



# Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

3rd Quarter 2015-16

## Future Kindergartners!

*"Don't drink the water"* is a saying staff hears often in the elementary hallways this school year. While it seems we generally have 1 or 2 staff pregnancies a school year, this has truly been a unique first semester. Currently, we have 5 staff members who are expecting with Mrs. Simons welcoming her baby girl on January 22, 2016. It's exciting to see the changes and growth to our families at DRES. As their new adventures of parenting begin, it won't be long before they are asking themselves the question: Is my child ready for Kindergarten? 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



Pictured Left to Right: Erin Turner, Tasha Davis, Erin McInroy, Ryan Kooima (wife McKeon), Stacy Konsor and Staci Simons.

The Dell Rapids School District will host a Kindergarten Screening on February 29 and March 1 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 who regret 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.



Jay Nelson  
DRES Principal

### Dell Rapids Kindergarten Screening

February 29th - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

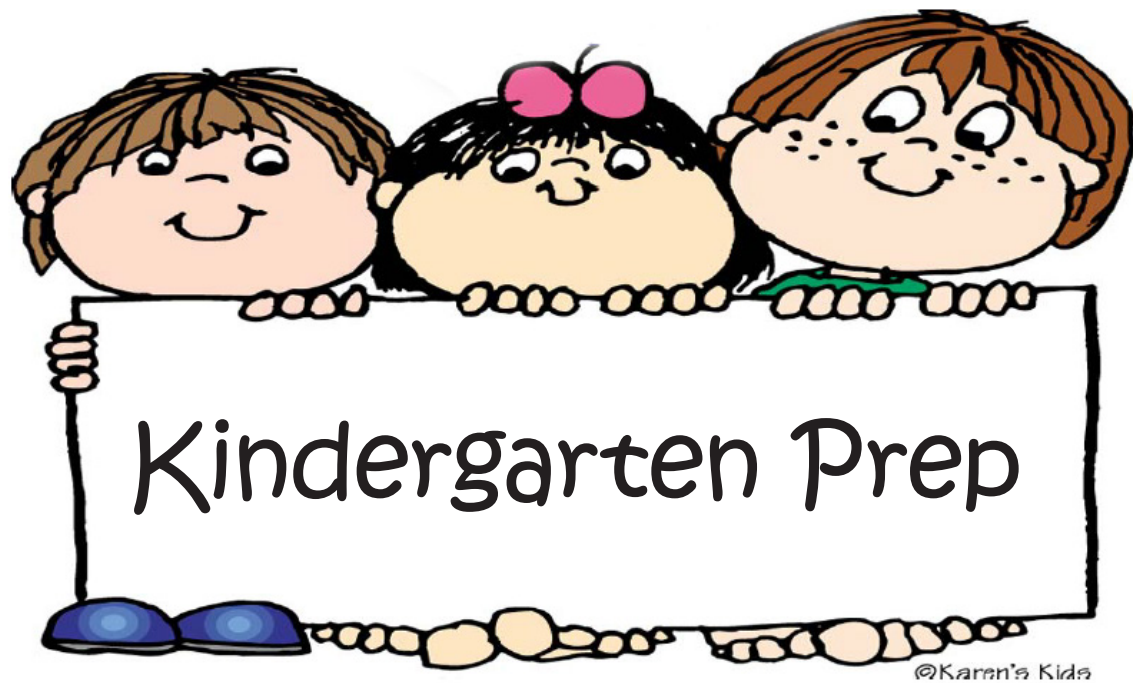
March 1st - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

For students who are age 5 on or before September 1, 2016.

Please register via the school district's website:  
[www.dr-k12.org](http://www.dr-k12.org) or call the office at 428-5473 Option #6.

**NO SCHOOL** for current KPrep and Kindergarten students on February 29th & March 1st.

Please watch our website  
for online screening  
registration!



## What is Kindergarten Prep?

Kindergarten Prep is a differentiated program 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 the 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.

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# Dell Rapids Community Haven

## A Great Place for YOUNG!

### **2015-16 HAVEN FEES:**

**BEFORE SCHOOL:** \$4.00/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

### **2016-17 HAVEN FEES:**

**BEFORE SCHOOL:** \$4.00/session

**AFTER SCHOOL:** \$4.00/session

**DROP-IN:** \$5.00/session

### **2016 SUMMER & NON-SCHOOL DAYS:**

\$21/full day or \$13/half day (6 hours or less)

Drop-In \$26/full day or \$16/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.**

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

**Haven WILL BE OPEN on the following non-school days this semester from 6:45 am-6:00 pm:**  
**Feb 12th, 15th; March 28th; April 28th, 29th.**

**Haven will also be OPEN 1:30-6:00 pm on all in-service early release days.**



### **The Dell Rapids Haven hosted a WINTER NEON DANCE for Middle School students!**

It was held on Friday, January 29th

5th-6th grade: 5:30-7:30 pm

7th-8th grade: 7:30-9:30 pm

The Public MS Commons were brought to life  
with DJ services provided by Mr. Tjaden.

At only \$5/student (concessions & glow party  
favors were available for purchase)

**\*Watch for our upcoming Spring Dance!**

### **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!**

The Dell Rapids Community Haven is looking for enthusiastic individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for 2016! 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.

Contact Haven Program Director, Jessica Ostwald, if you would like more information about becoming a Haven Board member at 605-366-8612 or [Jessica.Ostwald@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jessica.Ostwald@k12.sd.us).



## Jazz Band Parents:

Just wanted to make sure you all knew a few things about the upcoming Jazz Band season.

**Practices:** We practice on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday** mornings at **7:45 am to 8:25 am**. Please make sure the kids are there a few minutes early so we can start playing at 7:45 am. If you are in HS, remember that attendance is taken.

**Saturday Practice:** We will be having a Saturday practice from **10:00 am to 11:30 am** on Saturday, **February 27th**. I hate to do this, but we are running out of time before the competition season begins. Please let me know if this is a huge conflict for anyone. If we have a lot of conflicts, we might need to find another day.

**Pops Concert:** Monday, February 29th at 7:00 pm in the MS Commons.

**Jazz Band Competitions:** Tentatively plan on the following dates.

- ♦ March 7th or 8th at Augustana.
- ♦ March 15th at USD.
- ♦ April 7th at SDSU.

What to wear for Pops Concert & Contest???

I will get back to you on that one ☺

As more information comes available, I will pass it along to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know via email or call/text me at **366-5359**. If you call me, and I don't answer please leave a voicemail.

**Joni Smith**

## DRMS would like to announce and congratulate the Students of the Month.

These individuals have demonstrated positive behavior reflective of the Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, responsible, respectful, fair, good citizenship, and are caring individuals. Thanks to Lunchtime Solutions, Video Plus and Pizza Ranch, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places!



**Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:**

5th - Abigail Greenhoff & Maya Lee  
6th - Zoey Hilmoe & Faithe Larson  
7th - Hailey Nygaard & Ian Hackett  
8th - Nate Kohler & Dillan Frantz



**Congratulations to our December Students of the Month:**

5th - Katrina Krueel & Elizabeth Price  
6th - Alli De Stigter & Graci Crosby  
7th - Justin Nirva & Aidan Moore (not pictured)  
8th - Jacob Sapp & Kendra Hofeman



**Congratulations to our January Students of the Month:**

5th - Ashton Schaaf & Gabe Clark  
6th - Mason Espinoza & Josie Geraets  
7th - Dayton Andersen & Danek Hilmar  
8th - Syndey Emery & Carter Rentz



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

**Reminder:** Students eligible for free or reduced price lunch are also eligible for free or reduced price breakfast.

## Vocabulary Bowl 2016

Leading South Dakota in word mastery is no easy feat. It means our students have mastered more words by playing Vocabulary.com (2,661 and counting!) since October 1st than most schools in South Dakota. This testament to our emphasis on academic vocabulary is encouraging and will pay dividends in enriching our students' reading comprehension and overall literacy!

English students at DRHS participated in the Vocabulary.com Vocabulary Bowl during the first semester this year. Students were able to not only have fun with vocabulary but also earn badges and compete with their friends, other classes, and even students from across the country!

Vocabulary.com teaches words by systematically exposing students to a wide array of question types and activities that will help them understand all the meanings and nuances of every word.

Even after students have achieved mastery, Vocabulary.com will continue to reinforce what they have learned

to make sure that it all stays fresh in their memory. When students look up a word in our dictionary, they'll read a friendly explanation that they will actually remember. The clever usage tips and thousands of real-world examples bring the words to life!

Words Mastered - Vocabulary Bowl 2016

1	Castlewood High School - 01 Castlewood, South Dakota	2,707
2	Dell Rapids High School - 01 Dell Rapids, South Dakota	2,661
3	Sturgis Williams Middle School - 02 Sturgis, South Dakota	2,376
4	Central High School - 41 Rapid City, South Dakota	954
5	Castlewood Junior High - 03 Castlewood, South Dakota	329

## FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1-5 is National School Counseling Week. Thank you Ms. Ruesink (grades 9-12), Ms. Telkamp (grades 5-8), and Kimberly Shemon (grades PreK-4) for everything you do for our students, staff and school community!! You are priceless!!

February is Career and Technical Education Month. Thank you to our CTE teachers... Mr. Wolff, Ms. Huska, Ms. Rieck, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Headrick, and Mr. Jorgensen for doing such an excellent job of preparing our students for postsecondary and careers.



HONORING LOCALLY ELECTED  
EDUCATION LEADERSHIP  
**South Dakota**  
**School Board**  
**Recognition Week**  
FEBRUARY, 2016

# 2015-16 Quarter 1 - DR Middle School Honor Roll

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## **6th Grade**

### **GOLD**

Holm, Charles  
Lodmell, Tori  
Pickard, Miriam  
Ruesink, Landon  
Schmidt, Maggie  
Witte, Michaela

### **SILVER**

Anderson, Alex  
Bittner, Kylie  
Davidson, Logan  
DeStigter, Alli  
Duinkerken, Makayla  
Espinoza, Mason  
Geraets, Josie  
Goeken, Matthew  
Golden, Kate  
Hilmoe, Zoey  
Hohn, Landon  
Jensen, Dylan  
Knappe, Victor  
Krumm, Payton  
Larson, Faithe  
Ljunggren, Madison  
Mason, Ian  
Mason, Weston  
Merry, Michael  
Miller, Caden  
Montgomery, Cariss  
Nelson, Hunter  
Person, Taina  
Randall, Luke  
Reider, Cassi  
Rice, Cara  
Saxon, Aaron  
Schmidt, Jayme  
Spoonemore, Brooklyn  
Sterud, Paige  
Stone, Shane  
Tiernan, Lilly  
Tomes, Autumn  
Urquijo, Adrianna  
VanZee, Peyton  
VanOverbeke, Hanna  
VanOverbeke, Madysen

Visser, Grant  
VonHoltum, Landon

### **BRONZE**

Barnhart, Haileigh  
Crosby, Graci  
DeKnikker, Joshua  
Erickson, Micah  
Garcia, Yazmin  
Garry, Mackenzie  
Henry, Austin  
Horton, Desirae  
Jorgensen, Chloe  
Krantz, Sidney  
Krempges, Mallory  
LaDeaux, Alexyss  
Prochaska, Kylie  
Pudwill, Madeline  
Rinehart, Rylee  
Schrad, Carter  
Tjaden, Tyler  
Trewin, Ashlynn  
Viereck, Alex  
Waldner, Landon

## **7th Grade**

### **GOLD**

Dorn, Rebecca  
Griebel, Eli  
Kringen, Madeline  
Price, Samantha  
Rentz, Colin  
Wilber, Madelynn

### **SILVER**

Andersen, Dayton  
Berg, Lucas  
Downs, Olivia  
Fiddelke, Ellie  
Fletcher, Kathryn  
Gee, Brayden  
Gleason, Peyton  
Hackett, Ian  
Hansen, Taylor  
Hilmar, Danek  
Klinkenborg, Mitchell

Larson, Brady  
Lensing, Asher  
Maeschen, Coby  
Nelson, Carter  
Prasek, Olivia  
Pulscher, Katy  
Rentz, Connor  
Schmidt, Samantha  
Schmitt, Sadie  
Schrad, Logan  
Vietor, Rachael  
Wajer, Kyra  
Weiland, Andrew

### **BRONZE**

Abbott, Megan  
Anderson, Logan  
Borchert, Nate  
Clark, Caleb  
Cross, Trevon  
Flaskey, Tate  
Geraets, Mitchell  
Hegg, Allison  
Letsche, Jakob  
Moore, Aidan  
Nyman, Riley  
Richeal, Lincoln  
Schmidt, Elizabeth  
Schultz, Cody  
Steineke, Nychole  
Sundt, Lathan  
Vlietstra, Natali  
Wooten, Hadden

## **8th Grade**

### **GOLD**

Gordon, Britton  
Gruis, Kade  
Haak, Mallory  
Heiberger, Hannah  
Lee, Cydney  
Meyer, Amy  
Nordstrom, Andy  
Riswold, Ethan  
Stelzer, Olivia  
Tisher, Joseph

Watkins, Mackenzie  
Welbig, Karsen  
Wood, Tyler  
Yetter, Dylan

### **SILVER**

Brech, Morgan  
Dorris, Libbie  
Goeken, Mason  
Graham, Kyra  
Hansen, Aspen  
Hofeman, Kendra  
Larson, Erin  
Miles, Jenna  
Mortrude, Zoe  
North, Katelyn  
Oberg, Kaylei  
Peter, Riley  
Randall, Noah  
Rus, Deziree  
Rus, Gabriella  
Schumacher, Cade  
Schumaker, Zeb  
Schuring, Ava  
Steineke, Katie  
Stelzer, Sydney  
Stone, Logan  
Van Regenmorter, Drew  
Visser, Logan  
Welbig, Avery

### **BRONZE**

Carr, Gage  
Ellingson, Logan  
Emery, Sydney  
Frantz, Dillan  
Heinemann, Mitchell  
Millman, Logan  
Symens, Anna

# 2015-16 Quarter 2 - DR Middle School Honor Roll

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## **6th Grade**

### **GOLD**

Holm, Charles  
Lodmell, Tori  
Montgomery, Cariss  
Pickard, Miriam  
Ruesink, Landon  
Schmidt, Maggie  
Spoonemore, Brooklyn  
Sterud, Paige  
Tiernan, Lily  
VanOverbeke, Madysen  
Witte, Michaela

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Bittner, Kylie  
Crosby, Graci  
Davidson, Logan  
DeStigter, Alli  
DeKnikker, Josh  
Duinkerken, Makayla  
Espinoza, Mason  
Geraets, Josie  
Gill, Aaron  
Goeken, Matthew  
Golden, Kate  
Henry, Austin  
Hilmoe, Zoey  
Hohn, Landon  
Jensen, Dylan  
Knappe, Victor  
Krempges, Mallory  
Krumm, Payton  
LaDeaux, Alexyss  
Larson, Faithe  
Ljunggren, Madison  
Mason, Ian  
Mason, Weston  
Merry, Michael  
Miller, Caden  
Nelson, Hunter  
Person, Taina  
Randall, Luke  
Reider, Cassi  
Rice, Cara

Saxon, Aaron  
Schmidt, Jayme  
Stone, Shane  
Tomes, Autumn  
Urquijo, Adrianna  
VanZee, Peyton  
VanOverbeke, Hanna  
Viereck, Alex  
Visser, Grant  
VonHoltum, Landon

### **BRONZE**

Dombrowe-Salo, Jada  
Erickson, Micah  
Garry, MacKenzie  
Hof, April  
Horton, Desirae  
Jorgensen, Chloe  
Kludt, Jade  
Krantz, Sidney  
Lacey, Leigha  
Prochaska, Kylie  
Pudwill, Madeline  
Rinehart, Rylee  
Schrade, Carter  
Shellum, Zachary  
Strauss, Winston  
Tjaden, Tyler  
Trewin, Ashlynn  
Waldner, Landon

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Lensing, Asher  
Maeschen, Coby  
Nyman, Riley  
Prasek, Olivia  
Pulscher, Katy  
Rentz, Connor  
Schrade, Logan  
Vanderloo, Veronica  
Vietor, Rachael  
Wajer, Kyra  
Weiland, Andrew  
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Geraets, Mitchell  
Letsche, Jakob  
Mullinix, Christina  
Nelson, Carter  
Nirva, Justin  
Pedde, Austin  
Schoeberl, Teri  
Sundt, Lathan

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Hofeman, Kendra  
Larson, Erin  
Meyer, Amy  
Mortrude, Zoe  
Oberger, Kaylei  
Peter, Riley  
Randall, Noah  
Riswold, Ethan  
Rus, Deziree  
Rus, Gabriella  
Sapp, Jacob  
Schumacher, Cade  
Schumaker, Zeb  
Schuring, Ava  
Shellum, Ceara  
Steineke, Katie  
Stelzer, Sydney  
Stone, Logan  
Tisher, Joseph  
VanRegenmorter, Drew  
Visser, Logan  
Wood, Tyler  
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Emery, Sydney  
Frantz, Dillan  
Geraets, Stephanie  
Millman, Logan  
Rentz, Carter  
Stauffenecker, Abby  
Symens, Anna  
Welbig, Avery



## FCCLA Members Attend District III FCCLA Meeting in Dell Rapids

Members from Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter joined 6 other FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapters, fellow members, advisers, and guests from the area in Dell Rapids Reformed Church on January 20 for the 2016 District III Meeting.

This meeting was themed Empower Mepower. Members listened to general sessions, ran for office, and participated in STAR Events.

The District Executive Council, consisting of Chairperson/State Officer Kelcie Hauf of Dell Rapids, Co-Chairperson Bailey Meadors of West Central, Secretary Brigette Nelson of Baltic, and Treasurer Evan Marquardt of Canistota presided over the meeting.

Members listened to state leadership team presentations presented by three state team leadership members. Josh Sorbe, the National FCCLA President from Brookings, was the main speaker at the closing session.

STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events were also held at the meeting. Members competed in Illustrated Talks category. Receiving a gold rating was Beth Bruggeman on the topic dual credit, Taylor Hansen on the topic of hypothyroidism, and Veronica Vanderloo on the topic SIDS. Kailyn Bittner received a silver rating on the topic of deployment. A team of five members competed in the Knowledge Bowl competition.

The event concluded with the announcement of the new 2016-2017 District Executive Council. Beth Bruggeman was installed as the treasurer for the coming year. She and three other officers preside over next year's district meeting.

FCCLA is the only youth-led organization with family as its central focus. Members learn how to be active community leaders, become caring family members, and prepare for life beyond high school.



Kelcie Hauf, outgoing chairperson poses with incoming chairperson, Brigette Nelson, Baltic.



Veronica Vanderloo, Kailyn Bittner, Beth Bruggeman and Taylor Hansen pose for a picture after receiving their Illustrated Talk awards.

**Quarrier Pride-** *"We Empower Each Other To Excel"*



## Youth Attend Healthy Living Summit in Huron

“YOUth Choose Health!” a healthy living youth leadership initiative began its campaign in Huron on October 21, 2015 at the Huron Events center. The South Dakota Youth Foundation sponsored this event in partnership with Avera Health, Regional Health, Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board, Human Service Agency, South Dakota Community Foundation, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, USD School of Nursing, SD Discovery Center, South Dakota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Black Hills Surgical Hospital utilizing the collective impact approach. Professional mentors and 13 statewide healthy living youth council members planned and carried out the event.

School Districts were trained in a holistic approach to leading a healthy lifestyle. One hundred youth and adults participated in collective impact activities that trained and prepared them to lead a collaborative effort in their home communities. They were also given the opportunity to work through various activities and programs found within the community toolkit and participated in hands on activities to create a “connected” atmosphere. Each school team has been provided access to an online healthy living community toolkit that they can use to lead the initiative throughout their school year.

Morgan Kistler, Mikaela Stofferahn, and Taylor Reit, members from the Dell Rapids Public School, and staff member, Beverly Rieck, participated in the event. After attending this session, Mikaela stated, “Teenagers have it hard enough as it is, so learning to lean on each other and help each other is a huge step in the right direction.” After attending a session on nutrition and wellness, Taylor said healthy eating is the way to be! The group will be implementing some I am.... and I am not.... statements to post around the school as their first project.



Morgan Kistler, Mikaela Stofferahn, and Taylor Reit

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

The classroom teacher is the backbone of the American educational system. No one person has a greater impact on the education of a child than does the teacher who creates the primary learning and instructional environment.

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

To nominate a teacher for the DRPS Teacher of the Year Award, simply complete the brief application found on the district website under Central Office Documents. Completed applications may be dropped off at the District Office or mailed to TOY Committee, 1216 N Garfield, Dell Rapids, SD 57022. Applications are due March 18, 2016.

## Ag In Action

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 24 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.

Another section of Wildlife and Fisheries class is being offered during the spring semester to 15 students during 1st half of 3rd block 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.

During the 2nd half of 3rd block, 17 students are enrolled in the Ag Business, Sales and Marketing class. In this class students will: examine skills necessary to obtain gainful employment in agribusiness occupations; examine effects of personality on job performance; use principles to accomplish an agribusiness marketing objective; use sales principles to accomplish an agribusiness objective; use computer technology and documents to manage agribusiness inventory; explore opportunities for marketing of agricultural products throughout the world.

The quarter long class of Fundamental Ag Mechanics is being held during 4th block. The students enrolled in this 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.

During the 4th quarter, the class offered 4th block will be Ag Power Technology. This class will consist of 12 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.

In the FFA 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. The National FFA Week will be celebrated from Feb. 20-27. 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 3 at Howard; March 16 at Flandreau; March 21 at Tri-Valley; March 31 at Lennox; and April 1 at Little International in

Brookings. The State FFA Convention will be held in Brookings on April 10-12, 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 17 in the Middle School Commons at 6:30 pm to recognize the members on their achievements from the year.

The summer also has opportunities for members to develop their leadership skills by attending one of the State FFA Leadership Retreats. One retreat will be held June 28-30 at Swan Lake near Viborg and the other will be held July 12-15 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 1 for the sessions which are: June 7-11; June 14-18; June 21-25; June 28-July 2; July 12-16; July 19-23; and July 26-30.

## School Board Openings

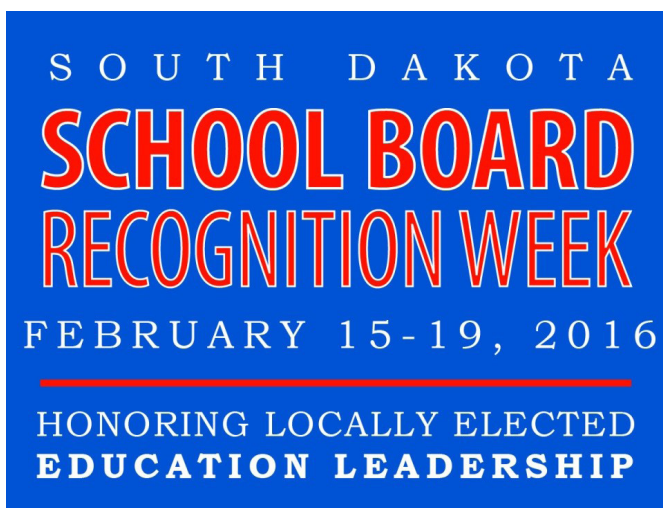
Three Dell Rapids School Board positions will be up for election on April 12, 2016. Two three-year positions, with duties to be assumed on July 11, 2016, will be vacant due to the expiration of the present terms of Jody Schumaker and Matt Weiland. One two-year position, with duties to be assumed on July 11, 2016, will be vacant due to the expiration of the one-year appointment of 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 29th and February 26th, and must be filed with the business manager no later than February 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. To vote in this election, residents of the school district must be registered by March 28, 2016.

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.



**Home of the QUARRIERS**



## A New Spin on Assemblies

by Mikaela Stofferahn

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes had their first all-school assembly on Friday, January 22nd, 2016 in the DRHS gym. The Fellowship, or FCA, had been planning on bringing a speaker in to talk to the whole school and after rescheduling once due to a conflict, Tanya Crevier finally graced the halls of DRHS. Tanya met with the FCA students for lunch, and after the assembly she offered a skills clinic for the 7/8 grade girls basketball team. Tanya is a South Dakota native who graduated from SDSU and went on to play professional women's basketball. Tanya then decided to take a different course when she started to perform many crazy, fun tricks using basketballs, hula hoops, unicycles, and anything else she could get her hands on. For over the last thirty years, Tanya has been traveling all over the country performing her tricks both by herself and with her family by her side.

When she came to Dell Rapids, she brought along her nephew Caleb, who also grew up in South Dakota and graduated from South Dakota State University after being a successful competitor on the Jackrabbit's diving team. While we only had two of the Crevier family show us their talents and pass on their message, the whole Crevier family takes part in these performances for their bigger shows, such as a halftime performances at the 2015 NBA finals game in Cleveland and their successful run on the popular T.V. show America's Got Talent. A big thank you to Tanya and Caleb for entertaining the students and talking to FCA. Another thank you to First National Bank for sponsoring the event.



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## BOOSTER CLUB FEBRUARY 2016

Upcoming Booster Club Events:

- February 5 – Concessions at double header basketball games
- February 19 – Concessions at boys basketball games

If you would like to help out with any of the above events, please contact us at the email address below.

Upcoming Parent's Night for Seniors:

- Girls Basketball – February 5
- Boys Basketball – February 5

Thank you to all the wrestling parents, kids and volunteers that helped make our annual youth wrestling tournament in December a success. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for volunteering your time.

We will soon be looking for 3 new couples to join the Booster Club board. The Booster Club is a fun and rewarding experience. It is a great way to get to know other parents while getting involved with our school and student athletes. Please contact [drboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:drboosterclub@gmail.com) if you are interested.

To stay in touch with Quarrier activities:

- "Like" us on Facebook
- Visit our website at [drboosterclub.com](http://drboosterclub.com)
- email us at [drboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:drboosterclub@gmail.com)



***Dell Rapids Elementary  
Tuesday/Thursdays, March 8<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>  
3:45-5:00PM***

**Mission: To educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living**

Girls on the Run is a national non-profit organization that uses a researched curriculum of lessons, games, activities, and non-competitive running exercises to teach life lessons and to enhance self-esteem and build confidence in young girls! Our lessons include topics in positive thinking, being a good friend, making healthy decisions, standing up for oneself, gossiping and bullying issues, healthy eating and positive body image, setting goals, understanding diversity and community awareness – and many other topics important to girls of this age! We end our GOTR season with a fun 5K run including all of the girls participating in GOTR across the Sioux Empire!

***ONLINE registration is NOW OPEN – go to our website [www.embe.org](http://www.embe.org) under youth programs, Girls on the Run – locations tab!***

***Attention women, ages 18 and older!***

The Girls on the Run program delivers its message to young girls through volunteer coaches and mentors. If you are a woman with a passion for working with girls to develop self esteem, confidence and you live a healthy lifestyle and want to be that positive role model, please call Kristin Brown with EmBe

at 605-336-3660 ext 227 or email at [kbrown@embe.org](mailto:kbrown@embe.org)

We are looking for volunteer coaches to help once a week at Dell Rapids Elementary for the Spring Girls on the Run season!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Monday, Feb 8 - 7:00 pm** - Current 9th graders... student and parent registration night

**Thursday, Feb 11 - 12:30-8:30 pm** - Parent / teacher conferences for grades K-12

**Friday, Feb 12** - NO SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 15** - NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)

**Tuesday, Feb 16 - 7:00 pm** - Current 10th and 11th graders... student and parent registration night.

**Wednesday, Feb 24 - 1:30 pm** - Teacher Inservice (students dismissed at 1:30)

**Tuesday, March 7 - 7:00 pm** - Current 8th graders... student and parent registration night.

**Monday, March 21** - End of quarter 3

**Friday, March 25** - NO SCHOOL (Easter)

**Monday, March 28** - NO SCHOOL (Easter)

**Wednesday, March 30 - 1:30 pm** - Teacher Inservice (students dismissed at 1:30)



**Please check the Dell Rapids School Website ([dr-k12.org](http://dr-k12.org)) for School Lunch Menus and COMPLETE and up-to-date athletic and activity schedules.**

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