



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

2nd Quarter 2015-16

“In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: ‘To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...’ The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.” (US Dept. of Veterans Affairs).



On Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2015, the Dell Rapids School District will honor area veterans with programs at the elementary school and the middle / high school. All community members are cordially invited to attend. Information for the elementary school program will be sent home with students very soon; however, I would like to take a moment to share what community members and veterans will experience during our middle school / high school program.

Starting at 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 11, veterans are invited to attend a continental breakfast hosted in the Dell Rapids High School Library. Attendees will be invited to visit with other area veterans, snack on muffins and fruit, and enjoy the

Veterans Day themed artwork created by Dell Rapids Graphic Design students.

Following the breakfast, the program, titled “We Thank You For Your Service,” will begin in the high school gym at 9:00 am. All students in grades 5 through 12 will attend with community members

and honored veterans. The program should last approximately one hour and will include a military retrospective, musical selections, and student poetry. Local veterans Joe Thornell, Robert Risty, and Dane Stone and Legion Post 65 members will participate with Dell Rapids students and staff members in order to not only honor all veterans but to help students

to understand the importance of this day.

We again cordially invite all community members and veterans to attend. In order to ensure we have adequate seating for all attendees, please call the high school (428-5473, ext 2) if you are planning to attend. Please join us as we say thank you to our veterans and their families for serving our country and protecting our freedoms.



Dr. Kimberly Kludt
Secondary Principal &
Curriculum & Professional
Development Director

Home of the QUARRIERS

TOUR OF HOMES

The DRHS Junior class together with the Dell Rapids Museum will host the 2015 Tour of Homes event on December 6, 2015, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the Junior class or by calling the Dell Rapids High School office at 428-5473. Refreshments will be served.



CHRISTMAS FOR OUR KIDS



“Christmas for Our Kids” is a long standing community project started by Sue Horstmeyer and currently spearheaded by the local ESA women’s organization. Because of the generosity of the Dell Rapids community, we are able to ensure a Merry Christmas for all of our Dell Rapids kids. Last Christmas the ESA elves were able to deliver gifts to 98 children from 39 families in the Dell Rapids area. Those kids truly had a Merry Christmas because of your kindness.

The “Christmas for Our Kids” project works like this:

- Families in need are identified through anonymous referrals. We may all know a family in our community that is going through tough times and could use our help to provide those extras over the holidays.
- Referred families are contacted and kids “wish lists” are requested.
- These “wish lists” are filled through donations and delivered to families prior to Christmas.

Here are some ways you can help ensure another successful “Christmas for Our Kids” project:

1. **Refer a Family in Need** - Contact Brenda O’Hara or Lori Morris with family referrals now or anytime before Christmas, but the sooner the better. – (Brenda: Cell 201-6571 or brendaohara@outlook.com. Lori: Cell 359-8795 or lori.morris@k12.sd.us).
2. **Adopt a Child or Family** - You or your group can adopt a child or family and purchase gifts from their “wish lists.” You will be anonymously matched up with a child or family and have fun shopping. Contact Brenda or Lori to be matched with a family.
3. **Angel Tree** - There will be two Angel Trees set up with specific gift requests. Stop by Avera Hospital or First National Bank, take a tag from the Angel Tree, do your shopping, and return the unwrapped gift under the tree by **December 14th with the tag attached.**
4. **Make a Monetary Donation** - Monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to “Christmas for Our Kids,” First National Bank, 312 E. 4th Street, Dell Rapids, SD 57022.

We hope to have all donations collected by **December 14th** so that gifts can be sorted and delivered to the families prior to Christmas. As we enter the holiday season please consider being part of this Dell Rapids tradition. If you have any questions please contact Brenda O’Hara at 201-6571 or brendaohara@outlook.com, or Lori Morris at 359-8795 or lori.morris@k12.sd.us.

Dell Rapids Elementary School is a Peanut Aware School

Peanut allergies can be fatal. As a safety measure for the youngest students in the district who have peanut allergies, the elementary school lunch program does not knowingly serve peanuts or peanut products in school lunches. School staff discourage students, parents, and staff from bringing peanuts or peanut products into the school. If you have questions, please contact Jill Dvorak, RN/School Nurse. **Thank you.**

Motorized Marbles

Darwin Daugaard's education program, Motorized Marbles, was selected as one of the most innovative teaching ideas in the nation in the Voya Unsung Heroes Award program. As one of the top 100 winners this year, he will receive a \$2,000 grant from Voya to bring my program to life! Daugaard may even have a chance to win an additional \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$25,000 for my grant, if I'm selected as one of the top 3 winners. You can see my winning entry at www.unsungheroes.com.

Be sure to like the Voya Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Voya/215714485107840>> page and follow @Voya on Twitter.

"Motorized Marbles," is focused on using robotic technology to help students learn about velocity and acceleration in an exciting way. Students will use app-enabled robotic balls called Sphero 2.0 that connect through Bluetooth to a tablet and allow students to control them and make various kinds of measurements and graphs. The equipment will



Kim Kludt presents award & plaque to Darwin Daugaard 2015

allow Daugaard's students to perform a variety of experiments with velocity, acceleration and friction. Students also will learn how to graph by pencil and paper and with their tablets. He will have students graph by hand so that they will understand the basic principles, and then encourage them to use computers and tablets so they can learn the real-life tools they will be expected to use in research or on the job.



Elementary School Christmas Concert

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a...wait a minute!?! What's going on here - Mom's running pass plays in the kitchen, Dad and the Uncles are taking root in front of the TV, and the kids are hmmm??? Take a light-hearted look at Christmas in the typical American household at the Dell Rapids Elementary on Thursday, December 3 at 2:00 and 7:00.

Christmas Concert

It is hard to believe, but Christmas is right around the corner. Not only does that mean snow and fun, but it is also time for Christmas Concerts.

The **Middle School Band and Choir Concert** will be on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym.

The **High School Band and Choir Concert** will be on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons.

All the band and choir groups have been working very hard and are excited to present their concerts. We hope to see you all there!



Dell Rapids Community Haven

A Great Place for YOUTH!

HAVEN'S INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICIES

Please be aware of our policies in regards to the cold and snow:

***If the Dell Rapids School District announces NO SCHOOL for the day, there will **NOT** be Haven programming.

***If the Dell Rapids School District announces a LATE START OR EARLY DISMISSAL, due to inclement weather, the **Haven Program WILL BE CLOSED.**

Tune into the local radio and television stations for school announcements.

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 winter events (366-8612). Public Students attending Haven after school and St Mary students attending before school will also need to purchase an in-town bus pass with DRPS.

DROP-IN FEES:

\$5.00/session before or after school

PUBLIC NON-SCHOOL DAYS:

\$25/full day

\$15/half day (6 hours or less)

Haven WILL BE OPEN on the following non-school days from 6:45 am-6:00 pm:
Nov 25; Dec 21, 22, 28, 29, 30; Jan 18; Feb 12, 15; Mar 28; & April 28, 29.

Get your *delicious* **PASTRY PUFFINS!**



ANNUAL HAVEN FUNDRAISER!...Haven is selling these melt-in-your-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 5 scrumptious flavors: *Cinnamon, Blueberry-Cream Cheese, Strawberry-Cream Cheese, Apple, Cherry, Caramel, & NEW THIS YEAR PuffCrust Pizza Puffins in 2 flavors: Sausage or Pepperoni.* Each box sells for **\$11.50 each.** 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. Puffin products are freezer-to-oven ready, so no need to plan ahead to have a great tasting treat! **Place your order between October 26-November 6** with Haven students, staff, and board members or by calling us at 366-8612. Orders will be ready for pick-up November 19 after school, in plenty of time for the holidays!

Contact us
at 366-8612



THANK YOU to everyone who came to celebrate Lights On Afterschool day with us at our Halloween Dance on October 23rd. We had a great turn out and funds raised will help us purchase programming supplies and equipment to fill out new rooms. A special THANK YOU goes out to Mr. Tjaden for providing music and entertainment, Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club 152621T from Dells for providing matching funds, and to everyone who made donations and volunteered at the dance! Similar events were held in October all over the country 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" to after school programs everywhere. Visit www.afterschoolalliance.org to see what you can do to help and how congress is showing their support. After school programs keep kids safe, help working families, save tax dollars, and provide the building blocks kids need to succeed in life and school. Thank you for supporting ours over the last 18 years!

7th & 8th Grade Volleyball 2015

The 7th grade volleyball team's season ended on October 13th. The girls may not have won a lot of games, but they showed much improvement from beginning to end. Through dedication, hard work and practice these girls were able to serve over handed consistently as well as bump, set and spike at the other team by the end of the season.



7th Grade

Coach Beyer, Mackenzie Aplan, Ellie Fiddelke, Olivia Prasek, Haley Moore, Elizabeth Schmidt
Rachael Vietor, Taylor Hansen, Samantha Price, Madeline Kringen, Veronica Vanderloo
Madelynne Wilber, Kyra Wajer, Sadie Schmitt, Teri Schoeberl

The 8th grade volleyball team finished their season on October 13th against Tea. The girls worked hard all year on fundamentals and game situations to help them benefit their play during their matches. They played in the Conference Tournament and placed 7th. They worked together as a team and learned how to correct their mistakes each and every game.



8th Grade

Coach Barber, Anaka Hemenway, Erin Larson, Ava Schuring, Gabi Rus, Kendra Hofeman
Kyra Graham, Jessica Schoeberl, Mallory Haak, Sydney Emery, Dez Rus
Steph Geraets, Jenna Miles, Katie Steineke, Mychael Williams

7th & 8th Grade Football 2015

The Dell Rapids 7th and 8th grade football teams concluded their season by hosting Sioux Valley on October 20. The 7th and 8th grade teams combined to face Sioux Valley due to lack of 8th grade participants for the Cossacks. Using some big offensive plays and some key defensive stops, the Quarriers defeated Sioux Valley 18 to 12.

The 7th grade team finished the season with four wins and three losses. The 7th grade team worked very hard this year and showed improvement throughout the season. If the team continues to



7th Grade

Front (Left to Right) Kevin Keener, Zach McKee, Colin Rentz, Canyon Lowman, Connor Rentz, Brayden Gee, Dayton Anderson; Middle (Left to Right) Mitch Geraets, Cody Schultz, Danek Hilmar, Asher Lensing, Lincoln Richeal, Trevon Cross, Aidan Moore, Kyle Cavigielli; Back (Left to Right) Ian Hackett, Zach Schreier, Nate Borchert, Carter Nelson, Jake Letsche, Cody Maeschen, Mitch Klinkenborg

participate and work hard in their other sports, we should have a better season next year.

The 8th grade team finished the season with two wins and five losses. The 8th grade team is a great group of kids that led our team very well. If this group continues to work hard in the offseason, they could compete for a state championship in the near future. The coaches will definitely miss the 8th grade group as they move forward into high school.



8th Grade

Front (Left to Right) Jake Sapp, Andy Nordstrom, Avery Welbig, Zeb Schumaker, Riley Peter, Carter Rentz, Dustyn Grib, Logan Ellingson; Middle (Left to Right) Gage Carr, Thane Hilmoe, Jake Steineke, Adam Darruff, Asher Quezada, Nate Kohler, Logan Stone, Gabi Olivares; Back (Left to Right) Kade Gruis, Joe Tisher, Noah Randall, Tyler Wood, Drew Van Regenmorter, Mason Goeken, Brandon Geraets, Dillan Frantz

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes held its first annual Breakfast of Champions kickoff for the 2015-2016 school year at the Dell Rapids High School on Friday, October 2nd. FCA has been a part of the Dell Rapids sports scene in years past, but it has been several years since it has had an active Huddle. Pastor Melissa Fletcher of First Baptist Church had been spending time praying for the community's youth. As a Dell Rapids native, she knew that sports were a big part of the students' culture. After much prayer and discernment, Pastor Fletcher and other members of the community felt a strong urging from the Lord to dedicate time to restart the FCA program in Dell Rapids. Towards the end of the last school year, the Dell Rapids Quarrier Huddle paperwork was completed and approved and a few Huddle meetings took place to promote the kickoff for the 2015-2016 season. "The students really seem to want FCA back in their school. There are some that are strong in their faith and some that are just beginning this journey and they want to be able to come together, pray for one another, their coaches, their fellow athletes and their school all the while being challenged to grow spiritually in their walk with the Lord. FCA offers them a chance to do that," Pastor Fletcher said. "We live in a world where there are a lot of hurting and broken people. Our community has experienced its share of heartache and grief and students recognize that they need something that can offer them hope. . . a positive message that they can hold on to when times get tough. . . an opportunity to share their faith with others. FCA offers that to them" she stated.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives. . . one heart at a time. Since 1954, the FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.



The goal is to have student leaders from each grade level who are active in leading the weekly Huddles. Coaches, staff, community members and pastors serve as their support. Currently, the High School Huddle is meeting on Wednesdays over the students' lunch hour. Student leaders rotate leading team building games, devotions and prayer. The goal is to also have a Middle School Huddle. Pastor Fletcher

stated that they are still working out the details for the younger students to have a weekly Huddle meeting time.

The Breakfast of Champions was the kick off for the Huddle activities for the school year. There were approximately 60 students and coaches in attendance. The morning began with students and coaches observing a minute of silence and prayer for



the two recent school shootings. Joe Evenson, a former Sioux Falls Storm player and current Riggs Football Academy Coach, shared his inspiring testimony of his personal athletic accomplishments and his faith journey. He challenged each person to get rid of their own gods in their life and allow the Lord to use them for His greater purposes. He reminded students that there are no coincidences in life and that everything that happens—every trial and difficult circumstance—has a grander purpose. "I thought it was a great experience that I wish everyone could've been a part of. I'm really excited about FCA starting up in our school and I think the breakfast was a great way to start it," said Mikaela Stofferahn, Senior Leader.

Pastor Fletcher reported that there was an outpouring of support from community businesses which provided all of the food for the breakfast. There are also other parents and community members that are assisting in the FCA startup efforts. "FCA is truly a community organization. It takes the entire community, families, students, coaches, churches and the blessing of God to make this organization successful. Our goal is to see everyone working together to support the students in this endeavor. It truly requires us to work as a team."

For more on FCA, visit fca.org or southdakotafca.org. If you would like to get involved or would like to provide financial support to the local Quarrier FCA Huddle, please contact Pastor Melissa Fletcher at First Baptist Church—(605) 428-3756, or Joe Brisbois at DRHS—(605) 428-5473.

Anniversary Run Supports Local Connections Group

Lee and Brittani Bollock opened Revive Fitness in the fall of 2014. To celebrate their first year in Dell Rapids, the couple organized a 5K and family fun run. The event was a success, and in the true spirit of their commitment to a healthier community, all of the run's proceeds were donated to the Dell Rapids Connections Group. The \$3000 donation will allow Connections to continue providing resources and activities for Dell Rapids' youth and parents.



Chad Fletcher (left) and Pastor Melissa Fletcher (right) finish the 5K run strong.

Quarrier Pride- "We Empower Each Other To Excel"

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

September



5th grade: CJ Smith & Rileigh Foster - **6th grade:** Tyler Tjaden & Cariss Montgomery
7th grade: Nychole Steineke & Veronica Vanderloo - **8th grade:** Seth Clement & Amy Snoozy

October



5th grade: Chase Jones and Sam Schmitt - **6th grade:** Landon Hohn & Landon Von Holtum
7th grade: Ellie Fiddelke & Megan Abbott - **8th grade:** Adam Dearduff and Erin Larson

YOU ROCK!



Pictured Above: Katie Wolff, Scott Schmitt, and Heidi Adams



Pictured Above: Deanna Batres, Jamie Randall, Jennifer Mason, Amy Holm & Jessica Ahlers



Pictured Above: Melissa Nygard, Crystal Baily, Jennifer Krantz, & Steve Hansen

Here are the fall recipients of the YOU ROCK award. Each staff member was nominated and presented with a YOU ROCK stone provided by LG Everist. Students and parents are encouraged to nominate a staff member for this honor. It's a simple way to show your appreciation for their work and dedication to the children of Dell Rapids. A brief nomination form can be found on the district web site.

Ag In Action

Buy your FFA fruit, meat, cheese, nuts and pastry puffins NOW! The sale ends November 7th. Shipping is scheduled for the week of December 8-12, at which time all items will be sorted to ensure the highest quality, and then they will be delivered.

The twenty students enrolled in the Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources class have been exposed to a variety of agricultural topics. During the unit on soils, students went outside and determined slope and looked at other physical properties of soil. During the unit on the FFA organization, the **State FFA Vice President, Kiera Leddy** and the **State FFA Secretary, Jeanette Klein**, talked about awards, opportunities and benefits of belonging to the FFA organization. A small wood project allowed students to design and construct a project applying concepts learned in the classroom. The unit on international agriculture will help students connect commodities produced in various countries and why they are traded. The crops and horticulture unit allows students to analyze different plant parts, functions, propagation methods, and growing requirements. The students will also compare various types of livestock and production methods used to raise those animals. This semester long class will end on January 15, but another twenty-six students will have this course during the spring semester.

The Fundamental Plant Science class is offered as a half-block class this fall with 21 students being exposed to plant parts, functions, taxonomy, nutritional requirements, biotechnology, harvesting, handling, storing and marketing crops. On October 16, **Chad Akin, Sales Representative, Dick Akin, Sales Specialist** and **Melanie Wiegert, HR Manager** from **Schuneman Equipment** in Garretson came



Chad & Dick Akin from Schuneman Equipment talk to students about the process.

to demonstrate the harvesting process on the 16 acres of school land that was planted into corn this year. The students had the opportunity to ride in the combine and see the technology being utilized in equipment. The students were also informed of



Chad Akin harvests the corn on the school land with students riding along.

career opportunities with John Deere and the support provided by local dealerships for post-secondary education. The common crops grown in the mid-west along with plant nutrients, plant propagation, pest management, storing and marketing crops will be covered during the remainder of the semester.

The other half-block class offered this fall is Fundamental Animal Science. The 22 students have gained knowledge of production practices necessary when raising livestock. The anatomy and physiology of the animals has been covered to help understand how to produce and/or manage animals in a domesticated or natural environment. Other topics to be covered during the remainder of the semester include recognizing animal behavior to facilitate working with animals safely; providing proper nutrition to maintain animal performance; knowing the factors that influence an animal's reproductive cycle; identifying environmental factors that affect an animal's performance; understanding livestock diseases; and careers related to animal science.

The processing of various agriculture products was the main emphasis of the Ag Processing Technology class. Dairy processing had students analyzing the quality factors of dairy products including fluid milk, butter, yogurt, cheese, and ice cream. Using a hand-crank butter churn from the Old Courthouse Museum, the class created homemade butter and sampled it with crackers. Ice cream was also made during class using an electric ice cream maker. The slaughter process, quality grading, yield grading and inspection were all part of the meat processing unit. On Oct. 26, 19 students in the class had the opportunity to tour

John Morrell and the Renner Locker. Other aspects of agricultural processing were covered and included handling, transporting, and marketing along with methods of processing, preserving, storing, and new technology used in processing with the class ending on Oct. 29.

The 18 students in the second quarter class of Wildlife and Fisheries started on Oct. 30 and have been going over habitat needs and how we impact wildlife. They will also be comparing large and small mammals, non-indigenous species along with upland game birds, ducks, geese, swans, and cranes in the next months of class. They will also analyze freshwater habitats and their management along with various types of fish in South Dakota. The semester will wrap up with students connecting the various career opportunities in wildlife and fisheries management. Another section of this class will be offered as a half-block class during the spring semester with 21 students enrolled.

Other courses offered starting the second semester on January 19 include a quarter long Fundamental Ag Mechanics class in which the 15 students 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, drawings 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; and apply metal applications.

Ag Classes Offered In The Spring

A new class for the spring semester offered as a half-block class will be Ag Business Sales and Marketing. The nine students enrolled in this class will be analyzing the use of written and oral skills to seek and obtain an agricultural job; analyzing personality traits and personal improvement needed to be successful in a career; analyzing marketing principles used to accomplish marketing objectives; analyzing basic economics of supply and demand to determine price; differentiating groups of customers and how to merchandise products to meet the needs of a customer; comparing different types of technology and documents used to manage agribusinesses; analyzing types of commodity marketing and marketing

products.

The 35 high school FFA members have been busy this fall with land judging and leadership events. Lexi Klein and Kayla Wolles attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY, on Oct. 28-31. They traveled to the convention on a chartered bus organized by the South Dakota FFA Association. On



Kierra Leddy, State Vice President talks to Intro. to Ag Class

the way to the convention, they toured Fair Oaks farm in Fair Oaks, IN. Once in Louisville, they not only attended the convention session and listened to dynamic keynote speakers, they also attended the career expo in conjunction with the convention. A tour of Schimpff's Confectionery and the Louisville Zoo were also part of the trip. The Harrisburg FFA chapter hosted an invitational leadership

event on Nov. 5, which allowed members to gain experience in the various leadership events. Members can participate in five individual events which include prepared public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, job interview, ag broadcasting and creed speaking.

There are also six team events which include ag issues, ag communications, ag sales, marketing plan, junior parliamentary procedures and senior parliamentary procedures. The Jackrabbit Invitational Leadership event in Brookings on Nov. 10 gives members one more opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills before the district event. The FFA district leadership events will be held in Hartford on Nov. 16 in which members can compete in the same five individual and six team events with the top two teams and the top three individuals advancing on to the state event in Pierre on Dec. 6 & 7. Members can also apply and interview to serve as one of the six district officers for the 2015-16 year.



Jeanette Klein, State Secretary talks to Intro. to Ag Class



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November:

25th-27th - Thanksgiving Break

December:

21st - Jan 1st - Winter Break

January:

1st - New Years Day

15^h - End of 2nd Quarter

18th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day



**HAVE AN IMPORTANT
EVENT OR ARTICLE YOU
WOULD LIKE POSTED?
PUT IT IN THE WISE OWL.**

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School Website (dr-k12.org)
for School Lunch Menus and
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athletic and activity schedules.**

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