



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Quarriers

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"We promote spirited thinking, responsible citizenship and lifelong learning."



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

Happy New Year!! I'm sure many of you have already made your new year's resolutions. In the world of education, we have the opportunity to do this twice a year... once at the beginning of the school year and once with the rest of the world in January. At the beginning of this new year, I would like to share with you some goals (new year's resolutions of sorts) I shared with the staff and students this last August.

Dell Rapids High School instructor Tom Wolff shared this information with me after receiving it at a conference. The minute I read them, I knew they were exactly the way I wanted to start the school year, and it is good to renew our focus at this time:

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The first goal, or resolution of sorts, was to **HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE**. Teachers and students experience difficult situations every day and are set to experience even bigger challenges in the near future. I have already shared with you the changes we are seeing in content standards and state-mandated testing. In addition, we will soon see extensive changes in teacher/principal evaluation and accountability standards (formally known as NCLB). More is being required than ever before, and it is going to be a great challenge. It will become even more important to maintain a good attitude about what we are being asked to teach and learn.

The second school-year resolution was to **SET GOALS**. As we move into the second semester, it is now again time for teachers and students to set new goals. Students may set academic goals, to do well on a test or in a class. They may set goals outside the classroom, to win a game or finish a community service project. Teachers will set goals as well... to find new and interesting ways to teach and to find new ways to help students who struggle. When we set goals, we are much more likely to achieve them. Even if we fail, we are still better for having tried.

The final resolution was to **BE NICE**. We recently learned during the anti-bullying presentation that a student standing up for other another student is the most effective way to stop a bully (70% effectiveness rate). It is amazing to me... and empowering at the same time... to think that such a simple act, just being nice to each other, can eliminate one of the most insidious behaviors of our time. If we had no other reason to adopt this resolution, we have one now. As one of the presenters said Monday night, Dec. 19, 2011, it is time to stop dealing with bullying and eliminate it.

As we return to finish the 2011-2012 school year, we will renew our focus on these three resolutions. Together, we have the opportunity and the ability to do great things. I'm looking forward to keeping you updated on what those great things are... stay tuned!



WEATHER DISMISSALS

When bad weather or other emergency conditions require that the schools be closed or that classes be started late or dismissed early, information will be immediately available by:

- 1). Checking the school district's website.
- 2). Our emergency communication system (for those who have signed up)
- 3). From the following media sources:

BROADCAST/CABLE:
KELO TV, Channel 11/3
KSFY TV, Channel 13/9
KDLT TV, Channel 5/5
KTTW TV, Channel 17/4
KELO AM, Radio 1320
KELO FM, Radio 92.5
KSOO AM, Radio 1140
KKLS FM, Radio 104.7
KIKN FM, Radio 100.5
KJAM FM, Radio 103.1

When inclement weather threatens, our goal will be to make early morning decisions about the cancellation or postponement of school by 6:00 AM. Students and parents should check the district's website or listen to the media listed above. Decisions that will be made will follow three categories: No School; School Starting Late (in hours) or Buses will be running snow routes only. If any variation is heard from these announcements the information should be verified by checking the District's website.

Snow routes will only be used when absolutely necessary, and it will be announced **EACH** time they are used. For instance, it should not be assumed that just because snow routes were used in the morning that they will be used in the afternoon. When the decision is made to utilize the snow routes, this decision will apply to **EVERY** bus route regardless of the conditions present on a particular bus route. Weather and road conditions can vary greatly across the district, and it is simply impossible to run some buses on snow routes and others on regular routes. There is too much confusion.

Some upcoming dates to remember:

- **Post Prom Meeting - Jan. 8, 2012 - 6:30 P.M. at Old 77
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:
 High School/Middle School - Feb. 6, 2012 - 4:30-8:30 P.M.
 Elementary School - Feb. 6 & Feb. 13, 2012 - 4:30-8:30 P.M.
- **Band Parents Meeting - Jan. 9, 2012 - 6:30 P.M. in Band Room
- **Board of Education Meeting - Jan. 9, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD

Brian Davis..... 428-5375
 Cindy Schuch..... 428-0147
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 Matt Weiland 428-3570
 Tom Morris 428-4884

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 Francis Ruesink, MS Principal. 428-5473
 Barb Littel, Business Manager.. 428-5473
 John Jewett, Elementary Principal/
 Technology Director..... 428-5473
 Jeff Welbig/AD 428-5473

#7 District Office, 428-3192 Elementary,
 #2 MS, #1 HS, #8 Bus Barn,
 #6 Lunchtime Solutions.

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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.

HOBY representatives selected

Each year, two sophomore students from Dell Rapids High School, as well as other schools all over South Dakota, are selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership seminar. The students selected to attend the 2012 HOBY from DRHS are Michael Mitchell and Jordan Stone as an alternate.

HOBY is an educational experience that provides leadership skill development with a strong focus on community service. The seminar will take place June 14-17, 2012, at the Dakota State University campus in Madison, S.D.

"I feel awesome to be accepted to attend this seminar. I am looking forward to a great experience," said Stone.

In order to be selected to attend, all sophomores who are interested in the seminar write an essay, in 100 words or less, describing one of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of be-

ing a leader in your school and community. Once completed and turned in, Counselor Jennifer Ruesink, along with other faculty members, help select the top essays in the group; from there, students are informed of their achievement and begin planning.

Margo Hegge, a 2011 representative, said, "HOBY was inspirational. It changed the way I look at the world in a positive way and I got to meet some amazing teens along the way."

Along with meeting new friends and making memories to last a lifetime, candidates learn several other life lessons through the HOBY experience. It encourages participants to evaluate all issues from a critical perspective by improving critical thinking skills, gives them opportunities to engage in leadership roles by enabling them to better understand leadership

strengths, and to identify personal goals and commit to achieving them.

"I'm honored to be given this opportunity and am excited for the experience this summer," said Mitchell. "I appreciate this chance to grow as a leader, for it will better me later on in life."



(Above): HOBY Representatives Jordan Stone (alternate) and Michael Mitchell.

Pierson selected as DRHS Quarrier for November



As another month came to an end at Dell Rapids High School the staff selected another deserving student to be honored with Quarrier of the Month. Lexie Pierson has worked very hard throughout her years at DRHS to excel in academics, athletics, and to be a "hard-working and dependable student that leads others by example."

Pierson has definitely held to a wonderful grade average and has been on the Honor Roll all four

years at DRHS. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year in high school. Also, her junior year, she was a member of the Student Council.

Pierson is not being honored just for her academic record though. She also holds an admirable athletic record. She was in volleyball all four years at DRHS and a letter winner in volleyball her sophomore through and senior years. Pierson was also a letter winner in golf her freshman

through junior years. Pierson was voted the Most Improved Golfer her freshman year and she was also voted M.V.P. her sophomore and junior years. During her junior year playing golf she also placed 14th at State.

During her freshman and sophomore years Pierson was also involved with the DRHS band. She participated in marching band her freshman year, and concert band her freshman and sophomore years as well as pep band her freshman and sophomore years. She was also involved in the One Act Play her junior year and a Musical production her junior year.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the school staff for all of my hard-work," said Pierson of the award.

Coach Jeff Dvorak said "Not only is she (Pierson) an outstanding golfer, but she is level-headed and shows strong leadership qualities."

Lexie is the daughter of Rod and Lisa Pierson.

Powerlifting Team Starts Strong at first meet of the season

The Dell Rapids Power Lifting team is looking strong this year, placing very high at the beginning meet and showing a lot of talent. On Nov. 19, 2011, the DRHS Power Lifting team competed in the Dead Lift meet at the Colton Fitness Center.

Junior Connor Van Duyn had an impressive meet while competing in the 165 lb. weight

class. He deadlifted 425 lbs. and ended up placing First. He was also named the overall best male lifter of the meet.

Senior Kelli Siemonsma also had a good meet, deadlifting 200 lbs. and placing First in the girls division. She was also named the overall best female lifter that day.

Junior Peter Nebben did well, dead lifting 465

lbs. and placing First in the 242 lb. teen class.

Sophomore Matthew DeNoon also placed First in his 114 lb. weight class by pulling up 250 lbs.

When asked of his team, Coach Alex Hanson said, "We have maybe around a dozen lifters this year. It's a young team but with the returners I'm sure we will be good this year."

The Power Lifters next action will be at O'Gorman High School at the end of January 2012 with the State meet to follow the first week-

end in March 2012.

Good Luck in the rest of your season and congratulations on a great start!



Participating Power Lifters were (from left): Senior Kelli Siemonsma, Sophomore Matthew DeNoon, and Junior Connor Van Duyn

Watch for exact competition dates in the *Echo*.

Fall play "Is He Dead?" a drama success

On Nov. 21-22, 2011, the Dell Rapids hard-working actors presented a fast-paced comedy in, "Is He Dead?" Mark Twain originally wrote the play.

"It's always fun to watch a play come together. I thought the cast and crew did a wonderful job and put on good performances," said Director Sharon Mitchell.

She was correct, as this laugh-out-loud comedy was a major hit. The play focused on the great French painter Jean-Francois Millet, played by Tad Lacey, who had trouble selling his paintings. This was causing him, along with his three close friends, to get stuck in debt.

The friends "Chicago", "Dutchy", and Phelim were played by Michael Mitchell, Michael Luke, and Taiven Logan.

They helped convince Millet to pursue their risky plan to stage his own death in order to increase the value of his paintings and afterward dress as a woman to keep the secret safe.

Millet (Lacey) had the audience cracking up as he stepped onto the stage as "Daisy", his widowed sister whom no one had ever heard about.

After many ups and downs, along with some laughs, the play concluded when Millet exposed his true identity. All in all, the cast and crew did a wonderful job bringing to life Mark Twain's play.

"It was kind of iffy as we were working toward it, but then when we actually performed it went really well," said Darrian Grassi who played Cecile, the character who experienced a love-hate relationship with Mitchell's swaggering "Chicago" character.



The full cast and crew of "Is He Dead?" after opening night pictured with Director Sharon Mitchell. Great job to all!!

In addition to the actual play, there was also a bake sale and raffle at the performance.

Attendees could give a free will donation and pick up any of the tasty treats or pay a dollar in order to participate in the raffle. Winners received grocery and gas gift certificates.

Modern Woodsmen matched the money made. In the end, it was a successful couple of nights.

"The play went over really well. It was fun to be a part of the crew and I enjoyed the cast. I would definitely do it again," said Cassidy Wright.



Phelim (Taiven Logan) and Dutchy (Michael Luke) show "Daisy" (Tad Lacey) how a lady sits down properly.

Grant Funded "Nooks" Are Fun Asset For English Classes

English teacher Jason Kurtz recently received the news he was hoping for in he was awarded an Excellence in Education grant from the South Dakota Area Community foundation to purchase new "Nook" for his classroom! For those of you who are unfamiliar with this device, a Nook is an electronic book reader developed by Barnes & Noble. It has a six-inch touch-screen that allows the reader to turn the page with just a touch of a finger. These Nooks appeal to the technical nature of students today.

Kurtz purchased ten of the Nook Simple touch Readers and is anxious to incorporate them into his classes. He plans to use them in his freshmen and junior English classes next semester.

"My goal is to incorporate fiction into the daily media experience of young readers and if using these Nooks is what it takes, then I will make them available for the students," said Kurtz.

The Nooks will reduce the number of hard copy novels that need to be purchased. One student from each Literature Circle group will get the luxury of using the Nook to read a book of the group's choice. After completing a book, the Nook will then be passed on to a new student in the group to

ensure that everyone gets a chance to utilize the new electronic devices.

The freshman and junior students are very excited about using the new Nooks in class. As of now, the ten Nooks combined have almost 100 novels downloaded onto them for the students to choose from. All the novels vary in style to ensure that every student can find a book they are interested in. Kurtz believes that by using Nooks, students tend to read more pages. "The Nooks really help students veer away from choosing a book by the size or page count because all they see in the actual book description to make their decision from."

Another benefit of the Nook is that it leads people to try a new genre they normally wouldn't pick up off a shelf. The original cover of the book does not show so the artwork on the book will not sway anyone's opinion of it. Kurtz is currently working on getting the Nooks charged and ready to go so that he can allow kids to check them out over Christmas break.

Come January, these Nooks are going to be available to students in his current English classes; however, he does have four extra Nooks that any student in the high school can use.



English teacher Jason Kurtz makes sure all of the Nooks are working for his students on this early test run.



The new Nooks will be an asset to the reading strategies in all of the English classrooms. It will allow for a more variety of material.

Financial Aid night for seniors very informative for future goals

On Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, Brenda Murtha, the Director of Financial Aid for Augustana College, came to Dell Rapids High School to give a PowerPoint presentation about financial aid to the seniors and their parents.

Financial Aid is money from certain places that helps a student with the costs of college. Some financial aid includes scholarships, grants, loans, and employment opportunities (most financial

sources are to supplement, not replace, resources of the family). In the presentation, the definition of need was shown as a subtraction problem (Cost of Attendance (COA) minus Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equals financial need); EFC for dependent students is decided by parent contribution from income and assets and student contribution from available income and asset.

There are many sources of financial aid from Federal to State organizations, colleges, universities, churches, private foundations, and many others. Students and parents were made sure of their options and opportunities that will help with the secondary

process later in the year when applying for financial aid and other scholarships.

"Brenda is a great source for our families who are seeking assistance in planning their students' post-secondary plans," said high school Guidance Counselor Jennifer Ruesink.

The presentation was very helpful and informative for all who attended, but if you missed it then you can find information at www.studentaid.gov, or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). You can also contact with Mrs. Ruesink at the high school at 428-5473, Opt. 1, for more information or help in getting started.

Best of luck to all of you seniors your future plans

The ACT Test Dates For 2011/2012

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

For any other testing or scholarship information, contact Mrs. Jennifer Ruesink, Guidance Counselor, at 428-5473 - Opt. 1 at the Dell Rapids High School.

Ag In Action

The new semester will have two sections of Wildlife and Fisheries. These classes will be offered during the first and second skinny class periods and they will last the entire semester. Students enrolled in this class will recognize the importance of managing fish and wildlife and understand the importance habitat plays in their populations, identify key factors including economic and social issues related to fish and wildlife and identify life patterns of fish and wildlife.

Because of the high number of students wanting to take Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, another section will be offered the second semester. These students will have the opportunity to learn about the role of the FFA organization in Agriculture Education, define and discuss the concepts of natural resources, demonstrate an understanding of animal science systems, demonstrate an understanding of plant structure and function, relate basic food science technology principles to production agriculture, summarize basic food science technology, and summarize basic principles involved in agricultural systems technology. They will also have the opportunity to learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project.

The quarter long class of Ag Metal Fabrication will be held during 4th block. The students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to: understand the basics of metal fabrication, basic metal skill and designing of plans; understand the principles of oxyacetylene, shielded metal arc, gas metal arc, and tungsten inert gas welding and the correct opera-

tion of the equipment; understand the principles of plasma arc cutting and the correct operation of the equipment. The students will be required to perform specific welds for grades and after the required welds are completed, they will design and construct metal projects.

Senior FFA members can apply for the State FFA Degree and their applications will be reviewed on Jan. 25 to make sure they meet the requirements. The district Star Greenhand will also be selected at that time. The senior members are also working on various scholarships available to FFA members. The Corduroy Classic is scheduled to be held Saturday, Feb. 25. This event includes a pre-game reception for FFA members and half-time festivities. It will be a night of great basketball and an opportunity to celebrate the special connection SDSU shares with the FFA. The FFA members are starting to prepare for the spring career development events. Those events areas include: Ag Business Management, Ag Mechanics, Ag Sales, Agronomy, Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Dairy Foods, Floriculture, Food Science, Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Meats Evaluation, Natural Resources, Nursery/Landscape and Range Plant Identification. The first event will be the livestock judging contest held during the Sioux Empire Farm Show on Saturday, January 28.

There is also a youth invitational calf show open to FFA members Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Sioux Empire Farm Show. Members are also busy planning activities for the National FFA Week February 18 – 25.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NOTES

The Booster Club hosted the Fall Sports Recognition and Awards Night for Cross Country, Volleyball, Competitive Cheer, Boys Golf, and Football on December 4, 2011. The night was a success as we joined the teams in recognizing the athletes and coaches that worked hard in the off-season and during their respective season. Congratulations to the athletes that were recognized and received awards during the evening.

We would like to thank the Dell Rapids staff and parents who helped the Booster Club during the fall athletic events. We greatly appreciate your donations and time!!

Coming up: Winter Sports Season

The winter sports season is in full swing and GOOD LUCK to the Wrestling, Girls Basketball, and Boys Basketball teams!! We are looking forward to watching our athletes compete during the season.

Senior Recognition Night

Wrestling: We will be honoring our wrestling seniors on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012.
Girls and Boys Basketball: Will be honoring our Girls and Boys Basketball seniors on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 during the Girl/Boy Doubleheader.

At these events our seniors and their parents are recognized for their leadership and dedication to their respective sport. Senior recognition is held for each sport at one of the last home games of the regular season.

Quarrier Wear

Remember items are available at the middle school for purchasing throughout the year. We have jackets, wind shirts, sweat shirts, a variety of T-shirts, shorts, sweats, and hats to choose from.

2011-2012 Athletic Booster Board Members:

You can still become a Booster Club member. Memberships are \$15 and include a school activities calendar with all athletic events and pictures. Contact a Booster Club member for more information.

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

Quarrier Bowling League starts

A club bowling team, which includes eight girls and six boys, was cleared by the school board to use the Quarrier name and now travels to Sioux Falls, Brandon, Hartford, Brookings, and Vermillion for meets and tournaments.

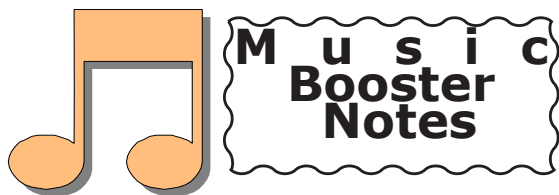
South Dakota recognizes bowling as a club sport and is now an organization that has to be funded by the participants as the tight budget does not allow the school to fund this sport. Each student needed to pay \$120.00 by Dec. 15 which would cover their weekly bowling fees and uniforms. Dells Bowl hosted a tournament on Sat., Nov. 26, 2011, to help raise money for the team for transportation costs, sanction fees, and additional tournaments and practices. During the tournament at Dells Bowl, many area businesses donated items for a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Bowling coach Craig Tieson offered to cut off his long hair for donations, which raised several hundred dollars for the team and some hair for Locks of Love.

So far, this new sport has been a major hit. "The kids are having a lot of fun with it. Meets are usually on Friday's weekly, with a couple of Tuesday's thrown in there. Practices are generally every Tuesday and some Sunday's," said Coach Tieson.

Just to pull out a few stats on this new organization, the bowlers went up against Brookings at the Dells Bowl where the boys lost 4-46. Alex Tieson had high game at 169, with Sean Gerber having high series at 409. The girls won 30-20 with Alexis Ruth's high game of 236 and high series of 568! They have finished off their season for 2011 away and next home action starts with the new year at the Dells Bowl on Jan. 6, 2012 with pins falling beginning at 4:00 P.M. So head down and check out the newest form of Quarrier entertainment.

For more information on meet and tournament schedules or team information contact the Dells Bowl at 428-3800.

Go Quarriers!!!



Welcome to the Music Boosters. Interested in helping plan 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 7 P.M. in the new and improved band room. Due to the holidays, our next meeting is Jan 9, 2012.

The Holiday concerts were a great success. We are planning on more music entertainment coming your way with the Music Boosters Dinner and possibly a jazz concert as well as the Spring concerts.

Even though Marching Band performances this year are done come watch the Pep Band during various home sport events. We do have a talented troupe of musicians. There are 6 students trying out for All State Middle School Band and 2 stu-

dents trying out for All State High School. Tryouts are December and January.

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

The Yankee Candle fundraising was a sweet smelling success as well as the Schwan's purchases so thanks to all for your help. Fundraising is part of the Music Boosters program and helps with the cost of trips (which is in the planning stage), scholarships, instrument repairs, uniforms and other musical venues. 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 you can email your child's teacher

East Central Honors Band selectees performed

On Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, three students from the Dell Rapids High School band were chosen to have the opportunity to play with the South Dakota East Central Honors Band. This event happens every year and a few students are chosen from each of the larger schools by director recommendation.

The East Central Honors band has two different ensembles in the Concert and Jazz Bands. Dell Rapids band student Jayme Damm was chosen to play with the Jazz band group and DRHS band students Ben Hinricher and Miranda Krogstad were chosen to play with the Concert band group. Both of these groups were directed by guest director Steve Wright. The four pieces the Jazz band played were all original compositions for Steve Wright while the four pieces the Concert band played were from various composers. A total of approximately 100 students from 19 different schools were involved in this program.

The East Central Honors Jazz Band played such pieces entitled "GAC Blues", Samara Little Bird", and

"Flyin'". The Concert band played four pieces entitled, "The Battle Pavane", Slavonic Rhapsody", "... To Realms of Endless Day", and, "Cajun Folk song".

Damm said, "The Jazz Band was really awesome. Our performance was great."

"The experience was really fun. I met a lot of great musicians and a lot of them were going out for All-State, so I might see them there. It was cool meeting a lot of passionate musicians," said Hinricher.



(Above): Jazz Band participant Jayme Damm; (Left): Concert band participants Ben Hinricher and Miranda Krogstad.

All-State Choir members were one of the featured performances for the choir on the night for the high school singing a German song in "Verleih' uns Frieden".



High school concert band played many musical numbers in "Christmas Sketches" and "Happy Xmas (War is Over)"; the middle school bands in grades 6th-8th played a variety of numbers in "12 Days of Christmas", "Feliz Navidad", and "All Is Calm" with featured spots on different sections of the bands.



Middle school concert choir performers were from grades 5-8 and highlighted the Christmas spirit through selections of "Festival of Lights", "Christmas Bells are Ringing!", "The Legend of the Bells", "In The Spirit", Ode to Joy", "Do You Hear What I Hear?", and concluding in the 8th Graders "We Wish You a Swinging Holiday!"

The high school Concert Choir entertained the crowd with "Jazz Gloria", "Christmas Time is Here", and, "African Alleluia", to name a few. There were two featured solos from Senior Alex Tiesen during "White Christmas", and Junior Samantha Mathis singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas".



The Jazz Band finished the evening with two rockin' numbers in "This Christmas" and "Rockin' On Top of the World". Thank you to everyone who participated in making these events successful.



"My Marvelous Magical Sleigh" was the title of the "Final" elementary school performance in the current building. This storyline focused on musical numbers that worked around the storyline of finding an old sleigh that belonged to Santa as was told by a series of elves, reindeer, and eventually Santa himself. This show ended with their "Holiday Lights" number that concluded a long tradition of Christmas programs in the elementary gym.

The Kindergarten classes started the program with reindeer and ended with their musical bells number.

Middle school December Students of the Month selected



Dell Rapids Middle School would like to announce and congratulate the Students of the Month for December. 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. Student of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places!

December students of the Month were: (fourth row-from left): Nadine Hegge and Deni Ahlers (8th Grade); (third row-from left): Autumn Schumaker and Jacob Wolles (7th Grade); (second row-from left): Blake Reider and Sydney LaCoursiere (6th Grade); and, (first row-from left): Sydney Eichinger and Ethan Hollaren (5th Grade)

Congratulations to all on a job well done!!



Hat Day!

Thank you to all of our students and staff who contributed to Hat Day on Nov. 26, 2011.

With your help and Modern Woodmen's contribution, we raised \$1000 for Character Counts and Kids' Circle!

THANK YOU!!



What's Happening at the Elementary?

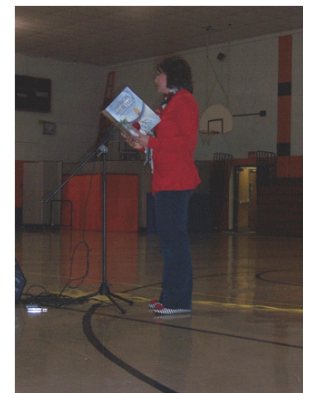
The elementary school celebrated Veteran's Day on Nov. 11, 2011, with an all-school assembly. Students with family members who are serving or have served in the military participated in the presentation.

Fourth grade students Jordan Eining, Riley Peter, Joe Tisher and Erin Larson read the President's Proclamation. Our title teacher Erin Reidel read the book, "America's White Table." During the reading, several students and teachers set the table. Mrs. Gaul (music teacher), Levi Gaul, Kyra and Jaden Wajer, Sadie and Sam Schmitt, Gracie and Truman Vail, Kylie Bittner, Rylee Rinehart, Mrs. Abraham (2nd grade teacher), Morgan Brech and Mychael Williams set an item on the table to represent the importance of remembering our veterans.

Thank you to our students for their participation, to our teachers for their involvement and to our families that support the many veterans and active duty members of the military in our community.



Elementary school students surround the table where they displayed the effects of the book ready entitled "America's White Table".



Title teacher Erin Larson reads a patriotic book to the students to set the mood for the Veteran's Day program.

Dell Rapids Community Haven

BEGINNING IN JANUARY

The Haven's BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM will be held at the NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in the MAIN COMMONS AREA. Please use the North Main entrance.

The AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS will be held at the OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in the LIBRARY AREA. Please use the North Main/Gym entrance.

A school bus will be used to transport Haven students from school to Haven in the afternoon.

We are very excited about our new space & programming opportunities!

Haven Staff will be present at the New Elementary School OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, from 7-8pm to answer any questions you may have about the transition.

Contact the Dell Rapids Community Haven at 366-8612!

DONATIONS NEEDED

To help us create a fun, warm & inviting environment in our new space, we are looking for donations of the following items:

*Beanbags; *Butterfly or Saucer Chairs; *Foosball Table; *Storage Shelves/Cabinets; *Dress-up Clothes; *Doll House/Accessories; *Play Furniture; *Fish Tank Stand; *Art Supplies; *Toys/Games

*or any other items you think would make a great addition to our program.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP...
THANK YOU!!!

Just a Reminder To:

Anyone who purchased Quarrier State Football wear to please contact Coach Steve Hansen to pick up your items at the high school. Information concerning your items can be obtained from the Dell Rapids High School at 428-5473, Opt. 1.

If you did not order before Christmas time, Coach Hansen has a few extra items available for sale in different sizes and designs. Thank you for supporting the Quarrier football team!!

A Place For YOUth!

We can ENERGIZE OUR FAMILIES
in Dell Rapids!

Are you interested in learning how to make healthier nutrition choices for your family? Join us for three free sessions that will focus on the tools needed to make healthy choices for your homes. Dates and times of the sessions are to be determined...based on participant availability. A \$50.00 gift card to County Fair will be awarded to one lucky individual who completes the classes and their evaluation form. Please email Char at char.faulstich@k12.sd.us for further details or to sign-up. We hope you can take advantage of this great opportunity!!

School will be starting again!!!

School will resume on **Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012** so please pay attention to kids walking and busses on the road. Also, pay attention to the new walkways and speed limits in the new elementary school zone.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENT!!

The Dell Rapids Carnegie Library will be turning 102 in March. Plans are in the making for a fabulous party so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Watch for more details in upcoming Wise Owl's or contact Deb Huska at 428-3280 during library hours.

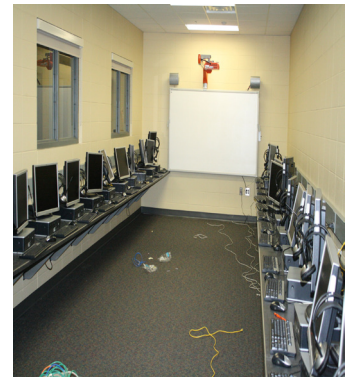
OPEN HOUSE

Teacher Open House for parents and students!!

Tuesday - January 3, 2012 from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.



Come one and all to walk through the new elementary school. This is a time for parents to help their child find classrooms and become familiar with their new environment.



Dell Rapids Elementary School



JANUARY 2012 BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast Choices
Available every day
Breakfast includes:

- Entrée or choice of cereals & toast
- Fresh or Canned Fruit
- Milk choices



Cereal Choices With Toast
Available every day

Entree Note:
Homestyle/Scratch 😊

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
NO SCHOOL 2 	NO SCHOOL 3 	Homestyle Sausage Gravy over Fresh Baked Biscuit 4 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Breakfast Pizza 5 Fruit Milk Choices	Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 6 Milk Choices 😊
Breakfast Pizza 9 Fruit Milk Choices	Fresh Baked Fruit Muffin Square 10 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich made with a Fresh Baked Biscuit 11 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Pancake Sausage Stick 12 Milk Choices	Cinnamon Tastry 13 Milk Choices
French Toast Sticks with Syrup 16 Fruit Milk Choices	Homestyle Sausage Gravy over Fresh Baked Biscuit 17 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Homestyle Breakfast Quesadilla 18 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Breakfast Pizza 19 Fruit Milk Choices	Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 20 Milk Choices 😊
Breakfast Pizza 23 Fruit Milk Choices	New to the Menu! Breakfast Yogurt Fruit Parfait 24 Fruit Milk Choices	Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich made with a Fresh Baked Biscuit 25 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Mini Pancake Sausage Bites 26 Fruit Milk Choices	Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 27 Milk Choices 😊
Cinnamon Tastry 30 Fruit Milk Choices	Homestyle Whole Grain Oat Bar 31 Fruit Milk Choices 😊			

Meal Prices

Student Breakfast \$1.25
Adult Breakfast \$1.60

Breakfast is served every day from 8:15 to 8:55.

Extras Available

Extra Milk \$.45

Applications for Free and Reduced price meals can be obtained from all building offices at any time throughout the school year.

New to the Menu!
Breakfast Yogurt Fruit Parfait



Our new Breakfast Yogurt Fruit Parfait is a great tasting meal by itself, made with fresh or frozen fruit, plus healthy vanilla yogurt. Start your day off right with the perfect combination of fruit and protein and give yourself an energy boost!

Questions Comments

Contact Rhonda Galles, Food Service Director at 605-670-9502 or rhonda@lunchtimesolutions.com



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Dell Rapids Middle High School



JANUARY 2012 BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast Choices
Available every day
Breakfast includes:

- Entrée, choice of Cereals w/Toast, or choices below
- Fresh or Canned Fruit
- Milk choices



Extra Breakfast Choices:

- **Monday:** Biscuit with Sausage Gravy
- **Tuesday:** Breakfast Pizza
- **Wednesday:** Breakfast Sandwich
- **Thursday:** Biscuit with Sausage Gravy
- **Cereal with Toast is available every day**

These items will be served along with the items listed on the menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
NO SCHOOL 2 	NO SCHOOL 3 	Homestyle Sausage Gravy over Fresh Baked Biscuit 4 Fruit Milk Choices 😊	Breakfast Pizza 5 Fruit Milk Choices	Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 6 Milk Choices 😊
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Cinnamon Tastry 30 Fruit Milk Choices	Homestyle Whole Grain Oat Bar 31 Fruit Milk Choices 😊			

Meal Prices

MS Breakfast \$1.25
HS Breakfast \$1.25
Adult Breakfast \$1.60
Extra Milk \$.45

Breakfast is served every day from 8:15 to 8:55.

Entree Note:
Homestyle/Scratch 😊

Applications for Free and Reduced price meals are available at the school office.

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Breakfast Yogurt Fruit Parfait



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Breakfast MENUS

LUNCH MENUS

Dell Rapids Elementary School



JANUARY 2012 LUNCH MENU

MY LUNCHTIME CHOICES!

Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.



Healthy Cool Choices:

Sandwiches are available every day.

Menu Notes:

- Vegetarian
- Homestyle/Scratch
- Good Source of Fiber

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	A. Hot Dog B. Chili Smothered Baked Potato BBQ Beans	A. Homestyle Lasagna B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Baked Breadstick	A. Pizza B. Beef & Bean Burrito Steamed Carrots
A. Golden Macaroni & Cheese B. Hamburger or Cheeseburger Green Beans	A. Fajita B. Fresh Baked Bread Sticks with Meat Sauce Marinated Black Bean Salad	A. Baked Chicken Nuggets B. Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	A. Homestyle Beef Chili B. Baked Corn Dog Steamed Broccoli Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll	A. Grilled Chicken Sandwich B. Pizza Peas
A. Teriyaki Chicken (over Rice) B. Toasted Cheese Sandwich w/Tomato Soup Whole Grain Rice Fortune Cookie	A. Taco Burger B. Hot Dog Baked Mexi Tots	A. Homestyle Ham & Beans with Golden Cornbread B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Peas	A. Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Baked Breadstick	A. Pizza B. MoJo Sandwich Golden Corn
A. Creamy Chicken Stew B. Hamburger or Cheeseburger Mixed Vegetables	A. Taco in a Bag B. Hot Pepperoni Sub Fresh Baked Sugar Cookie	A. Homestyle BBQ Pork Sandwich B. Baked Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans	A. Beef & Gravy (over Mashed Potatoes) B. Baked Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Baked Dinner Roll	A. Homestyle Burrito B. Pizza Tortilla Chips & Salsa
A. New to the Menu! Skillet Cheeseburger Mac B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Golden Corn	A. Super Nachos B. BBQ Rib Sandwich Refried Beans			

Meal Prices

Elem. Student Lunch	\$2.20
Adult Lunch	\$2.85
Extra Milk	\$0.45

Applications for Free and reduced price meals can be obtained from all building offices at any time throughout the school year.

FARMERS MARKET SELECTIONS



January Selection: Beef

Discover the nutritional benefits of Beef on the poster in the dining area or at: <http://server.lunchtimesolutions.com/31/farmersmarket.pdf>

New To The Menu

Announcing Skillet Cheeseburger Mac!



There is nothing better than Macaroni and Cheese, except when we add 100% pure All American ground beef to it! This hearty comfort food is a new homestyle favorite. Let us know what you think!

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Dell Rapids Middle High School



JANUARY 2012 LUNCH MENU

MY LUNCHTIME CHOICES!

Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.



Healthy Cool Choices Offered Daily:

Fresh Baked Sub Sandwiches
Fruited Yogurt
Entree Salads

Menu Notes:

- Vegetarian
- Homestyle/Scratch
- Good Source of Fiber

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	A. Hot Dog B. Chili Smothered Baked Potato BBQ Beans Chef Prepared Entree	A. Homestyle Lasagna B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Baked Breadstick	A. Pizza Ranch B. Beef & Bean Burrito Steamed Carrots
A. Golden Macaroni & Cheese B. Hamburger or Cheeseburger Green Beans	A. Fajita B. Fresh Baked Bread Sticks with Meat Sauce Marinated Black Bean Salad	A. Chicken Dinner Bowl B. Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	A. Homestyle Beef Chili B. Baked Corn Dog Steamed Broccoli Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll	A. Grilled Chicken Sandwich B. Pizza Peas
A. Teriyaki Chicken (over Rice) B. Toasted Cheese Sandwich w/Tomato Soup Whole Grain Rice	A. Taco Burger B. Hot Dog Baked Mexi Tots	A. Homestyle Ham & Beans with Golden Cornbread B. Baked Spicy Chicken Sandwich Peas	A. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Fresh Baked Breadstick	A. Pizza Ranch B. MoJo Sandwich Golden Corn
A. Creamy Chicken Stew B. Hamburger or Cheeseburger Mixed Vegetables	A. Taco in a Bag B. Hot Pepperoni Sub Golden Corn	A. Homestyle BBQ Pork Sandwich B. Breaded Beef Fingers Baked Beans	A. Beef & Gravy (over Mashed Potatoes) B. Baked Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Baked Dinner Roll	A. Homestyle Burrito B. Pizza Tortilla Chips & Salsa
A. New to the Menu! Skillet Cheeseburger Mac B. Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Golden Corn	A. Super Nachos B. Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich Refried Beans			

Meal Prices

MS Lunch	\$2.30
HS Lunch	\$2.30
Adult Lunch	\$2.85
Chef's Prepared Meal	\$4.00
Extra Entrée	\$1.50
Extra Pizza Ranch	\$1.75
Extra Milk	\$.45

Questions/Comments
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Chef Prepared Entree DAY January Date

Chicken Lo Mein! A Chinese classic. Juicy white meat chicken tossed with celery, green onion and Napa cabbage served over linguine pasta in a light soy sauce. The entrée is available for \$4.00 and includes the Fruit and Veggie bar and milk choice. You must have money in your account to choose this entrée.



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January 2012

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 responsible citizenship
 and lifelong learning.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 8:00 AM NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)	3 8:00 AM NO SCHOOL (Staff In-Service Day) 5:00 PM GBB Home vs Lennox C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow	4 8:00 AM School Resumes	5 4:00 PM 7/8 GBB Home vs Tri-Valley 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB @ Tri-Valley 5:00 PM WR Home - Dell Rapids Quad 7:30 PM BBB - BSC Trny Dells vs EPJ @ EPJ	6 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB @ Tea 6:00 PM BBB-BSC Trny @ Elk Point	7 9:00 AM JV GBB-Dells Trny 9:00 AM JV WR-Madison Inv. 10:00 AM WR @ Garretson 2:00 PM BBB- BSC Trny @ SFC
8	9 4:30 PM 7/8 WR-Dells Invite 6:00 PM 7/8 BBB vs Garretson 7:00 PM BOE MTG	10 5:00 PM BBB Home vs SFC C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow	11 4:00 PM C -GBB Home vs. Tea 4:00 PM C- BBB @ Tea	12 4:00 PM 7/8 GBB @ Madison 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB Home vs Madison 7:30 PM GBB-BSC Trny Home vs. Canton (2nd game)	13 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB @ Lennox 6:00 PM GBB-BSC Trny @ Home vs. TBA	14 9:00 AM 7/8 GBB @ Pipestone 10:00 AM WR-Tri-Valley Trny 2:00 PM GBB BSC Trny @ Beresford
15	16 4:00 PM 7/8 GBB Home vs Flandreau 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB @ Flandreau 4:00 PM JV & 9th BBB @ Roosevelt 4:00(9th) 5:15 (JV) 6:00 PM 9th GBB @ SF Lincoln 7:00 PM FFA Chapter Meeting- Ag Classroom	17 4:30 PM 7/8 WR-Canton Trny 5:00 PM GBB @ West Central C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow 5:00 PM BBB Home vs Garretson C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow	18	19 4:00 PM 7/8 GBB Home vs McCook 5:00 PM BBB Home vs Madison C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow 5:30 PM WR-O'Gorman Tri 6:00 PM 7/8 BBB Home vs Garretson	20 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB Home vs Baltic 6:15 PM GBB Home vs Sioux Valley (JV game then Varsity)	21 8:00 AM BBB-Hanson Classic @ Mitchell (TBA) 10:00 AM WR-BSC @ EPJ
22	23 4:00 PM 7/8 GBB @ West Central 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB Home vs West Central 4:00 PM HS Quiz Bowl @ Brandon Valley 5:00 PM 7/8 WR @ Sioux Valley	24 4:00 PM 7/8 GBB @ Baltic 4:30 PM 7/8 BBB Home vs Pipestone 5:00 PM GBB Home vs Beresford C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow 5:00 PM WR- West Central Quad	25 8:00 AM FCCLA Dist. 3 meeting	26 8:00 AM One Act Play- Region @ Brandon 9:00 AM Sophomore Class Ring Mtg w/ Josten's (9:00-9:55) 5:00 PM BBB @ Vermillion C @ 5:00 JV and Varsity to follow	27 8:00 PM DRHS Winter Formal - doors open at 7:00 PM	28 8:00 AM WR-Brookings Trny... TBA 8:00 AM Sophomore BBB (Sioux Valley Tourney) TBD 6:15 PM GBB Home vs Pipestone
29	30 8:00 AM Region II Inst, Solo & Ensemble Contest 4:00 PM 7/8 WR @ Brandon 5:30 PM C GBB & BBB @ Pipestone (girls and boys will play at the same time) 6:00 PM 7/8 GBB @ Garretson	31 4:00 PM BBB & GBB @ Canton 4:00 PM 7/8 BBB Home vs SFC	February 1	2 11:45 AM Sophomore Ring Orders due (11:45-12:45) & (3:43-4:30) 5:30 PM WR-Dells Tri	3 4:15 PM BBB & GBB Home vs Tri-Valley 5:30 PM WR @ Alcester/Hudson Triangular	4 8:00 AM DR Pee Wee WR Trny-TBA 9:00 AM 7/8 BBB - 7th @Dells , 8th @ Tri-Valley 10:00 AM JVWR-Brookings Inv



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