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The 'Principle' Corner - A monthy report on school changes and academic updates by Principal Kimberly Kludt

It is amazing how this school year is flying by! It seems like just yesterday the first Wise Owl of the 2011-2012 school year was published, and here it is time for another issue. I have two classrooms to describe for you in this issue... Visual Basic Programing taught by Jeff Krumm and Accelerated Algebra 2 taught by Jann Saxon.

The Visual Basic students have been spending a great deal of time writing code. For those of us who are not quite as computer savvy as these students, Taiven Logan, a student in the class describes code as, "a freaky computer version of a sentence that tells the computer what you want it to do." I'm sure most of us take for granted that the computer knows what to do but these students are actually doing the difficult work of instructing the computer to complete tasks. This is problem solving at its best! For example, one code written creates a tip calculator...students think about the end result desired, make a plan, flow-charting their ideas, write the code, and test and revise until it finally works. As the students said themselves, the hardest part is actually figuring out the code needed to make the computer accomplish the task at hand. They constantly revise their work until in the end, they find success. The students all described this success as an amazing feeling... knowing they finally made it work. What a great example of what our students will be doing in the real world and the internal motivation they need to be successful.

The Accelerated Algebra 2 students have been busy doing a very similar task... this time programing their calculators to create an original design. The project requires students to take something most of us probably remember, points on a graph and line slope, and use that to create a visual representation. Students first draw pictures... of geometric shapes, animals (butterfly / dog), common shapes (star / cross / heart / rocket ship) and people. Students translate their drawings, containing a series of individual lines, into equations describing those lines. They then program their calculator with those equations so it draws the same image! Walking around watching the students work was amazing! I was seeing calculators "draw" the same image the students drew on paper. Again, the amount of planning, problem solving, critical thinking and revising necessary to be successful is incredible. Of course, not every calculator draws a mirror image the first time. Students then go back into their equations to find their own errors... and then revise their efforts to find eventual success. These are just two more examples of the work here at Dell Rapids High School and I'mlookingforwardtobringingyoumoreexamplesinthemonthstocome. Talktoour students and teachers about what they are doing... it will, in many cases, amaze you!

Three DRHS Students Attend Scrubs Camp

On Oct, 19, 2011, three Dell Rapids High School students attended the Scrubs camp at Southeast Technical University in Sioux Falls S.D. Scrubs camps are free, one-day, hands-on health career camps for high school students. While there, South Dakota students have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of health careers through hands-on activities and discussions.

The purpose of these Scrubs camps is to provide high school students the opportunity to learn about these different health-related fields. Scrubs camps are held at different sites throughout the state, and students who complete an application and are accepted get to participate. The application does require a

written from a teacher or counselor. Senior Brianna Davis and juniors Cassidy Wright Amanda Peterson and were all chosen to attend.

"I learned at Scrubs that there are so many more careers out there other than the ones we know. It really helped give me an idea of the many options we have. I would recommend Scrubs camp to others because it will give them a chance to explore more possibilities," said Peterson.

The Scrubs camp started at about 8:45 that morning and lasted until 2:30 that afternoon. While there, the students were able to explore different career areas in the medical field such as dentistry, pharmacy, anatomic pathologist, genetic lab assistant, toxicology, and Biomedical Engineer just to name a few. "My favorite part of the camp was learning about the different

recommendation medical fields," said Wright. These three girls were also able to experience real-life situations with Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) trucks. They had an interesting time looking at the realistic mannequins they had there which could blink and bleed to offer a very realistic event. All in all, it was

> ful day for the participants. "Going to the camp will allow me to make a more informed decision about my future career," said Davis after her day long experience.

> a very busy but success-

This is just one of many opportunities offered to DRHS students in preparing for future jobs available after graduation.

Please send any Wise Owl information to kirschke(a) dellrapids.com Thank you

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www.dr-k12.org **MEETINGS**

The Board of Education meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. BOE meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Distance Learning Room at the High School. Agendas can be obtained from the Superintendent's office on the Friday before any meeting. The Dell Rapids Tribune publishes the minutes of each regular and special meeting. Agendas and minutes are also posted on the school website.

Mark Your Calender - Dates to Remember!!

Post Prom Parents - Meetings the first Sunday of each month - 6:30 P.M. at Old 77 Next meetings in 2011 are on Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. For information contact: Joanne Mathis at joannemathis@goldenwest.com or Stephanie VanDuyn at vanduyn@siouxvalley.net ES Parent-Teacher Conferences - Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, 2011 - 4:30-8:30 P.M. MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences - Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011 from 3:45-7:45 P.M. Fall Play "Is He Dead" - Nov. 21 at 7:00 P.M. and Nov. 22 at 8:00 P.M. Music Boosters - Meet the first Mondays of every month Next meetings in 2011 are on Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. Elementary Christmas Concert - Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. "Bullying Prevention" Parent/Community night - Monday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 P.M.. **Location yet to be determined Senior Parents - Financial Aide Night - Dec. 12, 2011, 7:00 P.M. (location TBD)

Notice To all High School Parents!!

Mrs. Jennifer Ruesink, the High School Guidance Counselor, is requesting parents to provide the high school office with an e-mail address. Having this information will allow for a quick communication tool to inform parents of upcoming standardized tests upcoming scholarships, scholarship information, financial aid information, reminders, as well as classroom specific information. You can contact Wendy in the high school office at wendy.anstine@k12.sd.us or call the office at 428-5473. Opt. 1 for the high school

Seniors Attend Augustana College Career Fair

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, the Dell Rapids High School Senior class boarded two busses at 9:00 A.M. and headed to Sioux Falls to attend the annual career fair held at the Elmen Center on the campus of Augustana College.

The Post-High Planning Days is an opportunity for our seniors to meet and talk to representatives from a variety of post-secondary options. Students are provided with a set of questions to ask the representatives concerning academic standards, career services, financial aid, admissions, and student life on campus. These institutes represent 22 South Dakota college/ universities/technical schools, about out-of-state colleges/universi-40 ties, all branches of the military, as well as financial aid lending booths.

"I thought the Marine recruiter

was great. We talked that day, he called that night, and we finished the paperwork the next day for my admission," said senior Ty Dybedahl.

"This event provides students the opportunity to visit with post-secondary institutions, and/or military branches in a convenient manner. With proper preparation, students had the opportunity to gather appropriate literature, ask questions, and get immediate feedback. Several students came to visit my office following this event which solidifies the importance of allowing opportunities like this for career and college exploration," said Guidance counselor Jennifer Ruesink. The seniors had to pre-register on-line before they went and this

allowed them to be eligible for a \$500.00 scholarship as well. Good luck on your future career choices.

GO A U GV 1 E

(From left): Amanda Mergen, Laine Mitchell, and Brittney Schlaikjer take a few moments to read some free material at the fair.



(From left): Justin Lindholm and Brad Zwart listen carefully to advice they will need in the future.

Jastram Chosen as September Quarrier of the Month



The Dell Rapids High School staff has chosen Branden Jastram as the September Ouarrier of the Month. Jastram has been recognized not only throughout the school, but the community as a hard-working volunteer.

"I was really surprised that I won it. It feels good because I have never won anything like this seen his qualities develop. before," Jastram said.

in FCCLA (Family, Career, tivities his responsibility, and Community Leaders of dependability, and leader-America) since his eighth ship skills have grown tregrade year in Dell Rapids mendously," said FCCLA Middle School. His hard work in FCCLA has not gone unnoticed since he has achieved many awards throughout his high school career. Since starting in nized for his achievements FCCLA, Jastram has been a letter winner every year. He has also participated and placed well in Illustrated Talks from grades 8-11, a National Program in 10th grade, and other STAR Events in this organization. He is also preparing for his participation in Job Interviewing his senior year.

"Branden is so deserving of this honor. His pleashis many assets. During offering a friendly greeting. the years I have worked with him in FCCLA, I have David and Jan Jastram.

Through his involvement Jastram has been involved with our projects and acadvisor Beverly Rieck. "FCCLA is all about leadership and service," Jastram said. Jastram is also being recogoutside school activities. He has been noted for his many community service projects including volunteering at the Banquet, Meals On Wheels, and working with the elderly at the local Nursing and Resident Centers, helping to keep the Dell Rapids sign tidy, and recycling programs at the school. Jastram has been described as willing to lend a helping hand ant personality is one of whenever asked and always

Jastram is the son of

Scholastic Book Fair DR. Elementary School Support your Child's love of reading and our school library at the same time.



Thursday, Nov 3, 8am-6pm Friday, Nov 4, 8am-6pm Monday, Nov 7, 8am-6pm Tuesday, Nov 8, 8am-8pm

DRHS Peer Helpers attend training seminar

On Monday, Oct, 17, 23 Dell Rapids High School Peer Helpers, ranging from freshman to seniors, attended training in Sioux Falls, S.D., at the Volunteers of America Community Center. Meeting at the rock that morning, they left at 8:45 to begin their day and returned at 3:45 p.m. full of information and new ideas to help the rest of the DRHS student body. "The training was interesting and fun," said junior Margo Hegge. "I know we all learned a lot there."

The goal of Peer Helpers is to help friends when they have problems and choose positive ways to take care of yourself. They also work to contribute a safe and supportive school environment.

Kids are generally more comfortable talking to other students so the Peer Helpers are trained to listen and recognize when someone is in need and to get them help from adults in the school or community. Peer Helpers are also expected to be available when students need assistance in making life decisions and to prevent bad things from happening, or control bad things as they are happening. These students are the role models of setting a good example within the school. They should reach out to the lonely and isolated students in some way to let them know someone cares when it feels the other way around.

During the training sessions, the Peer Helpers listened to speakers talk about various points and tools that can be used for providing moral support and understanding to fellow peers. "This training taught me how to help people when they come up to me for help with their different reasons," said Karen Eddy.

This year's training also included a special training session from Lori Montis of the HELPline Center in Sioux Falls. This trained the students in QRP Suicide Prevention and Intervention Techniques, and taught them the steps to: Question, Persuade, and Refer.

"It was a great learning experience," said Cole Langer. Every school is in need of a group of students who will take the time to listen to their fellow classmates and DRHS is very lucky to have this group of young adults step up to help.



(From left): Morgan Van Dam, Haley Fiedler, Chad Munk, and Lexy Utech from a group for one of the many role-playing activities shown on the day.

"Study Buddy" Candidates Attend Mentoring Training

As mentors, everyone is an agent of protection. They provide a protective factor through conversations, attention, appreciation of the person's strengths, and the ability to be counted on by the person they are mentoring.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, juniors and seniors from Dell Rapids High School who had signed up to be a Study Buddy, a program geared toward helping children who need a little extra help with homework, social skills, or just need some down time with an older role-model, traveled to the Sioux Falls Volunteers of America to attend a training seminar that focused on ways to help mentors connect and work with the person whom they are mentoring.

Junior Spencer Kerzman said, "It was a very informational seminar with helpful facts and tips to take into consideration with the mentoring program."

Through informative pamphlets and exciting activities, mentors had the ability to learn all about the Study Buddy program and learn useful tools to take back home with them. Using problem solving and cooperation techniques, everyone learned how they can benefit their mentee and make a difference in his or her life. They also learned the qualities of successful mentors, such as good listening skills, commitment, patience, respect, and understanding. "I learned a lot about how to help and support a child that needs some extra assistance. It made me feel happy to know that I will be able to help a child in that way," said senior Kelli Siemonsma.

Mentors also learned more about the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship, along with the effects they have on the child they mentor. Students were also informed of the basic social skills that all children should know, such as conflict resolution, empathy, sense of humor, and self-esteem, as well as asset building, or the kinds of experiences, skills, and opportunities that matter in the healthy development of people.

One more important topic discussed at the training was resiliency, or the ability to bounce back in the face of adversity. Mentors learned the affects of resiliency in people; the risk factors, problems or situations in a person's life that can be a negative influence or can produce stressors, and the protective factors, situations that counteract risks by moderating,

buffering, or insulating against the risk factors in a child's life. Junior Samantha Mathis said, "I'm really glad I had the opportunity to attend this training. I learned a lot of skills to bring home with myself and I can't wait to start mentoring!"

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, and ear to listen, and a push in the right direction." This quote by John Crosby successfully illustrates the powerful message that being a mentor can bring to help a young child.

Thanks to all of the high school kids who take time out of their day to be strong, positive role models.



Senior Ashley Vant Hul presents one of the techniques her group came up with to help be a mentor to younger students in the Dell Rapids School District.

Marching Quarriers end season in 'high stepping' fashion



The Dell Rapids High School marching band, under the direction of Bri- "We improved greatly from last year and an Smith, made a fine presentation at the annual Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls. from the Festival of Bands the week be-

On Saturday, October 1, 2011, and Friday, October 7, 2011 the DRHS Marching Band participated in two different parades. The band received participation awards for both parades.

October 1, 2011, the Sioux Falls Festival of Bands parade took place. Our DRHS Marching Quarriers traveled to Sioux Falls to be a part of this wonderful parade. This Festival of Bands takes place every year in Sioux Falls. The parade route is about nine city blocks and each year an estimated ten thousand people show up to watch the bands march. This year there was a total of 32 bands. The DRHS Band did not compete in the parade but it did receive a participation award for showing up at the parade.

High School Band student Jayme Damm stated "I think that we did pretty well under the circumstances. We were missing a few band members and that was a hard thing to adapt to."

Friday, October 7, 2011, Chester was hosting a marching band competition in their town. The DRHS Marching Quarriers traveled the short distance to Chester to participate in this marching band competition. A total of 28 bands were participating in the parade. Weather on that day was quite cold and very windy. Marching bands had to adapt their playing to the wind direction and also their marching. Dell Rapids received another participation award to show appreciation for marching in the parade.

Dell Rapids High School Band Instructor Mr. Brian Smith stated that, "We improved greatly from last year and from the Festival of Bands the week before. The Band wasn't missing as many people which helped, but they did have to learn a new marching routine in less than a week, and they did that very well."

All in all, the Marching Band improved more and more with each performance opportunity.

Good Job Marching Quarriers! There will be the opportunity to watch more great performances next year. Also, watch your calender for more band concerts and competitions through the year.

High school history department welcomes student teacher



Student teacher Sean Wahl

Dell Rapids High School would like to welcome another new student teacher, Mr. Sean Wahl. Wahl has already completed student teaching for Mr. Mark Shriver in the social science areas of World and United States History and will be moving on to Mr. Jeff Welbig's classes of Government and World Geography.

"I think Sean is going to make a good teacher and coach, especially in social studies. He has a great interest in current events and tying them into history which I think makes it more interesting for the students," said Shriver.

Wahl originally attended Watertown High School. After graduating, he pursued a higher education at South Dakota State University in Brookings. There he went into teacher education, specifically wanting to teach history and social science. He will finish student teaching in Dell Rapids once he graduates in December 2011.

Wahl has also currently accepted a position as the head coach for spring baseball at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls. We wish him the best of luck as he finishes up his time at Dell Rapids and goes on to pursue these greater opportunities.

"I like Dell Rapids a lot. Everyone is laid back, but in a good sort of way. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming," said Wahl.

We appreciate all of the student teachers who pass through our halls and let's make Wahl's experience a great stepping stone toward his future career choice. Best of luck to you Mr. Wahl.

Annual Junior Fundraiser

The annual **Tour of Homes** for the Junior class fundraiser has been set for **Dec. 11**, **2011**. If anyone is interested in volunteering their homes for this cause please contact Nikki Stukel at nikki.stukel@k12.sd.us or 428-5473 Opt. #3 for the high school. Information on the time and other details will be in the December *Wise Owl* or *Echo*.

The ACT Test Dates For 2011/2012

TEST DATE: December 10, 2011 **REGISTRATION DEADLINES** Regular Deadline: Nov. 4, 2011 Late Fee Required: Nov. 5-18, 2011

TEST DATE: February 11, 2012 **REGISTRATION DEADLINES** Regular Deadline: Jan. 13, 2012 Late Fee Required: Jan. 14-20, 2012

TEST DATE: April 14, 2012 REGISTRATION DEADLINES Regular Deadline: March 9, 2012 Late Fee Required: March 10-23, 2012

TEST DATE: June 9, 2012 **REGISTRATION DEADLINES** Regular Deadline: May 4, 2012 Late Fee Required: May 5-18, 2012

ACT Test Dates for 2012-2013

September 8, 2012 October 27, 2012 December 8, 2012 February 9, 2013 April 13, 2013 June 8, 2013

Ag In Action

The Fundamental Ag Mechanics class has finished up a unit on concrete which exposed the students to the various components, mixing, forms and types of concrete. Land descriptions, map reading and using hand-held GPS units is now the focus of the students. The next unit will be over electronics in agriculture, which deals with the basic principles of electronics, types of electric motors and factors to consider when selecting motors.

The students enrolled in the Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources have been introduced to forestry and fish and wildlife. Identification of trees, fish and wildlife along with the affects of the environment has been covered. Next the students will be going over shop tools, safety and project construction. The students will then have the opportunity to construct a small wood project in the shop.

Fundamental Animal Science class switched to Ag Processing Technology at the start of the 2nd quarter, which was on October 20th. They are just finishing up the dairy foods unit that consisted of fluid milk, butter, cheese, ice cream, nutrition and marketing of dairy products. The next unit will be covering the meat industry which includes the slaughter process, inspection,

quality and yield grading, wholesale meat cuts and retail meat cuts. The two members who attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, on Oct. 19-22, 2011, were Gina Wolles and Heidi Anderson. On the way to the convention, they stopped at Williamsburg, IA, for a tour of the Kinze manufacturing plant where they make planters and grain carts. The members also got to tour the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the National FFA Center, and attend a bull riding event. While at the convention they attended various business sessions and the career show. The members who have prepared to demonstrate their leadership skills will have the opportunity to compete against FFA members from other chapters in the Jackrabbit Invitational Leadership event in Brookings on October 31. The district leadership career development events will be held at Hartford on Nov. 15. Members can compete in ten different leadership areas, with the top 3 from each area advancing onto the state competition. The FFA is once again conducting their fruit sale. The sale will end on Nov. 11 with the order being placed and the products should be in the week of Dec. 5-11. Watch for advertisements in the paper or call Mr. Wolff at 428-5473 ext. 419 before or after school for more information or to place an order.

FCCLA Leadership Weekend

On October 2 and 3, 2011, the South Dakota FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) Leadership Weekend was held in Rapid City. The theme for the training was "Leaders: Under Construction." Four members and their advisor, Beverly Rieck, from Dell Rapids participated at the event. Attending the Power Training session was Branden Jastram. It was led by Amy Gallimore, keynote speaker, from Tennessee and was designed for members and officers. The Rookie Training which is for beginning members was attended by Kelcie Hauf and Morgan Kistler. April Erdman, who is serving as one of the state officers, helped lead some of the ics covered in this training included information on some of the background information about FCCLA, STAR Events and much more. The members who attended will be sharing some of the ideas they gained with the other members. Over two hundred members and advisors from across the state attended.



state officers, helped lead some of the (From left): Morgan Kistler, April Erdman, Branden sessions during this training. Some top-Jastram, and Kelcie Hauf at the Leadership weekend

7th grade Girls Volleyball Season Comes to an End

The 7th grade girls volleyball season came to a close with a scrimmage against their parents. The girls and parents had a lot of fun and it was a great way to end the season. The girls fought hard all season long and grew as players with every match. The highlight of the season was placing 4th at the Big Sioux Conference Tournament in October. Team members include: Beth Bruggeman, Betsy Amundson, Taci Delker, Grace Tisher, Ashely Lorenzen, Janae Hahn, Chloe Solberg, Maggie Boever, Autumn Schumaker, Kenzie Gullickson, Alexis Timmer, Kenedy Mergen, Stephanie Dennis, and Alyssa Shellum. Coach Putnam



2011 8th Grade vollyeball team (back row-from left): Coach Julie Barber, Nadine Hegge, Kelci Hauf, Megan Miles, and Alexa De-Vos; (middle row-from left): Kenydie Hyde, Brooke Gronli, Lizzy Gottsch, Mara Adams, Drew Lesselyoung, Deni Ahlers, and Demi Erickson; (front row-from left): Hannah Welbig and Kian Schumacher



2011 7th Grade cvolleyball team (back row-from left): Coach Mike Putnam, Maggie Boever, Kennedy Mergen, Alyssa Shellum, Betsy Amundson, Ashley Lorenzen; (middle row-from left): Chloe Solberg, McKenzie Gullickson, Stephanie Dennis, Grace Tisher, and Janae Hahn; (front row-from left): Autumn Schumaker, Traci Delker, Beth Bruggeman, and Alexis Timmer

8th Grade Volleyball Wrap-up

The 8th grade volleyball team finished their season with the Big Sioux Conference Volleyball Tournament in Canton. The girls finished in 5th Place. The girls worked on fundamentals along with teamwork during the season. They showed improvement each practice and in every match they played. Best of luck next year as you move to high school! Coach Barber





8th Grade Football

2011 8th Grade football team (back row-from left): Coach Scott Headrick, Ryan Geraets, Elijah Johnson, Sam White, Dominic Stahl Orion Donaldson, Sam Prasek, and Coach Drew Gillogly; (middle row-from left): Chuck Grassi, Cordell Wright, Josh Benda, Griffin Ellison, Mason Hollaren, Henry LaCoursiere, and Coach Preston Davis; (front row-from left): Trey Randel, Brent Eddy, Zach Lemme, Collin Bergstrom, and Sutton Adams

7th Grade Football

2011 7th Grade football team (back row-from left): Coach Scott Headrick, Patrick Hackett, Aiden Black, Dawson Kerzman, Noah Ellis, Ethan Brobjorg, Tanner Heim, Trevor Pulscher, Seth Andersen, Mason Peter, and Coach Drew Gillogly; (middle row-from left): Harrison Schreurs, Nick Hoffman, Ross Wiebenga, Nate McKee, Jacob Wolles, Ethan Lodmell, Justin Huss, Broox Derschan, Austin Kramer, and Coach Preston Davis; (front row-from left): Hunter Hansen, Kendrin Millage, Justin Dorn, James Lueders, Austin Ellingson, Scott Warick, Anthony Miller, and Xander Vliester



Welcome to the Music Boosters We have a few new faces join-

ing us and will always welcome Interested in helping plan more. for the trips, dinner, and fundraising or just want to know more about the music department? If your son/ daughter is in Band or Chorus, you are already a member. Come join us the first Monday of the month at

Elementary School Christmas Program

Decorations are all in place and everything is set for the upcoming holiday party, except for an old dilapidated sleigh off in the corner with a sign that reads "Marvelous Magical Sleigh." It's nothing but a piece of junk, but... what was that noise? Did the sleigh just move? Join our holiday adventure with the children who believe in the true meaning of the holiday and get taken for a marvelous ride on one very important and magical sleigh! The Elementary Christmas program is on December 1, 2011 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. 7pm in the new and improved band room. Next meeting is Nov 7th.

The All-State chorus members will be performing October 29th at the Sioux Falls arena. Congratulations to these outstanding voices.

Marching Band performances this year are done but come watch the Pep Band during home various sport events. Holiday concerts are coming up in December-Middle school is Dec. 6th and High School is Dec. 15th.

Music Scholarship applications for Middle and High school student lessons are available are due January 15th. Contact your child's director for the application or for more information.

Fundraising is part of the Music Boosters program-helps with the cost of trips (which is in the planning stage), scholarships, instrument repairs, uniforms and other

DRHS Band

teacher

welcomes student

Every year Dell Rapids

High School sees its fair share

of student teachers. Rebecca

State University student ma-

joring in Music Education, she

will join the band department.

She has chosen to be a student

teacher at the DRHS/MS so

that she may practice for her

future career choice, being

a high school band director.

of college at SDSU. She began

playing music her Fifth grade

year as a saxophone player.

Baustian is in her Fifth year

musical venues. We just bought the music department MP3 players, computer speakers and a digital piano. Yankee Candle sales is the start of fundraising this year. The students will be selling Yankee Candle from Oct 17 thru Nov 1st so the candles will be in before Christmas. We have setup the Schwan's Truckload sale for Dec 6th which is the same date as the Middle school concert. Other fundraising opportunities are in the planning stages and we welcome all input.



A few of the Board members to talk to are: Sharee VanVoorst 428-4664 Marcia Lodmell 428-6010 Edie Hinricher 366-8319 Or drhsmusicboosters@hotmail.com

years of high school so that she could explore other possi- teaching bilities with world languages, the but returned to band her junior marching year in high school because

Baustian. "I enjoy the music so much and that makes it fun; but it is still a teaching position and it will have its difficulties. So far I am really enjoying it in Dell Rapids. I really enjoy the kids here."

"She (Baustian) has a lot of promise in her. Not much experience yet but that is a given. She definitely has the skills and passion behind her to be She went on a minor hiatus a good teacher," DRHS band her freshman and sophomore instructor Brian Smith said.

Baustian will begin her practice with DRHS band after season is over. So, we wish her good luck she missed the fun of being as she finishes up her expeinvolved in high school band. rience and make her wel-"Being a band instructor come if you see her in the Baustian is a South Dakota has its ups and downs," said hall or at muisic events.



The Wise Owl will only be mailed by request. The monthly Wise Owl and school calendarswillbepublishedforviewingonlineatwww.dr-k12.org.Personswantingtocontinue to receive a printed copy by mail must contact LuAnn Heidebrink at 428-5473, Opt. 7 or e-mail to LuAnn.Heidebrink@k12.sd.us to be included on the new mailing list.

Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Campaign

School Dell Rapids Middle celebrated Red October Week Ribbon from 24-28, 2011. Red Ribbon Week is a time to take a stand against drugs and alcohol. Among other activities the DRMS students will be able to participate in dress up days. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. During the last week of October each year young people pledge to live a drug-free life by participating in RRW activities and wearing red ribbons. To read more about Red Ribbon Week you can visit: http:// www.justice.gov/dea/ongoing/redribbon factsheet.html

Ribbon Week Schedule:

*Day One (Monday, October 24) "Drugs Give Me the Blues" Wear Blue Jean clothes to take a stand against drugs and alcohol.

*Day Two (Tuesday, October 25): "Drugs Are a Snooze, Give Them the Slip" by wearing your pajamas and slippers.

*Day Three (Wednesday, October 26): Wear your "Shade Out Drugs Alcohol". sunglasses and and

*Day Four (Thursday, October 27): "Its No Sweat to SAY NO to Drugs and Alcohol", wear your sweats to school.

*Day October Five (Friday, 28): Wear RED-Ribbon Week. to show vour support for Red



Dell Rapids Middle School would like to announce and congratulate the Students of the Month for October. 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 the Pizza Ranch, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places! 8th grade: Elijah Johnson and Jonah Swenson 7th grade: Xander Vliestra and Trevor Pulscher 6th grade: Chrystina Anderson and Elijah Story 5th grade: Matthew Benda and Emily Pudwell









The halls were full of red on the final day of "Red Ribbon Week" which showed the strong support the program received from students.

(From left): Ben Cavigelli, Elijah Story, and Cole Van Duyn wear their shades to "block out" drugs and alcohol.



Sydney LaCoursiere, Sydney Hyde, and Kinsey Carr help sponsor а raffle through Student Council during Red Ribbon Week





DRMS Students for the Month of October were (back row-from left): Elijah Johnson, Trevor Pulscher, Jonah Swenson, and Elijah Story; (middle row-from left): Xander Vliestra and Matthew Benda; (front row-from left): Chrystina Andersen and Emily Pudwill



Dell Rapids School District addresses bullying issues

NOW... PLEASE MARK YOUR **CALENDAR!!** Dell Rapids School District and Saint Mary's Catholic School is partnering with Dell Rapids Forward Youth, Dell Rapids Community Fund of the Sioux Falls Community Foundation, and St. Mary's School Family Organization (along with other organizations yet to be named) to provide a Bullying Prevention Parent and Community Night... December 19, 2011 at 6:30. More information will follow in the December issue of the Wise Owl

What advice should we give to students who are bullied? What should adults and concerned peers do to help?

To get answers to these questions, writers at the educational publication, Educational Leadership, turned to the experts-students themselves. The Youth Voice project surveyed more than 13,000 students in 31 schools around the US (grades 5-12 during the 09-10 school year). Slightly fewer than 3,000 of these students said they had been hit, threatened, hurt emotionally, or stopped from having friends at least twice or more in the past month. These frequently bullied students were asked what helped them-and what didn't. Here is what they said: Less Effective: Trying to Handle It Yourself Young people said they were often unable to stop others' mean behavior toward them through their own actions. For example, telling the bully or bullies to stop only made things better for 22% and it actually made things worse for 32%. Telling the

other person how they felt made things better for only 25%, and it made things worse for 32%. Pretending the bullying didn't bother them made things better for only 28%, and it made things worse for 22%.

Somewhat More Effective: Putting Responsibility Where It Belongs One self-initiated action that was more likely to make things better was reminding themselves that the mistreatment was not their own fault. There were differences, however, by grade level. Generally speaking, this strategy was the most effective for high school students (making things better for 37% of those who tried it), followed by middle school students (making things better for 35%). It was least effective for 5th graders, making things better for only 25%. This suggests that as their brains develop and mature, students are increasingly able to offset the pain of being mistreated with their reflective knowledge that they are not responsible for what others choose to do to them.

Most Effective: Seek-Help from Others ing What tended to work best for mistreated youth was seeking support from friends and adults. Across all three grade levels (elementary, middle, and high school), students said reaching out for encouragement, advice, and protection were among the most successful strategies. Only 1/3 of mistreated youth said that they had told an adult at school about what was happening to them. But among those who did. 38% said that this action had made things better, while 27% said things got worse. Telling an adult at home made things better for 37% and made things worse for 16%. Telling a friend (or friends) was helpful for 36% of victimized students and made things worse for 15%.

We know peer mistreatment can harm young peoples' sense of belong-

ing, safety, and connection to school. We know that students who feel unsafe or alienated are less likely to learn. Schools across the United States are responding to this knowledge by strengthening student-staff and student-student connections, developing students' social and emotional skills, supporting students who have been mistreated, and helping students who mistreat their peers change their behavior. All these approaches can be beneficial, but they will be most effective if carried out within the context of listening to students themselves. Young people who have experienced peer mistreatment firsthand can show us the way as we work to create safer, more respectful schools.

More information from this article will be offered in the December issue of the *Wise Owl*. In that issue, you can read how parents and peers can help students who are being bullied.

Information obtained from:

"What Students Say About Bullying," Stan Davis and Charisse Nixon Stan Davis is a guidance counselor at James H. Bean Elementary School in Sidney, Maine; standavis@yahoo.com; www.stopbullyingnow.com. Charisse Nixon is associate professor of psychology at Penn State Erie; cln5@psu.edu

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For more information contact high school Principal Kim Kludt or high school Guidance Counselor Jennifer Ruesink about events and dates.

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CHRISTMAS FOR OUR KIDS



"Christmas for Our Kids" is a long standing community project started by Sue Horstmeyer and currently spearheaded by the local ESA women's organization. Because of the generosity of the Dell Rapids community, we are able to ensure a merry Christmas for all of our Dell Rapids kids. Last Christmas the ESA elves were able to deliver gifts to 71 children from 29 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. Self referrals are welcome as well. Referred families are contactand kid's "wish lists' requested. ed are These "wish lists" are filled through donations and delivered to families prior to Christmas. Here are some ways you can help ensure anoth-"Christmas for Kids" successful Our project: er family 1. Contact Brenda O'Hara with referanytime before Christmas - Home 428rals now or 6032. Cell 201-6571, brendaohara@siouxvalley.net. 2. You or your group can adopt a child or family and purchase gifts from their "wish lists". Be anonymously matched up with a child or family and have fun shopping. can 3. Monetary donations be dropped off or mailed to "Christmas for Our Kids", First National Bank, 312 E. 4th Street, Dell Rapids, SD 57022. 4. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts can also be dropped off at First National Bank and placed under the Christmas tree. Gift ideas include toys, books, games, and gift cards. We provide gifts for children ranging in age from infants to teenagers. We hope to have all donations collected by December 16th 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 428-6032, 201-6571, or brendaohara@siouxvalley.net.

GOOD LUCK

Best wishes to the Quarrier football, volleyball, and Competitive Cheer teams as their seasons come to a close and we look forward to the post season activity.

Congratulations

To the boy's and girl's Cross Country runners on a great season, and best wishes and thanks to the seniors for all of their hard work.

Athletic Booster Club

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Thank you to all who have joined the booster club. It's not too late, there is still time to become a booster club member! Family memberships are \$15 and include a Quarrier Calendar with school events and activities listed. Your support is greatly appreciated and all proceeds go directly to support Quarrier athletics.

NEW QUARRIER WEAR:

Don't miss out on the Quarrier Wear. Items are on display in the middle school display case. Quarrier wear can be purchased through the middle school office. Get yours now and display QUARRIER PRIDE at upcoming events.

2011-2012 Athletic Booster Board Members:

Jerry & Lynn Kerns Alan & Sheba Schlaikjer Kerry & Tim Ljunggren Leah & John Steineke Karla & Louis Peter Jeanne & Steve Hoff Denise & Dusty Hanzlik Sherri & Robert Wolles Kerry & Scott VanOverbeke



Congratulations to the boys for bringing home their first state championship in 10 years! Members of the team included (back row-from left): Colin Karst, Michael Schmidt, and Coach Mick Hoglund; (front row-from left): Jager Rus, Ted LaCoursiere, and Zach Schroeder. Also, congratulations to Schmidt and LaCoursiere for placing 3rd and 10th respectively; and,

Coach Hoglund for being named the Region Coach of the Year!

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Kids' Circle is a learning and social interaction time for students and staff members. All students in kindergarten through fourth grades belong to a Kids' Circle group. Each staff member leads one of the Kids' Circle groups. There are 2-3 children from each grade in each group. Students remain in the same Kids' Circle group with the same leader throughout their entire elementary school career.

Kids' Circle is a unique opportunity for the students and staff at Dell Rapids Elementary to develop relationships with students from other classrooms and grade levels. Kids' Circle helps students feel good about themselves and encourages positive behavior.

Kids' Circle groups meet once a month to learn and practice the 6 pillars of good character:

Citizenship, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring & Trustworthiness!

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Students participated in Character counts week activities on Oct. 17-21, 2011.

CLIMB Theatre presented two plays about respect. Kindergarten-Second Grades saw "Rude Rudy Roo". They helped Rudy learn how to be respectful to his classmates and teachers.

Grades Third and Fourth saw "Snapshots". They saw how disrespect looks and learned what to do to show more respect toward others.

This year, students also completed service projects in conjunction with "Make a Difference Day":

Kindergarten - Support our Troops

- 1st Ronald McDonald House
- 2nd Dell Rapids Food Pantry
- 3rd Sioux Falls Area Humane Society
- 4th Swap Store Donate and Reuse



Dell Rapids Community Haven





A Place For YOUth!

Get your delicious BUTTER BRAID BREADS NOW!

We are selling these delectable pastries to raise money for program materials. Loaves come in 7 scrumptious flavors and sell for \$10.50 each. They are perfect for family get-togethers, holiday events or gifts! **Place your order by November 11th** with Haven students, staff, and board members or by calling us at 366-8612.

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ETXE



Meal Prices MS Lunch

Chefis Prepared Meal Extra Entrée Extra Pizza Ranch Extra Milk

Questions/Comments

Service Director at 605-670-9502 or

rhonda@lunchtime-solutions.cor

Contact Rhonda Galles. Food

HS Lunch

Adult Lunch

\$2.30

\$2.30 \$2.85

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Chef Prepared Entre Wed. November 2nd

Veggie bar and milk choice. You must

have money in your account to choose

this entrée

Rich cheese filled tortellini tossed with ham, onion, fresh tomatoes, garlia and Italian seasonings. The entrée is available for a special price of \$4.00 and includes the Fruit and

Cheese Tortellini Fresco

	The Menu ifornia Lasagna!!
creamy alfredo sa take on a tradition	
	Lunchtime Solutions, Inc.

November 2011

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		6:00 PM VB- District 6A @ Baltic		7:00 PM VB- Dist Champ 6A @ High Seed		8:00 AM Cheer-SD Coaches Cheer TBA 7:00 PM FB- Semi-Finals
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	4:00 PM HS Oral Interp-Dells Invite 4:00 PM MS Quiz Bowl Team to Brandon Valley (bus time 3pm) 4:00 PM DRMS Oral Interp - Dells Invite	4:00 PM HS Quiz Bowl @ West Central 4:30 PM ES P/T Conferenc- es 4:30-8:30 7:00 PM VB- Region @ 5A Champ (TBA)		2:30 PM FB- 11A Cham- pionship @ Vermillion in the Dome	8:00 AM FC- CLA Cluster Meeting 4:00 PM HS Oral Interp @ SF Washington	8:00 AM Cheer -State @ Bran- don Valley 8:00 AM FC- CLA ~Cluster Meeting
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27	28	29	30			

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