



# Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

1st Quarter 2016-17

## **READY (almost), SET, GO!**

The start of a new school year typically brings forth a renewed energy for staff and students. There is something special about filling backpacks with blank notebooks and full glue bottles and students are always eager to attend the first fall sporting event of the year.

You've probably noticed a lot of construction activity this summer and although we are close to being finished, a few projects may need additional time to complete. I'm confident the improvements to our building will far outweigh any inconvenience we may inherit. The biggest change parents and community members will notice takes place at the front doors. Once school is in session, all visitors will be required to check in to a school office. The change allows staff to monitor and control who enters the building, much like our current system at the elementary building. Although it may take some getting used to, I hope parents will find the system a bit more reassuring, and well worth the extra time to enter.

Every year I solicit parent involvement through this back to school letter. I'm going to do that again, but I'm also going to challenge you to spend a little time setting school year goals with your child and to reinforce the importance of attendance, appropriate behavior, and schoolwork completion. It really does take a village to raise our children, however, the key to their success begins with committed parent involvement.

Finally, I have challenged my staff to help define what College, Career, and Life Ready looks like. Although there is plenty of guidance in these areas, I really want to know what that should specifically look like in Dell Rapids. My entire administrative team would enjoy hearing your thoughts on this and we look forward to meaningful conversations as we begin our work.

Thank you for entrusting me with your children. It is not something I take lightly and I am humbled to continue this opportunity in such a wonderful community.



Dr. Summer Schultz  
Superintendent - DRPS

Dr. Summer Schultz



If you or someone you know is interested in driving bus please contact Jeff Schmidt at **428-5473 (ext. 7)**

The **Wise Owl** will again be published quarterly for the 2016-17 school year with issues being scheduled for August, November, February, and April.

In addition, the school lunch menus and COMPLETE and up-to-date athletics and activities schedules will be available on the school website [dr-k12.org](http://dr-k12.org).



Home of the Quarriers

## ACTIVITY TICKET POLICY

A family all-season athletic pass will be available for \$100.00. A family pass will include up to two adults (must be a parent or guardian) and all school-age children living in one household. The cost of an individual high school student activity ticket is \$20.00, and the cost of a middle or elementary student activity ticket is \$15.00 for use during the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Other options for admittance to school activities include the adult 10-punch athletic pass for \$30.00 or adult all-season athletic passes for \$50.00 each. Regular contest 2016-2017 athletic competition admission prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, and \$6.00 and \$4.00 for double-header games, respectively. Dell Rapids senior citizens (age 62 and over) may pick up a free season pass for most athletic events at the District Office. If you missed out at registration, Dell Rapids Schools will also sell passes at the first home football and volleyball games.

## SCHOOL MEALS

The Dell Rapids School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Lunchtime Solutions provides complete, well-balanced meals that are attractive and satisfying to students. All students are encouraged to enjoy the nutritious meals that include an all-you-can-eat salad bar.

Students may buy breakfast for \$1.40 at each school. The daily price for student lunch at the elementary school is \$2.70, and the daily price for student lunch at the middle school and high school is \$2.80. The price for an extra milk, or milk for elementary breaks, is \$.50. An extra entrée is \$1.65, and an extra pizza slice is \$1.85.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were mailed to each family with registration or open-house information and are also available in the principals' offices. Parents who have not received a direct certification notice, and who wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for their children, should return a completed application form to the business office.

A selection of a la carte items is available for purchase in the middle school and high school after the purchase of a complete meal. Parents are able to place restrictions on student purchases of a la carte items. Accounts may be restricted to allow no purchasing of a la carte items or to allow a la carte purchases with cash only. To request account restrictions for the 2016-2017 school year, parents should call the business manager or food service director at 428-5473.

The district uses NutriKids computer software for record keeping. Each student has his/her own lunch account, and the district requires payment in advance for students to purchase meals or a la carte items. Any dollar amount can be deposited toward future purchases. It is recommended that deposits into students' accounts be made by check. Meals may also be purchased with cash at the point of service.

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

Dell Rapids Schools Mission Statement:

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

# Dell Rapids Community Haven

## A Great Place for YOUTH!

### 2016-2017 -HAVEN FEES:

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

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

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

**PUBLIC 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.

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- \* For students entering Kindergarten-7th grades (ages 5-12yrs)
- \* Before School Program begins at 6:45 a.m.
- \* After School Program runs until 6:00 p.m.
- \* Flexible scheduling
- \* Tons of fun activities planned, including art & craft projects, local field trips, homework help, sports, food fun, enrichment, board & card games, computers, indoor & outdoor games, science projects, multicultural activities, special events, visitors, community service projects, and time to just have fun with new & old friends!

**Registration forms are available  
at Haven, the school offices,  
at <http://haven-dellrapids.k12.sd.us/>  
or by calling 366-8612**

Registration forms must be turned in to Haven Staff prior to attending program

### HAVEN'S HOURS OF OPERATION:

- **BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM:**
  - Operates each day public school is in session starting at 6:45 am at the Public Elementary School.
  - If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "late start" on a particular day due to the weather or other emergency, the Before School Program will be CLOSED.
- **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:**
  - Operates each day public school is in session until 6:00 pm at River Community Church
  - The After School Program will be open on all public school *scheduled* early dismissal days beginning when school is dismissed until 6:00 pm (the after school fee for early release day will be determined based on the number of hours of operation).
  - If the Dell Rapids School District announces "early dismissal" due to inclement weather, the After School Program will be CLOSED.
- The Haven Program will be closed on snow days.
- **The Haven Program will be open on the following public non-school days from 6:45 am-6:00 pm at River Community Church for the 2016-2017 school year: Oct 7,10; Nov 23; Dec 22,27,28,29; Jan 3,16; Feb 17,20; March 10,17; April 17. Full day and half day rates will apply. Haven will be closed on Nov 25; Dec 23, 26, 30; Jan 2, April 14 and all major holidays.**



### SAVE THE DATE!

The Dell Rapids Haven will host a  
**HALLOWEEN DANCE**

**Fundraiser for ages 12 and under!**

**Friday, Oct 28th**

(In conjunction with the DR Chamber's  
Downtown Trick or Treat Night)

\*MEAL WILL BE SERVED  
at an additional cost

\*Wear your costume!



All proceeds will benefit the Haven's Before School,  
After School & Summer Programs!

Get your *delicious* **BUTTER BRAIDS** SOON!!



**ANNUAL HAVEN FUNDRAISER!...**Haven is selling these delectable pastries to raise money for program materials.

Loaves come in 7 scrumptious flavors; *Cinnamon, Blueberry-Cream Cheese, Strawberry-Cream Cheese, Apple, Cherry, Raspberry & Carmel Rolls.* Braids are perfect for family get-togethers, holiday events, gifts or anytime you want a delicious treat!

**Place your order from October 24-November 2nd** with Haven students, staff, and board members or by calling us at 366-8612. Orders will be ready for pick-up the week before Thanksgiving.

# POST PROM COMMITTEE

All parents of Juniors and Seniors for the 2016-2017 school year are encouraged to join the Post Prom Committee.

The greatest percentage of teen deaths in the state of South Dakota is due to accidents on prom and graduation nights. For this reason, the Dell Rapids High School Post Prom Committee has dedicated themselves to creating a safe, fun, and drug and alcohol-free event after prom.

The Post Prom committee works on fund raising and planning for the event throughout the school year. Our first meeting will be: Sunday, August 28th at 7:00 pm at the home of Cathy Boever (202 Sunset Drive). Please join us!!

## **The Dell Rapids High School Booster Club welcomes new members to the board:**

Tammy & Alan Machmiller  
Lauren & Christine Greenhoff  
Renaë & Mike Molskness

## **2016/2017 Booster Club Officers:**

President – Dondi & Dennis Ahlers  
Vice President – Matt & Amber Larson  
Treasurer – Shannon Hemenway/Assistant – Tammy Machmiller  
Secretary – Joanne Mathis/Assistant – Renaë Molskness  
Website/Publicity – Matt Larson & Mike Molskness

Our **Booster Club Membership** drive is under way. Your \$25 Booster Club Membership includes Booster Club calendar and the \$50 Spirit Club Membership includes DR Decal, 2 food tickets for Booster Club Tailgater & Booster Club calendar.

## **Join the Booster Club for this year's football tailgaters:**

August 26th 5pm – 6:30pm  
September 23rd – Homecoming

**2nd Annual Kick-Off to Homecoming 5k Walk/Run will be held on Saturday Sept. 17th @ 9am.**

**This year St. Mary's will be joining with Dell Rapids public school in hosting this event.**

2016 Booster Club Football Books are in! Your \$20.00 donation gives you the opportunity to win \$20.00 at half time & \$25 for the final score on all Monday Night Football games. We will also be giving away \$20 at half time & \$50 for the final score of the Quarrier Homecoming game. For more information contact Marc at [mamathis@siouxvalley.net](mailto:mamathis@siouxvalley.net)

Quarrier clothing can only be ordered on line by going to [drboosterclub.com](http://drboosterclub.com) or stop by the school's open houses and tailgater on August 26th for more information. There will be samples at the school open house & tailgater. The deadline for the first order is August 29th, with delivery on September 15th 6pm – 8pm at middle school commons.

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)

*Good luck to all of our coaches & athletes!*

# STUDENT HEALTH

## **Food Allergies:**

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

## **Latex Allergies:**

To protect our students with allergies to latex, Dell Rapids School District asks that latex balloons not be brought to school.

## **Immunization Records:**

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

## **New Immunization Requirements:**

The South Dakota Department of Health has revised its administrative rules to require both the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW) vaccines for entry into the 6th grade beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Vaccine requirements for Kindergarten entry have been in place for many years, but this will be the first such requirement for middle school entry in South Dakota. With this change, school entry requirements for South Dakota 6th grade students include:

- ✓ One dose of Tdap vaccine
- ✓ One dose of MCV4

These requirements apply only for 6th grade entry and transfer students 6th through 12th grade. If a child is 10 years old when entering the 6th grade, they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to be vaccinated.

## **Medications:**

All students requiring medication administration during school hours must complete the proper forms. Please see the school nurse with any questions you might have.

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

## **TOBACCO/ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY**

The Board of Education prohibits the use of all tobacco products in any building, vehicle, or bus owned/or operated by the school district.

## **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

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

## **MY CHILD'S TEACHER**

What do I know about my child's teacher? The federal education law called the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers instructing their child. If you are interested in this information, you may send your request to the building principal who will provide a response.

## Non-Discrimination Statement

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(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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### **AHERA ASBESTOS WARNING** – Dr. Summer Schultz, Supt.

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), it is my duty to inform you that the buildings of the Dell Rapids School District contain some asbestos material. This asbestos material is located in the floor tiles of all of our buildings. The asbestos material, according to the inspection conducted by ACT Associates Inc., is confined to the floor tiles in all of our buildings. There are certain procedures, which are required of the school district when dealing with asbestos material. The law for the protection of all school personnel mandates these procedures. Every effort will be made to utilize precautions, so that the students and employees will not be subjected to unnecessary asbestos material. Asbestos floor tiles are located in classrooms, hallways and gymnasiums. This asbestos material is not friable in nature, and if properly maintained, is not considered to be a health hazard.

An AHERA building inspection and management plan, prepared by ATC Associates Inc., has been submitted to the Department of Water and Natural Resources in Pierre, and one is on file and is available to any interested parent, employee or patron for inspection during regular school hours. The management plan may be reviewed at no cost. If someone would wish to have a complete copy of the management plan, we would prepare one at a cost of \$25.00.

Please be assured that the school will make every effort to protect the safety of our students and employees.

# Ag In Action

The FFA started the summer break off serving lunch to the students enrolled in driver's education. Riley Anderson, Justin Huss and Cheyenne Adams helped serve the lunch the four days of classroom instruction. Trevor Pulscher and Jesse Michel were among the thousands of FFA members from throughout the country who headed to Washington D.C. this summer. More than 2,100 FFA members converged on the nation's capital to analyze their personal skills and interests, develop leadership skills and create a meaningful community service plan that will make a difference in their home communities. It was all part of the 2016 Washington Leadership Conference when the members spent a week under the guidance of professionals, counselors and FFA staff members. In workshops, seminars and small groups, the students focused on identifying and developing their personal strengths and goals while undergoing comprehensive leadership training that will help guide their local FFA chapters. From July 19 to July 23, Pulscher and Michel also experienced the history of the nation's capital, touring landmarks including the Washington Monument, War Memorials, the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Capitol, among others. The offices of Senator Thune, Senator Rounds and Congresswoman Noem were visited, however they were not present as they were on recess.

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## Courses offered in Agriculture Education fall semester:

Another summer break is drawing to a close and students are getting ready to return to classes. One of the courses being offered in Agriculture Education for fall semester is Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource class where the 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. Those students will also have the opportunity to learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project.

A section of Wildlife and Fisheries will be offered as a half-block or skinny class and will last the entire semester. In this class, students 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; identify life patterns of fish and wildlife.

The other half-block class offered is Ag Business Sales and Marketing. The students enrolled in this class 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.

Advanced Ag Mechanics will be offered for a full block during the first quarter allowing students to apply various mechanical skills gained in previous years of agricultural courses. The students will be primarily in the shop constructing larger projects both out of wood and metal. Other areas could include individual mechanics or electrical projects. The projects will be developed and paid for by the students.

The Ag Processing class will be a full block class and will be offered second quarter. Those students will have the opportunity to identify processing, handling, and storage factors and how they impact product quality and safety; identify processing inspection and laws pertaining to humane slaughter; understand the processing of other agriculture products in today's global economy; understand the packaging and preservation of food items. Any student enrolled in an agriculture class can join the FFA organization which can help prepare students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

The sixteen acres of school land is utilized by the agriculture classes as a land lab and allows the FFA members to apply crop production skills. The Dell Rapids CO-OP applied fertilizer and it was worked in by Justin Huss. Corn seed was donated by Ed's Produce, Dell Rapids CO-OP and Sioux River Ag and it was planted by Evan Brown. Chemical was applied by Dell Rapids CO-OP during the summer and Dennis Anderson mowed the ditch.

### Future events for FFA members:

August 29th **First FFA Chapter Meeting** at 7pm in the High School Agriculture Classroom.

September 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> **South Dakota State Fair** in Huron. Entries for the state fair are due August 15.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> **Celebrate National Teach Ag Day** to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education.

October 4<sup>th</sup> **Southeast Regional Land Judging**  
The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2016.

October 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> **89<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention & Expo** in Indianapolis, IN.

November 1<sup>st</sup> **Jackrabbit Inventational Leadership Events** held in Brookings.

November 7<sup>th</sup> **Leadership Events** hosted by the Harrisburg Chapter.

November 15<sup>th</sup> **Competition at West Central** against 9 other schools. The top three individual competitors and the top two teams will advance to compete at the state event held in Pierre on December 6-7<sup>th</sup>.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

### August:

22-23<sup>rd</sup> - Staff Inservice Days

24<sup>th</sup> - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



### September:

5<sup>th</sup> - No school (**LABOR DAY**)

23<sup>rd</sup> - Homecoming- Parade at 1PM & Game at 7PM

28<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

### October:

6<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences

7<sup>th</sup> - No school

10<sup>th</sup> - No school (**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**)

26<sup>th</sup> - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

27<sup>th</sup> - End of 1st Quarter



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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