flexible scheduling and rates
 - Open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays
 - \$15 one-time Registration Fee per participant (\$20 after April 30)
- Weekly tuition fees are based on Full Day & Half Day Rates. Full Day: \$20; Half Day (6 hrs or less): \$12
 - Reduced fees are available for those who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.
- Tons of fun activities planned including: local and area Field Trips, Art & Craft Projects, Sports, Food Fun, Board & Card Games, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Science Experiments, Multicultural Activities, Special Events, Visitors, Community Service Projects and time to just have fun with friends!

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



- * Sponsored by the City of Dell Rapids
- * \$15 Registration Fee/child (\$20 after Apr 30)
- * Eleven-week program, from June 1-August 13, features a different sport each week
- * Learn or develop skills in: Outdoor Games, Hockey, Football, Soccer, Taekwondo, Bowling, Team Building, Track & Field, Dance, Volleyball, and a Fitness Challenge
- * Meets Monday-Thursday at the Old Public Elementary School Gym;

Grade 1	8:30-9:25 am
Grade 2	9:30-10:25 am
Grade 3	10:30-11:25 am
Grades 4-7	12:00-12:55 pm

**"Early Bird" Registration is
due April 30**

All Registration Fees will be
increased to \$20 per child after
this date-
so SIGN UP TODAY!

On-going enrollment will be accepted
as space is available.



FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS

- * Transportation Sponsored by the City of Dell Rapids
- * Leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. each Friday
- * Visit and explore places like: the Outdoor Campus & Sertoma Butterfly House, SF Canaries game, Skyzone, Bowling, State Parks, Bramble Park Zoo, McCrory Gardens, Wild Water West, Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, & lots of area Aquatic Centers!
- * Full Day tuition rates apply plus applicable entrance fee for the day. Entrance Fees will vary each week.
- * Join us for one trip or all of them! Prior registration is required.
- * Drop-ins are welcome as space is available. Deadline to sign-up is on Wednesday for each week.

Summer Enrollment Packets are available at:
(1) Haven, before or after school, (2) St. Mary's
Elementary School Office, (3) Public Elementary
School Office, (4) Public Middle School Office,
(5) Dell Rapids City Hall (Rec. Program Only),
(6) <http://haven.dellrapids.k12.sd.us>
or call us at 366-8612



Dell Rapids Haven,

A Great Place For YOUth!

2014-15 Quarter 2 – DR Middle School Honor Roll		
6th Grade GOLD Dorn, Rebecca Downs, Olivia Fletcher, Kathryn Gee, Brayden Griebel, Eli Kringen, Madeline Lauritzen, Megan Lensing, Asher Price, Samantha SILVER Abbott, Megan Andersen, Dayton Berg, Lucas Cross, Trevon Fiddelke, Ellie Gleason, Peyton Hansen, Taylor Hegg, Allison Hilmar, Danek Klinkenborg, Mitchell Larson, Brady Letsche, Jakob Maeschen, Coby Nelson, Carter Prasek, Olivia Pulscher, Katy Rentz, Colin Rentz, Connor Schmidt, Samantha Schmitt, Sadie Schrad, Logan Vietor, Rachael Wajer, Kyra Wilber, Madelynne Williams, Ashley BRONZE Anderson, Logan Flaskey, Tate Fritz, Micah Geraets, Mitchell Hackett, Ian Hurlburt, Hanna McKee, Zach Miller, Kyha Nyman, Riley Pedde, Austin Penning, Kaleb Schmidt, Elizabeth Schoeberl, Teri Schultz, Cody Vail, Gracie Vanderloo, Veronica Vlietstra, Natali Weiland, Andrew	7th Grade GOLD Gordon, Britton Gruis, Kade Heiberger, Hannah Larson, Erin Lee, Cydney Nordstrom, Andy North, Katelyn Riswold, Ethan Tisher, Joe Watkins, Mackenzie Welbig, Karsen Yetter, Dylan SILVER Carr, Gage Dorris, Elizabeth Goeken, Mason Haak, Mallory Hansen, Aspen Hofeman, Kendra Meyer, Amy Miles, Jenna Ober, Kaylei Peter, Riley Randall, Noah Rus, Dezi Rus, Gabi Schumacher, Cade Schumaker, Zeb Shellum, Ceara Schuring, Ava Shellum, Ceara Steineke, Katelyn Stelzer, Olivia Stelzer, Sydney Stone, Logan Symens, Anna Van Regenmorter, Drew Visser, Logan Welbig, Avery Wood, Tyler BRONZE Brech, Morgan Carlson, Shannon Dearduff, Adam Fisher, Chloe Graham, Kyra Heinemann, Mitchell Hilmoe, Thane Lowry, Jared Millman, Logan Mortrude, Zoe Rentz, Carter Stauffenecker, Abby Steineke, Jacob	8th Grade GOLD Dorn, Emily Gleason, Tayte Holm, Jay Jackson, Maria Knuppe, Jayda Miller, Keegan Paul, Emma SILVER Benda, Matthew Eichinger, Sydney Fletcher, Hannah Ginsbach, Brayden Jaycox, Tim Klein, Brooke Krumm, Paige Lamer, Maxon Luke, Karley Pedde, Ryker Price, Edward Pudwill, Emily Schmidt, Raigan Weiland, Bergen Wynja, Carter BRONZE Busk, Maddison Hawthorne, Brooke-Lynn Heim, Logan Hoffman, Ravyn Jaycox, Katie Jensen, Luke Kistler, Peyton Kruse, Amber Ruth, Brianna Saxon, Alec Shellum, Kenyon

DRMS Students of the Month

DRMS would like to announce and congratulate the Students of the Month for March and April. These individuals have demonstrated positive behavior reflective of the Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness, good citizenship, and are caring individuals. Thanks to Lunchtime Solutions, Pizza Ranch and the Video Plus, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places!

	
DRMS March Students of the Month:	DRMS April Students of the Month:
5th: Paige Sterud & Payton Krumm 6th: Trevon Cross & (not pictured) Allison Hegg 7th: Gage Carr & Cade Schumacher 8th: Brianna Ruth & Tayte Gleason	5th: Kylie Bittner & Taina Person 6th: Tate Flasky & Gracie Vail 7th: Logan Millman & Riley Peter 8th: Malakai Anderson & EllySue Schultz

DRIVER EDUCATION 2015

This year's Driver Education class will take place during the months of May, June, and July. The classroom portion is scheduled for May 26, 27, 28, and 29 from 8:00-4:00 PM. Lunch break will be the responsibility of the student and will run from 12:00-12:30 each day. The Dell Rapids FFA will again be providing lunch for interested students for a \$5 daily fee (grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.). The fee for the Driver Education program is \$160 for in-district students and \$200 for out of district students.

Each student has signed up for a specific driving block of time on April 17 in the Middle School Commons, *so this note is just a reminder of the details of the training.* **Students are asked to check their summer schedule very carefully for any vacations, camp, retreats etc. that may conflict with either the classroom or driving portion of Driver Education, so they can complete the scheduled classroom and driving times.**

Students who have completed 7th Grade and will be 14 years old on or before October 1, 2015, will be allowed to sign up for Drivers Education. If you have any questions please call 428-5473 X1. Thank you...

Jason Fersdahl
 Doug Fiedler
 Craig Jorgensen

Driver Education instructors

DRMS Music Notes

The MS Jazz Ensemble performed at the Augustana College "Jazz on the Upper Great Plains Festival" on Monday, March 2nd. The band finished in 5th place in the Middle School Division. All band members that performed improvised solos received "Outstanding Soloist Awards". Congratulations to Carter Wynja, Abby Stauffenecker, Matt Benda, Joe Tisher, and Amber Kruse for their outstanding solo performances!



Celebration of Music students performed in Brandon. They include 8th graders (left to right): Emily Dorn, Jayda Knuppe, Matthew Benda, Carter Wynja, Tayte Gleason, and Hunter Garry

Upcoming Events:

- April 22** 12:30 PM 6th & 9th Grade Physicals at DRHS
- April 27** 6:30 PM Humanities Award Night-MS Commons
- April 28** 7:00 PM Whispering Winds Declam Contest: Grades 3-6, contest @ St. Mary ES
- May 1** 8:00 AM MS Solo & Ensemble contest @ home (8am-11am)
- May 4** 6:30 PM National Honor Society Banquet at the Lutheran Church
- May 6th** 1:45 PM Cap & Gown Distribution to Seniors
6:30 PM Washington DC Information Night for 8th grade. 7th grade @ 7:30pm in MS Commons
- May 8th** 8:00 AM Elementary School Field Day-TBA
6:30 PM All Sports Award Night-HS Gym
7:30 PM Seniors vs. Staff Basketball game (after the Award Night)
- May 12th** 7:00 PM HS & MS (grades 5-12) Band Spring Concert - MS Commons
- May 15th** 8:00 AM Last Day of School for Seniors
1:45 PM Graduation practice in HS Gym (Seniors will checkout after practice)
- May 16th** 2:00 PM Graduation
- May 22nd** Dell Rapids Public Schools - Last day of school. This will be a full day of school.
- May 26th-29th** 8AM-4PM Classroom Driver's Education

★ Athletic Booster Club News ★

It's crazy to think that another year is coming to an end. The Booster Club has been busy throughout the year fundraising and supporting our students. With another year ending we are also searching for 3 new couples to join the Boosters. It is a great way to meet other parents and to get involved with the school and students. It is a fun and rewarding experience. Contact a Booster member through the email below if you are interested.



Events

We will be ending the season with Parents Night for Seniors in Track and Girls golf on May 11th.

All Sports Athletic Awards and Senior recognition will be May 8th at 6:30 PM , followed by the Seniors vs. Staff Basketball game.

Other News

Since the last Wise Owl, the Booster Club has purchased a new enclosed "Quarrier" trailer, a high jump pit for track, golf bags and more equipment for the weight room. All of our activities for the year are on our new website! Athletic Booster Club email: drboosterclub@gmail.com and website : drboosterclub.com

Thanks to Kiley Stone for setting up and activating a new website and email for the Booster Club.

Also "like" us on Facebook to stay in touch with the most recent activities of the Quarriers.

★ Reminder for all attending a sports camp this summer,
stop by the high school office and pick up a scholarship form from Wendy.

Time is running out to get a 2015 DRHS Quarrier yearbook 2015.

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 May 31st, ordering ends. **Life gets busy near the end of the school year - order today!**

Ag in Action

As the end of the school year approaches, the Fundamental Ag Mechanics students will be wrapping up the semester with two major units consisting of electricity and concrete. This course has offered students the build basic knowledge and skills in the area of agricultural mechanics that they can utilize in their future. The Wildlife and Fisheries class has been busy going over birds and mammals and will finish out the year covering various information relating to fishing and careers in wildlife and fisheries. Forestry, wildlife, soil and water along with careers in agriculture will be the final units for the Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource students. The Ag Power Technology students will be spending their final days of the school year in the shop working on various engine projects. This ranges from simple maintenance to more in-depth repairs.

In the FFA, members had opportunities to develop skill in various areas and test those skills in events in DeSmet, Flandreau, Tri-Valley, Little International and Lennox. All of those in preparation for the state event. Participating in state events were Andrew Wiebenga, Riley Jurgensen, Austin Broin, Austin Machmiller, Logan Ruesink, Jesse Michel, Cheyenne Adams, Sutton Adams, Paige Burggraff and Karisa Neels, Mason Hollaren, Justin Huss, Brady Appel, Elijah Johnson, Jesse Michel, Lindsey Wolles, Lexi Klein, Riley Anderson, Xander Vlietstra, Justin Huss, Trevor Pulscher.

The FFA Chapter Parent/Member banquet was held on Sunday, April 19 to recognize members for their accomplishments during the 2014-15 year.



The school year may be drawing to a close, but FFA continues with many activities throughout the summer.

Activities that members can participate in are:


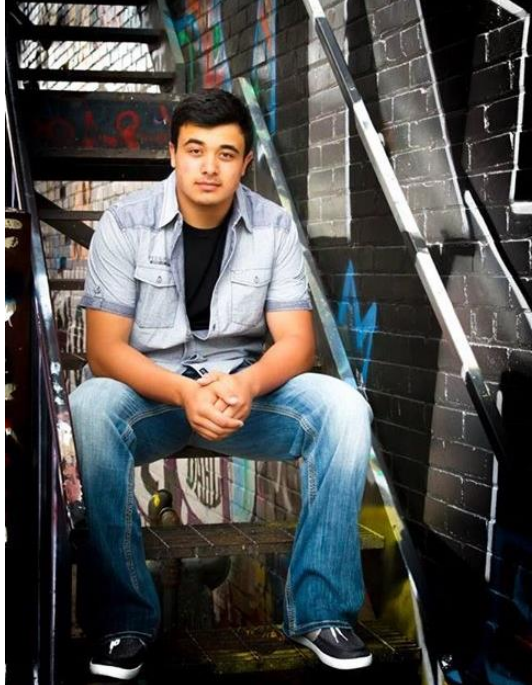
South Dakota Range Camp in Sturgis on June 3-5
Jackrabbit Dairy Camp in Brookings on June 7-9
SDSU Youth Livestock Judging camp in Brookings on May 31-June 2 and June 4-6

South Dakota Soil Days in Chamberlain on June 23 & 24
Leadership Retreat at Swan Lake near Viborg on June 29-July 1
or the Leadership Retreat at Bob Marshall near Custer on July 7-10 (registration is due June 1)
Sioux Empire Fair July 31- August 9
Dakotafest Farm Show August 18-20
SD State Fair September 3-7 (registration due Aug. 15).

Anyone enrolled in a high school agriculture class either first or second semester is eligible to join the FFA. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

Announcing 2015 Winners for Upcoming Honorary Events:

Boys State - Eric Klein, Dominic Holmes
 Girls State - Kendra Drew, Brittany Kludt, Mikaela Stofferahn
 Sophomore Leadership Luncheon – Rose Habeger
 HOBY - Chloe Solberg

February Quarrier of the Month	March Quarrier of the Month
	
Adam Karst	Keegan Hemenway



Help Wanted:

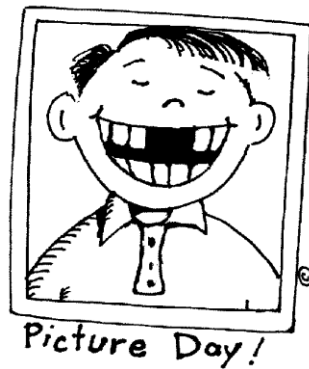
Activity Bus Drivers - \$11.50 per hour
 Substitute Special Ed Drivers - \$11.50 per hour
 Sub Route Drivers – \$18.97 per hour

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.

All Dell Rapids Public Schools students will be having 2015-16 registration on August 5th, 2015 (times TBA).

Note this change:

**August 5th will also be Picture Day for all students!
The schools will be sending out more information with
times when the date gets closer.**



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