



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

1st Quarter 2017-18

It's a brand new school year in Dell Rapids and the Board of Education joins me in welcoming you to the 2017-2018 school year. As I've said in the past, it truly is an honor to be your superintendent and to call this community, home.

We have much to be proud of at Dell Rapids Public School, especially our recent AdvancED accreditation for a quality school system. Student achievement remains our highest priority and I believe the advances we've made with technology and infrastructure will positively impact the school day.

Governor Daugaard recently initiated a focus on workforce development and career pathways. Dell Rapids will also embrace this initiative by working to expand offerings in the classroom and partnerships within the community workforce. Success after high school is not a "one size fits all" outcome and our district is working to provide opportunities that not only meet the needs of each student, but encourages them to navigate a unique path to career and workforce success.

I'm often asked what takes place in schools during the summer months. Although buildings aren't fully occupied, an abundance of work is still completed. Buildings are thoroughly cleaned, maintenance projects are completed, buses are prepared for inspection and routes set up, business office tasks are in abundance, and many staff take classes or attend workshops. Needless to say, it isn't a lazy summer break by any means.

We all know student attendance is directly related to educational success. Statistics provided below drive home the importance of creating a schedule and consistent practice of keeping students in his or her classroom. We are in this together and I believe that a combined effort is what makes Dell Rapids Public School so great. When our children succeed, the entire community succeeds.

- Kids with high absenteeism in Pre-K and Kindergarten are less likely to be reading by 3rd grade.
- Missing as little as 2 days per month can significantly impact your child's education.
- 75% of students who are chronically absent in 6th grade will drop out of high school.

Finally, there are many new faces on staff this year. I'm excited to introduce these individuals and ask that you help welcome them to our school community.

Lindsey Peters, Elementary Counselor

Dustin Steckler, HS Math

Drew Bunkers, HS Principal

Jordan Huska, Technology Int.

Amy Hemmer, SLP

Dillon Dahl, HS Science

John Potrament, Ground/Event Maintenance

Ashton Hanusa, MS Teacher

Jailyn Hemmer, Kindergarten Teacher

Jeff Traill, Board Member

Karla Pulscher, Instrumental Music

Virginia Wick, ECSE

Katie Klaassen, Spanish Teacher

Michelle Marlow & Heidi Stricherz-Geranen, Associates



Dr. Summer Schultz
Superintendent - DRPS

I believe it will be a great year for the Quarriers!

Dr. Summer Schultz, Superintendent

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.

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 serve 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 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 \$1.45 at each school. The daily price for student lunch at the elementary school is \$2.80, and the daily price for student lunch at the middle school and high school is \$2.90. The price for an extra milk, or milk for elementary breaks, is \$.50. An extra entrée is \$1.75, and an extra pizza slice is \$1.85.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were mailed to each family 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 la carte items or to allow a la carte purchases with cash only. To request account restrictions, 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.

The **Wise Owl** will again be published quarterly for the 2017-18 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.



DELL RAPIDS COMMUNITY HAVEN

A Great Place for YOUTH!

Before and After School Programs

- ◆ Haven is open to students entering Kindergarten-7th grades (ages 5-12 years)
- ◆ Great activities planned, including indoor and outdoor games, art and craft projects, clubs, science experiments, food fun, homework help, visitors, special events, field trips, and much, much more!
- ◆ Lots of time to have fun with new and old friends!

Registration forms are available at Haven and the Dell Rapids Elementary School office.

Registration forms must be returned to Haven prior to attending the program.

CONTACT US

Dell Rapids Community Haven

Dell Rapids Public School

1216 N. Garfield Ave.

Dell Rapids, SD 57022

(605) 366-8612

Email: drcommunityhaven@gmail.com

2017-2018 Haven Fees

Before School:

Full Time (4 or more days a week): \$20/week

Part Time (3 or less days a week): \$15/week

After School:

Full Time (4 or more days a week): \$20/week

Part Time (3 or less days a week): \$15/week

Drop In:

\$7/session

Public Non-School Days:

\$20/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 the Haven Program Director for more information.

Hours of Operation

Before School Program

- * Operates each day public school is in session starting at 6:45am at the Dell Rapids Elementary School.
- * If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "late start" due to weather or other emergency, Before School Haven will be CLOSED.

After School Program

- * Operates each day public school is in session until 6:00pm at River Community Church.
- * If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "early dismissal" due to weather or other emergency, After School Haven will be CLOSED.
- * After School Haven will be open on all public school scheduled early dismissal days.
- * Haven will be CLOSED on all snow days.
- * Haven will be open on the following public non-school days from 6:45am-6:00pm at River Community Church for the 2017-2018 school year: October 6, October 9, November 22, December 21, December 26, December 27, December 28, January 2, January 15, February 16, February 19, March 9, March 16, April 2. Full day rates will apply to these dates. Haven will be closed on September 4, November 23, November 24, December 22, December 25, December 29, January 1, March 30.

GET YOUR DELICIOUS

BUTTER BRAIDS

THIS FALL!



Haven will be selling these delicious pastries to raise money for program materials.

Be watching for Haven students & staff or call Haven to place an order! They will be ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: HAVEN EXISTS BECAUSE NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO BE HOME ALONE.

HAVEN IS HIRING!

We are seeking energetic, dependable and passionate individuals to join the Dell Rapids Community Haven team!

The following positions are available

**P/T (Before School 6:45-8:20)

**After School (3:30-6:00)

If you love children, are 16 years or older, and want to make a difference in children's lives while working in a fun and caring environment, we are the place for you!!!

Stop in and fill out an application at our program location at the River Community Church (613 State Ave) or call 605-366-8612 and ask for Lisa.

POST PROM COMMITTEE

All parents of Juniors and Seniors for the 2017-2018 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.

Dell Rapids School

Mission Statement:

Quarrier Pride
*“We Empower Each
Other To Excel”*

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

Brad & Tracie Price

Greg & Christy Lee

Bryan & Melissa Bailey

2017/2018 Booster Club Officers:

President ~ Matt & Amber Larson

Vice President ~ Lauren & Christine Greenhoff

Treasurer ~ Tammy Machmiller/Assistant ~ Tracie Price

Secretary ~ Renae Molskness/Assistant ~ Melissa Bailey

Website/Publicity ~ Matt Larson

Our Booster Club Membership drive is underway. Your \$25.00 Booster Club Membership includes a DR Decal and 2 Tailgater Tickets. Your \$50.00 Spirit Club Membership includes a T-shirt (choice in size) and 2 Tailgater Tickets.

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

September 8th ~ 5pm – 6:30pm

September 15th ~ Homecoming

2017 Booster Club Football Books are in! Your \$20.00 donation gives you the opportunity to win \$20.00 at half time and \$25.00 for the final score on all Monday Night Football games. We will also be giving away \$20.00 at half time and \$50.00 for the final score of the Quarrier Homecoming game. For more information please contact the Booster Club at drboosterclub@gmail.com.

Quarrier Wear orders will take place online again this year. Please stop by our booths during registration and open house to receive information on how to place your order. Information will also be on our website www.drboosterclub.com in the near future. Our first order deadline is Sunday, August 27 at midnight. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom the week of Homecoming to ensure everyone has their Quarrier Wear for the big game! There will be more ordering opportunities throughout the school year. Those dates will be released as they are determined.

To stay in touch with Quarrier activities:

“Like” us on Facebook

Visit our website at www.drbooster.com

Email us at drboosterclub@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of the Athletic Booster Club! Good luck to all our coaches and 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.

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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. Logan Ruesink, Kenyon Shellum, Kyle Steineke helped serve the lunch the four days of classroom instruction. The FFA chapter also held Ag Olympic events on Saturday, June 24 during the Quarry Days celebration. Jesse Michel, Noah Randall, Ethan Hollaren, Kenyon Shellum and Kyle Steineke helped with the steel fence post pounding, hay bale toss and the wheel barrow obstacle race. There was good feedback on the event, so it may be something the chapter does in the future.

Courses offered in Agriculture Education fall semester:

It is hard to believe that summer break will be over soon and students will be returning to classes. One of the courses being offered in Agriculture Education for the fall semester is Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. The students in this 1st block class 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.

The Fundamental Plant Science class will be offered as a half-block or skinny class during 3rd block and will last the entire semester. In this class, students will be exposed to the principles of anatomy and physiology in plants in both domesticated and natural environment, the environment to promote optimal growth in plants, fundamentals of production and harvesting of plants, pest management plans, and handling, storing and marketing of various crops.

The other half of 3rd block will be Ag Business Sales and Marketing and will also last the entire semester. 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.

The 4th block class of Fundamental Animal Science will be offered for the 1st quarter. These students will apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to produce and/or manage animals in a domesticated or natural environment; recognize animal behavior to facilitate working with animals safely; provide proper nutrition to maintain animal performance; know the factors that influence an animal's reproductive cycle; identify environmental factors that affect an animal's performance. For the second quarter, the 4th block class will be Fundamental Ag Mechanics. 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. Any student enrolled in an agriculture class during the fall semester or the spring semester 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. Riley Anderson worked the ground before it was planted. Jared Nielsen's allowed us to use his tractor and planter to plant soybeans which Jared also provided. Kenyon Shellum helped plant the soybean and the Dell Rapids CO-OP sprayed a pre-emergence chemical on the field. Harvest plans are for the crop to be harvested during the school day to allow the plant science class to go down and see the process.

Future events for FFA members:

August 31st-September 5th **South Dakota State Fair** in Huron. Entries for the state fair are due August 19th.

September 21st **Celebrate National Teach Ag Day** to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education.

October 3rd **Southeast Regional Land Judging**
The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2018.

October 25th- 28th **90th National FFA Convention & Expo** in Indianapolis, IN.

November 2nd **Jackrabbit Inventational Leadership Events** held in Brookings.

November 14th **Leadership Events** hosted by the Harrisburg Chapter.

November 14th **Competition at West Central** against 10 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 3rd & 4th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August:

22-23rd - Staff In service Days

24th - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



September:

4th - No school (**LABOR DAY**)

15th - Homecoming - Parade at 1PM & Game at 7PM

27th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

October:

5th - Parent Teacher Conferences

6th - No school

9th - No school (**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**)

25th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

27th - End of 1st Quarter



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

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