



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools Dell Rapids, South Dakota 1st Quarter 2015-16

Welcome back to another school year at Dell Rapids Public School. It's an honor to be your superintendent and I will do all I can to make 2015-2016 a great school year.

Last year a group of staff and community members worked diligently to create a strategic planning road map for our district. This work is continuous in nature and I believe you'll see changes that you can be proud of. Each and every day our goal is that staff, students, and parents live by the belief statement that having Quarrier pride means "We Empower Each other to Excel".

As you participate in Back to School activities I encourage you to talk with staff members regarding their summer. Many Quarrier staff spent summer break attending classes and finding ways to improve their craft. I can assure you our community of teachers are dedicated and passionate individuals who want success for all students.



Dr. Summer Schultz
Superintendent - DRPS

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

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| Jessica Ahlers, MS SPED | Jennifer Mason, M.S. Math | Brittany Carmichael, MS SPED |
| Lindsey Matzen, 4th Grade | Emma Budahl, 2nd Grade | Theresa McMahan, 3rd Grade |
| Joni Smith, MS Band | Robert Michaelscheck, Vocal Music | Misty Gruener, ES Associate Librarian |
| Kim Shemon, ES Counselor | Laryssa Osheim, K-Prep Teacher | Katherine Telkamp, MS Counselor |
| Jerry Klein, Route Bus Driver | Carrie Nirva, MS Associate | Deanna Batres, MS Associate |

Whether you have students who attend DRPS or you are a Quarrier supporter, keep in mind there are multiple opportunities to share your time and talents. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, I wish you and your children a successful 2015-2016 school year at Dell Rapids Public School.



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

Ag in Action

The sixteen acres of school land is utilized by the agriculture classes as a land lab and allows the FFA members to apply crop production skills.

The Dell Rapids CO-OP applied fertilizer and it was worked in by Riley Anderson. Corn seed was donated by Ed's Produce, Dell Rapids CO-OP and Sioux River Ag and it was planted on April 27th by Dennis Anderson.



Home of the Quarriers

ACTIVITY TICKET POLICY

A family all-season athletic pass will be available for \$100.00. A family pass will include up to two adults (must be a parent or guardian) and all school-age children living in one household. The cost of an individual high school student activity ticket is \$20.00, and the cost of a middle or elementary student activity ticket is \$15.00 for use during the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Other options for admittance to school activities include the adult 10-punch athletic passes for \$30.00 or adult all-season athletic passes for \$50.00 each. Regular contest 2015-16 athletic competition admission prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, and \$6.00 and \$4.00 for double-header games respectively. Dell Rapids senior citizens (age 62 and over) may pick up a free season pass for most athletic events at the District Office. If you missed out at registration, Dell Rapids Schools will also sell passes at the first home football and volleyball games.

SCHOOL LUNCH

The Dell Rapids School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Lunchtime Solutions provides complete, well balanced meals that are attractive and satisfying to students. All students are encouraged to enjoy the nutritious meals that include an all-you-can-eat salad bar. Applications for free and reduced price meals were mailed to each family with registration or open-house information and are also available in the principals' offices. Parents who have not received a direct certification notice, and wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for their children, should return a completed application form to the business office.

Students may buy breakfast for \$1.35 at each school. The daily price for lunch at the elementary school is \$2.60, and the daily price for lunch at the middle school and high school is \$2.70. The price for an adult meal is \$3.30. The price for an extra milk, or milk for elementary breaks, is \$.50. An extra entrée is \$1.60, and an extra pizza slice is \$1.80.

A selection of a la carte items are available for purchase in the middle school and high school after the purchase of a complete meal. Parents are able to place restrictions on student purchases of a la carte items. Accounts may be restricted to allow no purchasing of a la carte items or to allow a la carte purchases with cash only. To request account restrictions for the 2015-2016 school year, parents should call the business manager or food service director at 428-5473.

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

School Policy: If a student's lunch account is delinquent, the student will be provided an alternative meal for up to five days per school year. Through the MySchoolBucks.com website, parents are able to view their child's account balance, access their child's eating history report for the past thirty days, and sign up for low balance notifications. The MySchoolBucks.com website is also a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into a child's school meal account. More information on how to access this service is available on the district website at dr-k12.org.

Dell Rapids Schools Mission Statement:

Quarrier Pride
"We Empower Each
Other To Excel"

Dell Rapids Community Haven

A Great Place for YOUTH!

2015-16 HAVEN FEES:

BEFORE SCHOOL: \$4.00/session

AFTER SCHOOL: \$4.00/session

DROP-IN: \$5.00/session

PUBLIC NON-SCHOOL DAYS:

\$20/full day or \$12/half day (6 hours or less)

Drop-In \$25/full day or \$15/half day

Haven will accept drop-ins if space is available.

Pre-registration and notification is required. Call ahead and pre-register so you are prepared for those unexpected events.

Reduced tuition rates may be available for those who qualify for free or reduced school meals. Please see Haven Program Director for more information.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

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

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

HAVEN'S HOURS OF OPERATION:

- **BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM:**
 - Operates each day public school is in session starting at 6:45 am at the Public Elementary School.
 - If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "late start" on a particular day due to the weather or other emergency, the Before School Program will be CLOSED.
- **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:**
 - Operates each day public school is in session until 6:00 pm at River Community Church (old elementary)
 - The After School Program will be open on all public school *scheduled* early dismissal days beginning when school is dismissed until 6:00 pm (the after school fee for early release day will be determined based on the number of hours of operation).
 - If the Dell Rapids School District announces "early dismissal" due to inclement weather, the After School Program will be CLOSED.
- The Haven Program will be closed on snow days.
- The Haven Program will be open on the following public non-school days from 6:45 am-6:00 pm at River Community Church (old elementary) or the 2015-16 school year: Oct 9, 12; Nov 25; Dec 21, 22, 28, 29, 30; Jan 18; Feb 12, 15; Mar 28; & April 28, 29. Full day and half day rates will apply. Haven will be closed on Aug 21, 24, 25; Dec 23, 24, 25, 31; Jan 1 and all major holidays.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Dell Rapids Haven will host a
HALLOWEEN DANCE
Fundraiser for all ages!



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Friday, Oct 23

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

*MEALS & CONCESSIONS WILL BE SERVED

at an additional cost

*Wear your costume!



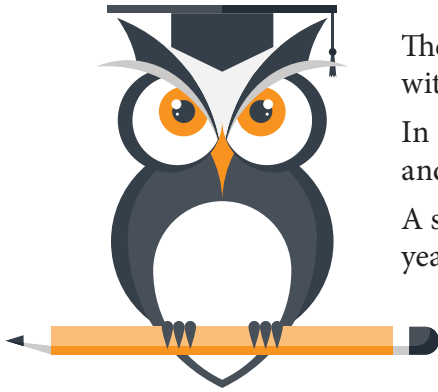
All proceeds will benefit the Haven's Before
School, After School & Summer Programs!

Get your *delicious* PASTRY PUFFINS or PUFFCRUST PIZZA!



ANNUAL HAVEN FUNDRAISER!...Haven is selling these melt-in-your-mouth pastries to raise money for program materials. Puffins come in 5 scrumptious flavors; *Cinnamon, Blueberry-Cream Cheese, Strawberry-Cream Cheese, Apple, or Cherry, & NEW PuffCrust Pizza* is available in 3 flavors: *Sausage, Pepperoni, or Cheese*. Puffins are perfect for family get-togethers, holiday events, gifts or anytime you want a delicious treat! Puffins come frozen and need to stay frozen until ready to use. No need to wait for the product to thaw! When you are ready to enjoy them, simply take out & bake your desired amount.

Place your order from October 26-November 6 with Haven students, staff, and board members or by calling us at 366-8612. Orders will be ready for pick-up the week before Thanksgiving.



The **Wise Owl** will again be published quarterly for the 2015-16 school year with issues being scheduled for August, November, February, and April.

In addition, the school lunch menus and COMPLETE and up-to-date athletics and activities schedules will be available on the school website dr-k12.org.

A special “**Thank You**” to Stacey Gleason who did a fantastic job with last year’s **Wise Owl**. We really appreciate all her hard work.

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

Marc and Joanne Mathis

Matt and Amber Larson

Jason and Shannon Hemenway

2015/2016 Booster Club Officers:

President – Steve & Kris Heinemann

Vice President – Jason & Cindy Pulscher

Treasurer – Dondi Ahlers/Asst – Jason Hemenway

Secretary – Barb Pedde/Asst – Joanne Mathis

Our **Booster Club Membership** drive is under way. Your **\$25 Booster Club Membership** includes our event calendar. Your support is appreciated and is vital to our success.

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

September 11th

September 12th at 9AM - 1st Annual **Kick-Off to Homecoming 5K Walk/Run**

September 18th - Homecoming

For more information contact Kris at heinexfour@hotmail.com or at 351-0716.

2015 Booster Club Football Books are in! Your \$20 donation gives you the opportunity to win \$20 at half time and \$25 for the final score on all Monday Night Football games. We will also be giving away \$20 at half time and \$50 for the final score of the Quarrier Homecoming game. For more information contact Marc at mamathis@siouxvalley.net.

Quarrier clothing can be ordered a couple of times during this school year using an order form. The order forms will be available at the school’s open houses, stop by and look at the many new styles. Order forms are also available in the high school, middle and grade school offices. The first order will be placed immediately after the open houses.

We have an exciting opportunity to raffle off a black JAMBOX – The Boombox ReInvented which was donated by AT&T. The tickets for this new, ultra-portable, great looking wireless and intelligent speaker are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

To stay in touch with Quarrier activities:

“Like” us on Facebook

Visit our website at drboosterclub.com

Email us at drboosterclub@gmail.com

Good luck to all of our coaches & athletes!

STUDENT HEALTH

Food Allergies:

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

Immunization Records:

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

Medications:

All students requiring medication administration during school hours must complete the proper forms.

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

TOBACCO/ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY

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

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dell Rapids School District is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to employment policies and practices, or educational programs. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (not all prohibited basis apply to all programs. Inquiries concerning the application of Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 may be referred to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Summer Schultz, at 1216 N. Garfield, (605) 428-5473 option 1, Dell Rapids, SD 57022 or to the Regional Director, Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 10220 N. Executive Hills Boulevard, 8th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri (816) 880-4200. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or Call (202)720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

MY CHILD'S TEACHER

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

GenCyber Camp

Eleven students from Dell Rapids attended the free Girls GenCyber Camp held at Dakota State University in Madison, SD. Kailyn Bittner, Olivia Clark, Sydney Eichinger, Brooke Gronli, Paige Krumm, Amber Kruse, Ella Lueders, Kenedy Mergen, Megan Nemmers, Taylor Reit, and Bergen Weiland participated in DSU's first cybersecurity camp from July 19 through July 24. The purpose of the camp was to spark more female interest in cybersecurity. During the week, Dell Rapids students took part in sessions taught by college professors, informational technology professionals, along with college students. Some sessions students attended were mobile app development, password cracking, and programming robots to perform certain tasks.

Middle and high school computer teachers Scott Headrick and Deb Huska received information regarding the camp last spring and forwarded information to students and parents. "I am pleased with the number of students that elected to register and participate in the camp. When your school has 11 of the 100 students present at the camp that says a lot about our students at Dell Rapids." Headrick hopes with the success of this camp and the great experience students had at the GenCyber Camp this year, that more will sign up for next year's event. Dakota State University plans to offer a similar camp for girls next summer.



Dell Rapids Brooke Gronli (left) and Taylor Reit (right) participate in a Laser Tag activity at the GenCyber Camp (photo courtesy of GenCyber Girls on Twitter)



5th Grade Band Night

5th Grade Band Night is Monday, August 31st at 6:30pm in the band room. All 5th graders and their parents are invited to come! We will be having a quick meeting to discuss band, Mrs. Smith's expectations, and allow time for the students to pick out instruments. Schmitt Music will also be at the meeting that night in case you need to rent or buy an instrument. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Smith at joni.smith@k12.sd.us.

AHERA ASBESTOS WARNING – Dr. Summer Schultz, Supt.

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

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

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

Ag In Action

Chapter Officer Attends Leadership Retreats, Gains Skills.

Austin Machmiller, the Dells FFA Chapter President, his brother Casey, his dad Alan and Mr. Wolff, attended the State FFA Leadership Retreat at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD on July 7-10. The retreat centered on the Pixar movie *A Bug's Life* theme, focusing on "Where Will You Be When the Last Leaf Falls?" FFA members developed and enhanced their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. The program featured workshops that helped members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. They will use these new skills and ideas to benefit their local chapters and communities. Retreat attendees also participated in a service learning project in conjunction with the City of Custer along with attending the lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore. The retreat was directed by the 2015-2016 State FFA Officers: President, Jordanne Howe, Redfield; Vice President, Kiera Leddy, Milbank; Secretary, Jeanette Klein, White; Treasurer, Jonathan Linke, Woonsocket; Reporter, Andrea Schubloom, DeSmet; and Sentinel, Shane Mueller, Garretson. Retreat staff also included Madison Fuegen, Rapid City; and Anne Stenberg, Brookings; SD FFA Ambassadors. During two days of the retreat, Mr. Wolff participated in the workshop offered on dairy processing and Alan Machmiller finished constructing a handicap ramp to enter the main lodge at the camp.



Courses offered in Agriculture Education fall semester:

Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

- learn the role of the FFA organization in Agriculture Education
- define and discuss the concepts of natural resources, animal science systems, plant structure and function, food science technology principles
- learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project.

Ag Processing (1st quarter)

- identify processing, handling, and storage factors and how they impact product quality and safety
- learn how those factors work with processing inspection and laws

Wildlife and Fisheries (2nd quarter)

- learn the importance of managing fish and wildlife

Fundamentals of Plant Science

- be prepared to enter careers in plant science which are expected to grow by 10% by 2016
- learn the principles of anatomy and physiology in plants in both domesticated and natural environment

Fundamental of Animal Science

- apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to produce and manage animals in a domesticated or natural environment

Future events for FFA members:

Sept. 3-7th **South Dakota State Fair** in Huron. Entries for the state fair are due August 15.

September 5th **Dell Rapids FFA Chapter Meeting** will be at 7pm held in the DRHS Ag room.

September 24th **Celebrate National Teach Ag Day** to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education.

September 30th **Southeast Regional Land Judging**
The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2016.

October 28-31st **88th National FFA Convention & Expo** in Louisville, Kentucky.

November 5th **Leadership Events** hosted by the Harrisburg Chapter.

November 10th **Jackrabbit Inventational Leadership Events** held in Brookings.

November 16th **Competition at West Central** against 9 other schools. The top three individual competitors and the top two teams will advance to compete at the state event held in Pierre on December 6-7th.

SUMMER FUN

The FFA started the summer break off serving lunch to the students enrolled in driver's education. Alex Nordstrom and Jacob Wolles helped serve the lunch each of the four days. A reward trip was planned by members who earned enough points to be eligible. Those members eligible to attend were Austin Broin, Paige Burggraff, Austin Eulberg, Riley Jurgensen, Austin Machmiller, Karisa Neels and Andrew Wiebenga. A camping/fishing trip was planned at Pierre on June 17, 18 & 19. Those attending were Austin E., Riley, Austin M. and Andrew. Austin Machmiller's dad, Alan, and Mr. Wolff provided their expertise in camping, cooking and fishing. All those who attended had an enjoyable and memorable time.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August:

- 19th - Substitute Teacher Inservice MS/HS Library (9am)
- 20th - New Teacher Orientation
- 24-25th - Staff Inservice Days
- 26th - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



September:

- 7th - No school (**LABOR DAY**)
- 18th - Homecoming - Parade at 1PM & Game at 7PM
- 30th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

October:

- 8th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 9th - No school
- 12th - No school (**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**)
- 28th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release
- 29th - End of 1st Quarter



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

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