



# Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools    Dell Rapids, South Dakota    2nd Quarter 2017-18

The winter season is upon us and Dell Rapids Public Schools understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served—both academically and socially—by being in school. But as always, our top priority is the safety of our students.

## NOTIFICATION

DRPS will continue using the Brightarrow notification system. All registered parents will be notified of changes by email, text or phone calls. In addition, we will continue to place alerts on local radio and television stations. If you need to update your contact information, please contact the secretary at your child's school.

## TIMING

Our goal is to have the decision made and on the air by 6:15 a.m. or earlier. In the event that a cancellation takes place during school hours, we will always try to provide an hour notice before excusing students.

## DELAYED OPENING

DRPS will utilize a 2-hour late start for the following reasons:

- Allowing time for roads to be cleared, and
- Providing time to observe changing weather conditions.

Keep in mind; I have to consider the entire district. Conditions can be very different from one boundary to another. I urge parents to have a backup plan should school eventually be called off for the entire day. A delayed opening can often turn into a school closing, but we need the time to determine what to do. I will do all I can to have updated closings announced by 8:00 a.m.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Haven will be closed when school is not in session.
- AM Preschool is canceled if a delayed opening is announced.
- Breakfast is not served when school is delayed.
- Activities are canceled the entire day when school is not in session.

This includes all practices and open gyms even if the team is not school sponsored or the sun comes out.

Finally, like you, I will not always feel the right decision was made. Mother nature is a tricky thing to predict and hind sight is often a better viewpoint! Please remember that as a parent, you have the final decision as to whether your child attends school. If you decide to keep your child home, simply contact the school prior to school starting and our building principals will count your child as "excused by parent". Likewise, you are always able to pick your child up early if you feel conditions warrant.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move through the winter months.



Dr. Summer Schultz  
Superintendent - DRPS

# 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 we were able to provide gifts to 107 children and gift cards to 44 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 kid’s “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:

**Adopt a Child or Family** - You or your group can adopt a child or family and purchase 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.

**Angel Tree** - There will be three Angel Trees set up with specific gift requests. Stop by Shopko, Avera Hospital, or First National Bank and take a tag from the Angel Tree, do your shopping, and return the unwrapped gift under the tree **by December 14<sup>th</sup> with the tag attached.**

**Make a Monetary Donation** - Monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to “Christmas for Our Kids”, First National Bank, 312 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Dell Rapids, SD 57022.

We hope to have all donations collected by **December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:brendaohara@outlook.com), or Lori Morris at 359-8795 or [lmorris@goldenwest.net](mailto:lmorris@goldenwest.net)

*The Junior Class Presents*

# TOUR OF HOMES

*2017*



Taylor and Allison Byington  
512 N State Ave.

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

1:00-4:00pm

Tickets \$5.00 Contact DRHS Jr. Class at  
605-428-5473

Refreshments Served at the Dell Rapids  
Museum



Megan and Alan Moore  
700 N State Ave.



Byron and Thelma Busk  
412 E 9<sup>th</sup> St.



Levi and Katie Luttmann  
1001 Birdie Dr.



Tania Blanco  
47866 244<sup>th</sup> St.



## 7th Grade Volleyball 2017

This seasons 7th grade volleyball players were a wonderful bunch of hardworking, dedicated young women who gave it their all and enjoyed themselves along the way. There is a great deal of potential in this group and it is going to be exciting to watch them in the future.



**(Left to Right) Back Row:** Makaylynn Andrews, Emma Van Regenmorter, Coach Feist, Shay Hatting, Liz Price **Front Row:** Emma Taubert, Emma Molskness, Kennedy Krull, Abby Greenhoff

## 8th Grade Volleyball 2017

The 8th grade VB team finished their season on October 10th against Tea and came away with a victory. The girls competed in the Dak 12 Conference Tournament and placed 4th overall. They practiced their skills all season long and really showed improvement. The girls worked hard all season and improved each and every game and match. They were a great bunch of ladies to coach. Thanks for a great season and best of luck next year.



**(Left to Right) Back Row:** Michaela Witte, Mackenzie Garry, Coach Barber, Zoey Hilmoie **Front Row:** Brooklynn Spoonemore, Hannah VanOverbeke, Leigha Lacey, Chloe Jorgensen **Not pictured:** Haleigh Barnhart

“The 7th and 8th grade teams completed their season on October 17 against Vermillion. We were fortunate to have 30 dedicated 7th and 8th grade athletes participate in football this season. The 7th grade team posted three wins against four losses while the 8th grade team had five wins with two losses. Both teams showed improvement as the season progressed and found success in many different ways. This group learned to deal with setbacks and overcome them and looked to improve each week in practice. We look forward to having the 7th grade return next year and we will miss the 8th grade as they move forward to high school football.”

## 7th Grade Football 2017



**(Left to Right) Back Row:** Coach Steckler, Carter Traill, Owen Nelson, Luke Randall, Sam Cavigielli, Trevor Geraets, Ryler Evans, Coach Headrick **Middle Row:** Coach Von Holtum, Kaiden Lowman, Dylan Mathis, Will Jatton, Chase Jones, Jade Anstine, Shane Ness, Coach Honerman **Front Row:** Braden Fersdahl, Brayden Pankonen, Desmond Rice, Kamren Koster, Austin Harvey

## 8th Grade Football 2017



**(Left to Right) Back Row:** Coach Steckler, Luke Randall, Josh DeNikker, Dakota Staskywicz, Matthew Goeken, Coach Headrick **Middle Row:** Victor Knuppe, Austin Henry, Shane Stone, Landon Von Holtum, Coach Honerman **Front Row:** Tristen McDaniel, Landon Hohn, Weston Mason, Landon Ruesink, Ian Mason

## 7th & 8th Grade Cheer 2017

**(Left to Right) Back Row:** Faithe Larson, Graci Crosby, Callista Xavier, Sidney Krantz, Ashlynn Trewin

**Middle row:** Autumn Tomes, Rylee Rinehart, Kylie Prochaska

**Front row:** Mataya Miller, Desirae Horton, Kate Golden

Not pictured: Coach Pulscher



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

### "FRIDAY FRENZY"

DELL RAPIDS QUARRIER BASKETBALL  
Come and Cheer on the Quarriers as they kick  
off their 2017-2018 SEASON!

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** MS GYM

**ADMISSION:** 2 CANS OF FOOD FOR THE  
DELL RAPIDS FOOD PANTRY

The Lady Q's and Quarriers will be participating in  
shooting and skills competitions, scrimmages and a slam dunk contest.





# Healthy Living Youth Summit

“YOUth Choose Health”, a healthy living youth leadership initiative held its training workshop in Madison on October 18, 2017.

Twenty-five students and adults participated in information sessions and activities that prepared and trained them to lead a collaborative effort in their schools, FCCLA chapters and home communities. Students were trained in areas involved in healthy lifestyles by professionals from physical and mental health organizations. In the morning, pediatric nurse practitioner Joanie Holm, Avera Medical Group in Brookings, shared the importance of healthy choices in food and physical activity for young children and teens; Dodi Haug, Northeast Prevention Resource Center, Watertown, spoke on students taking leadership to prevent destructive decisions; and Julie Moore, Avera St. Mary Foundation, Pierre, highlighted the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.

Afternoon sessions centered on teaching all ages were led by the Dakota State Department of Education. Dr. Kristine Harms and Mark Geary, faculty, and seven college students majoring in education prepared students for developing and delivering healthy living lessons. The students provided training in planning and preparing lessons, classroom management and evaluation for Summit participants to use in their schools.

Students were also given the opportunity to explore various activities and programs connected to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) national programs and competitive events. In addition, each school team was provided access to an online healthy living community toolkit and other resource materials they can use to lead the initiative throughout their school year.

Faithe Larson, Veronica Vanderloo, and Illienne Jaycox and advisor Beverly Rieck from the Dell Rapids School participated in the event. Plans to share the information they gained will be done with a project and activity later in the school year.

The South Dakota Youth Foundation sponsored this event with the support of AVERA, Horizon Health Services, Northwestern Energy, SD Retailers, Sioux Valley Energy, the Optimists Club, and SD Auctioneers. For more information about how you can become involved contact the South Dakota Youth Foundation at [www.sdyouthfoundation.org](http://www.sdyouthfoundation.org).



Pictured are Faithe Larson, Veronica Vanderloo, and Illienne Jaycox who attended the Healthy Summit in October.

## FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference

Three students and their advisor, Beverly Rieck, from the Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter joined over 300 FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) student members on October 1 and 2 to get “!nspiRED” at the 2017 South Dakota FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference held at the Crossroads Convention Center in Huron

This year’s state theme, “Be Inspired by FCCLA”, encourages members to shine in red while being inspired to lead others, develop new skills, explore career opportunities, build strong families, and making a difference by giving back to local communities. Members inspire others to make the right choices, and commit themselves to making a positive impact within the family, school, and community.

Faithe Larson attended the Rookie Training. Kailyn Bittner and Alexyss La Deaux attended the Power Training. At Rookie Training members, developed leadership skills and communication skills while learning more about the organization and the opportunities that FCCLA has to offer. Power Training offered members the opportunity to identify and build their personal leadership skills. Power Training attendees can use the skills gained to grow the leadership and knowledge among their chapter officers and members. Faithe and Alexyss participated in the Skill Event entitled “FCCLA Creed Speaking and Interpretation”. Kailyn participated in the “Impromptu Speaking” event.

FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America and was first established in 1945. FCCLA was chartered in South Dakota in 1946. FCCLA is the only youth-led organization with the family as its central focus. This career-technical student organization prepares youth to assume adult roles in society as wage earners, community leaders, and caring family members by giving them important life skills needed to thrive in their families, careers, and communities. Members learn how to be active community leaders, caring family members, and prepare for life beyond high school.



Alexyss La Deaux, Kailyn Bittner, and Faithe Larson who attended the FCCLA Leadership Training.

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## FCCLA Activities

On Wednesday, October 11, the Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter members and other volunteers prepared, served, and donated breakfast at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. Over 200 guests were served this meal.

During the last 2 weeks of October the chapter collected donations from the elementary, middle and high school for the Shoes for the Shoeless program. 225 pairs of shoes were donated and then delivered to the collection point in Sioux Falls. They are then distributed to those in need in the Sioux Falls area. We thank everyone who participated with their donations.

Tray favors for fall were made and distributed to residents at the Dells Area Nursing Home and Orchard Hills, participants of the Meals on Wheels program, and patients at the Dells Hospital.

Our chapter wrote and received a grant from BOSDR (Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities) through the Department of Agriculture. The \$700 grant plus a donation from the chapter funds was designated to help fund the Dell Rapids Veteran’s Memorial Park. Members furnished and helped plant some plants and provided some pavers around one of the memorials found in the park.

## Post Prom

The Post Prom Committee has been meeting monthly since August to make plans for the 2018 Post Prom Party, which will be April 30.

We've been working hard to create a fun event and have raised funds by selling hot chocolate and concessions at football and volleyball games. We need some help with our basketball concession stand sales and Hoop Shoots on Jan. 8 and 9, so please watch for the signup via email and join us.

Post Prom committee positions are as follows:

**Presidents** - Nikie LaFortune and Amy Holm

**Secretary** - Donna Reit

**Treasurer** - Tracie Price

**Concessions** - Barb Pedde, Tammy Machmiller, Cathy Boever

**Prizes** - Barb Pedde, Christine Greenhoff

**Gift Cards** - Stacy Hoffman

**Advertising** - Mark and Karla Pulscher, Teresa Pekarek

**Food at Post Prom** - Megan Moore

The committee meets the first or second Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at County Fair. Parents of juniors are encouraged to attend and help out. For more information, email Amy Holm at amyholm@gmail.com. Thank you!

## 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.**



## Elementary School Christmas Concert

At Santa's workshop, the Elves are busy making the last of the toys to be delivered by Santa (who is busy at every mall and is a guest judge on the Can You Dance Better Than My Neighbor). Just when they think they are finished, a new list arrives! Feeling overwhelmed with the new task ahead and unable to take it anymore, the elves decide to rebel. Enter Mrs. Claus, an over-the-top gal in both dress and demeanor. She has a take-charge spirit and must find a way to encourage the elves and make them realize how important they are. Join us on December 14, 2017 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm to see if Mrs. Claus can get the elves back into the Christmas spirit.



# “Get Caught Reading a Banned Book!”

Banned Book Week is an annual event that celebrates your right to read and the fight against censorship. This year the Dell Rapids MS/HS Library held their first celebration week from September 24 through October 4th, 2017. Students and staff were invited to "Get Caught Reading a Banned Book" by stopping in the library to check out a book from the banned book display and get their "mugshot" taken. This was a great opportunity for students and staff to see which books made the list and talk about censorship. Some of the book series that made the list were Harry Potter, Twilight, Captain Underpants, Junie B. Jones, and Goosebumps. A few authors that made the list were Ernest Hemingway, Maya Angelou, John Steinbeck, Mark Twain, and Gary Paulsen. To find more information about censorship or to see a list of most popular books that are banned/challenged, please visit <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks>.

The Dell Rapids HS/MS Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the Banned Book Week Celebration. The mugshot totals for HS were 13 staff members and 8 students. However, the MS rocked it with an amazing mugshot turnout of 19 staff members and 102 students that participated.



## “Escape From...”

The Dell Rapids Middle School Library held an escape game to celebrate the American Library Association's International Gaming Week from October 3rd through November 6th. "Gaming at the library encourages patrons of all ages to interact with diverse peers, share their expertise and develop new strategies for gaming and learning," as described by ALA.org. The escape game was created by author Chris Grabenstein and was based on his novel, *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*.

Eleven middle school homerooms participated with a total of 61 groups attempting to complete the game! Each homeroom was given information on book classifications and how to locate them in the library. Homeroom classes were then broken up into several groups. Each student group was challenged to locate 10 books in the library by using clues and solving puzzles to escape the library with the best time. All winning homeroom groups received an "Escape the Classroom" certificate for completing the game with the best time in their homeroom. The DRMS Library would like to thank everyone who participated! Here are the homeroom results:

10th place: Hogle's group of Emma, Luke, Sam, Braeden with a time of 44 minutes 20 seconds

9th place: Eggers' group of Sophi, Peyton, Brynlee, Josh, Lucas, Lincoln with a time of 37 minutes 40 seconds

8th place: Hettinger's group of Natalie, Reagan, Danica, Madison with a time of 32 minutes 30 seconds

7th place: Fersdahl's group of Alexis, Kylie, Claire, Aleyna, Kain with a time of 26 minutes 35 seconds

Tied for 6th place is

Swaney's group of Carter, Austin, Brayden P., Braden F, Chase, Will and

Feist's group of Kerrigan, Hannah, Adie with a time of 25 minutes 40 seconds

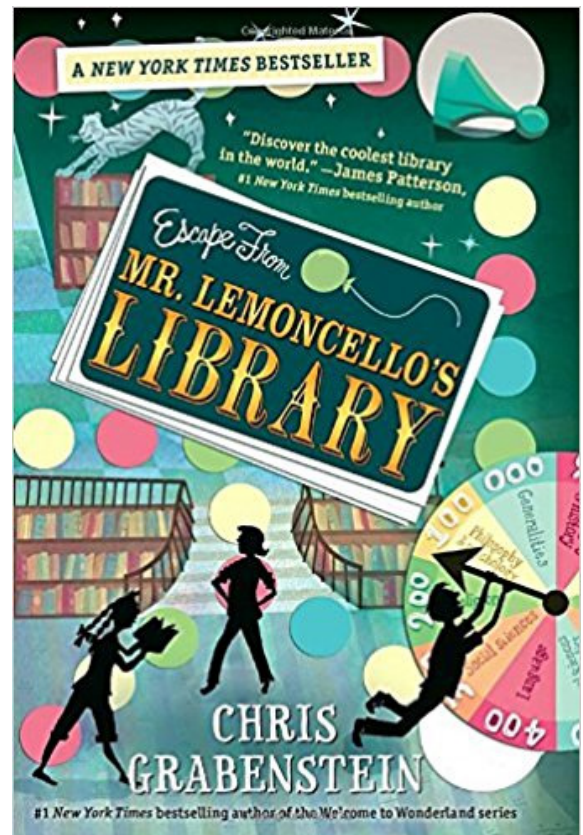
5th place: Hanusa's group of Cassidy, Charlie, Paige, Alexia, Yazmin with a time of 25 minutes 2 seconds

4th place: Randall's group of Emily, Sophia, Riley, Jace with a time of 22 minutes 10 seconds

3rd place: Mason's group of Ian, Peyton, Alexyssa, Alli, Maggie, Landon with a time of 21 minutes 25 seconds

2nd place: Brekke's group of Lilly, Rylee, Josie, Caden, Cara with a time of 19 minutes 40 seconds

1st place: Gruneich's group of Cole S., Cole R., Madisyn, Braden, Quinn, Kate with a time of 18 minutes 30 seconds

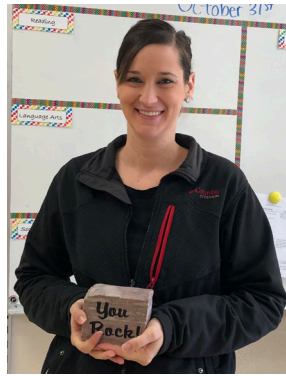




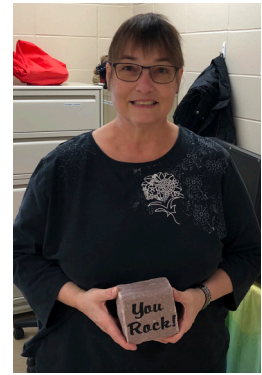
**YOU ROCK!** Here are the fall recipients of the YOU ROCK award. Each staff member was nominated and presented with a YOU ROCK stone provided by LG Everist. Students and parents are encouraged to nominate a staff member for this honor. It's a simple way to show your appreciation for their work and dedication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



Staci Simons and Laurie Schultz



Natalie Eggers



Pat Gengler



Jeff Welbig and Nancy Jorgensen



Kelley Gruneich, Amanda Button and Jessica Ahlers

**Staci Simons**—“You Rock” because of the amazing work she has our students doing. When the neighborhood kids get together and they do “art” with each other it shows me how much of an impact she has on them. They love what they are being taught in art! Thank you!

**Laurie Schultz**—She knows the pulse of each school day, she is consistent and dependable, she gives 110% to her work efforts and the kiddos, She is a great team player, She gives practical advice and wisdom from her past many years of experience, She is proud to be a Quarrier and part of the Dell Rapids School System.

**Natalie Eggers**—She has a positive influence on students and staff. She eats lunch in the cafeteria every day which may seem like a small thing, but it makes a big difference. It shows students that she is present and watching what they are doing. She likes the togetherness of our staff and she wants to get to know her fellow teachers. She has become a great leader in the fifth grade team.

**Pat Gengler**—She is one of the hidden gems in our school. She inspires and makes a difference wherever she is. She is a true testament of what longtime commitment and dedication to teaching others looks like. She is the caring words that can be seen and heard everyday in the hallways and classrooms. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help any students or staff. She is nothing short of Quarrier Pride and defines our school statement, “Empowering each other to excel!”

**Jeff Welbig**-He showed me exactly what it looks like to authentically and genuinely care about people; not just as a teacher but as a person. His communication style and understanding of students is out of this world, by far the best I have seen in my short years as a teacher.

**Nancy Jorgensen**-She is nice to every single person she comes across. She is always helpful and supportive to students and teachers alike and brightens up any room she enters.

**Kelley Gruneich**-“You Rock” because of your passion for what you do in helping students. You have exceeded all expectations pertaining to your promptness in responding and doing what it took to begin to fix the situation. We want to express our gratitude in having you be the person to help our child.

**Amanda Button**-She goes the extra mile for her students and is truly dedicated to them. She is very kind and helpful to everyone she works with. You can tell she really loves what she does and that makes her a great teacher and mentor to others. She is the very spirit of what it means to have Quarrier Pride and Empowering Each Other to Excel!

**Jessica Ahlers**-Jessica has shown her amazing skills as an educator along with extreme hard work in doing what needs to be done for her students to find success in the classroom. She shows her professionalism by being knowledgeable and being able to communicate to us as well as her colleagues. She is a problem solver and a student advocate.



# DRMS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

DRMS would like to announce and congratulate the Students of the Months for October & November. 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!

## October



5th - Gavin Downs and Layne Dickson - 6th - Claire Wynja and Makayla Cross  
7th - Ashton Schaaf and Zach Heinemann - 8th - Winston Strauss and Shane Stone  
\*\*NOT Pictured: Ashton Schaaf

## November



5th: Braden Gruis and Mylie Anderson - 6th: Jaden Wajer and John Mortrude  
7th: Lizzy Lefebvre and Addyson Downs - 8th: Rylee Rinehart and Dakota Staskyvicz  
\*Not pictured: Rylee Rinehart

## Ag In Action

The thirteen 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 Reporter, Avery Gilchrist and the State FFA Sentinel, Elle Moon, talked about awards, opportunities and benefits of belonging to the FFA organization on Sept. 22. A small wood project allowed students to design and construct a project applying concepts learned in the classroom. During the water unit, the students will analyze water resources and pollution. 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. The unit on international agriculture will help students connect commodities produced in various countries and why they are traded. This semester long class will end on January 12, but another twenty-one students will have this course during the spring semester.

The Fundamental Plant Science class is offered as a half-block class this fall with 10 students being exposed to plant parts, functions, taxonomy, nutritional

requirements, biotechnology, harvesting, handling, storing and marketing crops. 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 Ag Business Sales and Marketing. The 9 students have examined 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.

For the first quarter, twenty-one students were enrolled in Fundamental Animal Science. These students 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; 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; livestock diseases and careers related to animal science. Another section of this class will be offered for the second semester, but will be a half-block class so it will last the entire second semester for the 21 students enrolled in it.

The second quarter started on Oct. 30th and the 4th block class switched to Fundamental Ag Mechanics. The twenty-four in this class 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, 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; apply metal applications.

Other courses offered starting the second semester on January 16 include two sections of Wildlife and Fisheries offered as half-block classes. One section will have 18 students and the other will have 24 students who will be exposed to 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. They will also analyze freshwater habitats and their management along with various types of fish in South Dakota. The students will also connect the various career opportunities in wildlife and fisheries management. Another half-block class offered second semester will be Ag Processing Technology. Those fifteen students will analyze the processing of various agriculture products. During the dairy processing unit, students will be 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 will create home-made butter and sample it with crackers. Ice cream will also be made during class using an electric ice cream maker. The slaughter process, quality grading, yield grading and inspection are all part of the meat processing unit. Other aspects of agricultural processing will be covered which include handling, transporting and marketing along with methods of

processing, preserving, storing and new technology used in processing. A field trip to tour Smithfield Foods is normally part of this class.

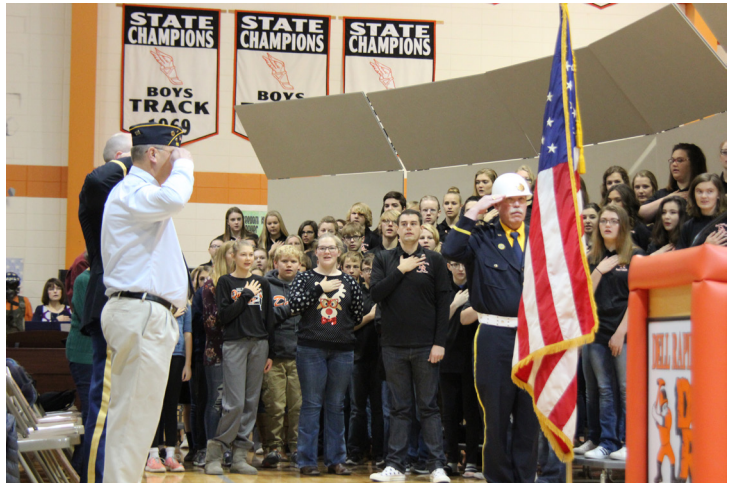
The 33 high school FFA members have been busy this fall with land judging and leadership events. Noah Randall, Kenyon Shellum, Ethan Hollaren, Logan Anderson, Kyle Cavigielli, Tate Flaskey, Mitchell Geraets and Nychole Steineke attended the Parker Land Judging event on Sept. 19 with the team placing 14th. On Oct. 3, Noah, Mitchell, Ethan, Tate, Nychole and Kyle participated in the Southeast Region Land and Homesite Evaluation event with the team finishing in 12th place. The South Dakota FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program enabled 343 FFA members from across South Dakota to earn their own jackets. The Dells FFA members receiving their jacket through this program are Emily Dorn, Noah Randall, Michell Geraets and Clare Klein. The Jackrabbit Invitational Leadership event in Brookings on Nov. 2 gave members an opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills by participating in 5 individual events which include prepared public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, job interview, ag broadcasting and creed speaking. There are also 6 team events members can participate in which include ag issues, ag communications, ag sales, marketing plan, junior parliamentary procedures and senior parliamentary procedures. Cheyenne Adams and Noah Randall participated in the Ag Broadcasting event with Cheyenne placing 9th and Noah placing 12th. Nychole Steineke participated in the Employment Skills event. The FFA district leadership events were held in Hartford on Nov. 14 in which members can compete in the same 5 individual and 6 team events with the top two teams and the top three individuals advancing on to the state event in Pierre on Dec. 3 & 4. Members can also apply and interview to serve as one of the six district officers for the 2017-18 year. The FFA has one main fundraiser for the entire year and that is the annual fruit sale. This year 37 agriculture students and FFA members sold the fruit, meat, cheese, nuts, pastry puffins and puff crust pizza items. The items sold should be in the week of December 11-15, at which time all items will be sorted to ensure the highest quality and then they will be delivered. Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raiser.





# In Honor Of...

Here is some beautiful photography from our Veterans Day Program.





**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**November:**

22nd - 24th - Thanksgiving Break

**December:**

21st - Jan 2nd - Winter Break

**January:**

1st - New Years Day

12th - End of 2nd Quarter

15th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day



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.



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

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Dell Rapids SD 57022

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