



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

4th Quarter 2015-16

Month of the Military Child

As spring hits the middle school, our students are involved in a multitude of activities. We've had the history fair and will have the science fair soon. Students are taking assessments of various types to show the growth they've experienced academically. Students are preparing oratory speeches to perform for their classmates, teachers and interschool competitions. Various field trips are being planned to show the relevance of learning to the world.

While all of these events are very worthy, the focus on a specific day in April holds special significance to several students in not only the middle school, but in schools across the nation. April is The Month of the Military Child, and April 15th is the specific day our students and staff are encouraged to wear the color purple to help recognize the challenges our military's children face that are unique to their situations. Here in the middle school, we recognize students who have parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles currently or previously in the military. There are around 1.3 million military children that are school-aged. Military children serve our country in their own distinct ways. The separation from family members and the challenges involved with relocation are unique

difficulties many students experience during their formative years. This type of service is deserving of not only our acknowledgement, but also our continued support as a school and as a community. I encourage you to help thank not only the honorable service men and women, but their children as well.

Have a great spring!



Fran Ruesink
DR Middle School Principal

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

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER? Join the FUN AT HAVEN!

2016 Summer Haven Programs

All Summer Programs are open to students who have completed Kindergarten through age 12.

- Flexible scheduling and rates
 - Open 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays
 - \$15 one-time Registration Fee per participant (\$30 after April 30)
- Weekly tuition fees are based on Full Day & Half Day Rates. Full Day: \$21; Half Day (6 hrs or less): \$13
 - Reduced fees are available for those who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.
 - Tons of fun activities planned including: local and area field trips, art & craft projects, sports, food fun, board & card games, indoor & outdoor games, science experiments, multicultural activities, special events, visitors, community service projects and time to just have fun with friends!

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



- * Sponsored by the City of Dell Rapids
- * \$15 Registration Fee/child (\$30 after Apr 30)
- * Eleven-week program, from May 31-August 11, features a different sport each week.
- * Learn or develop skills in: outdoor games, hockey, football, team building, track & field, dance, rugby, badminton & tennis; volleyball, lacrosse, and an Olympic style fitness challenge!
- * Meets Monday-Thursday morning at River Community Church Gym (old elementary)

Times TBD based on enrollment. Schedules will be provided to participants in late May.



FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS

- * Transportation Sponsored by the City of Dell Rapids
- * Leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. each Friday
- * Visit and explore places like: Skyzone, ice skating, Ingalls Homestead, DR Quarries, bowling, state parks, Great Plains Zoo, DR Museum, Prehistoric Indian Village, SD Children's Museum, Wild Water West, Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, & lots of area aquatic centers!
- * Full day tuition rates apply plus applicable entrance fee for the day. Entrance fees will vary each week.
- * Join us for one trip or all of them! Prior registration is required.
- * Drop-ins are welcome as space is available. Deadline to sign-up is on Wednesday for each week.

"Early Bird" Registration is due April 30

All registration fees will be increased to \$30 per child after this date- so **SIGN UP TODAY!**

On-going enrollment will be accepted as space is available.

Summer Enrollment Packets are available at:
(1) Haven, before or after school, (2) St. Mary's Elementary School Office, (3) Public Elementary School Office, (4) Public Middle School Office, (5) Dell Rapids City Hall (Rec. Program Only), (6) <http://haven-dellrapids.k12.sd.us>
or call us at 366-8612

Dell Rapids Haven, A Great Place For YOUth!

Upcoming Concert & Event Dates for Music Department:

Wednesday, April 20th at Harrisburg High School (Time TBA)

Dell Rapids High School Band & Choir will participate in the Region II Large Group Contest

Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th

Senior Band & Choir Member Trip to Minneapolis

Thursday, May 12th at 7:00pm

Dell Rapids Middle School Band & Choir Concert in HS Gym

Saturday, May 21st at 2:00pm

Dell Rapids High School Band & Choir performs at Graduation

Monday, May 30th at TBA

Dell Rapids High School Band Performs at the Memorial Day Festivities in town.



DRMS proudly announces and congratulates the Students of the Month.

These individuals have demonstrated positive behavior reflective of the Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, responsibility, respectfulness, fairness, good citizenship, and care for others. Thanks to Lunchtime Solutions, Video Plus and Pizza Ranch, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates!



Congratulations to our February Students of the Month:

5th Grade: Brayden Pankonen and Hannah Downs
6th Grade: Adriana Urquijo and Peyton VanZee
7th Grade: Cody Schultz and Kiya Miller
8th Grade: Logan Stone (not pictured) and Logan Ellingson



Congratulations to our March Students of the Month:

5th grade: Chase Jones & Jade Anstine
6th grade: Brooklyn Spoonemore & Haileigh Barnhart
7th grade: Brady Larson & Teri Schoeberl
8th grade: Ethan Geurts & Alexis Frevik



Congratulations to our April Students of the Month:

5th Grade: Olivia Godwin & Haley Larson
6th Grade: Autumn Tomes & Makayla Duinkerken
7th Grade: Ella Schmidt & Riley Nyman
8th Grade: Stephanie Geraets & Carter Rentz

MEDICATIONS

Parents, if your child has medication stored in the nurse's office, please pick up the remaining medication by the last day of school. Any medication not picked up by the last day of school will be destroyed. Thank you. Have a great summer! ~ Jill Dvorak, RN

Junior Achievement (JA) is ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to succeed. Thanks to more than 2,100 JA classroom volunteers who committed to teaching JA programs, over 50,000 South Dakota students are being empowered to achieve their dreams. JA volunteers play a key role in bringing JA to life. By sharing their personal and professional experiences, JA volunteers guide students to make the connection between what they are learning in school and what they will need to succeed in work and life.

Please extend a special thank you to the volunteers and teachers listed below who participated in JA during

the 2015-16 school year. Because of this teacher/JA volunteer partnership, students are well on their way to preparing themselves to become our future leaders.

If you would be interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with students in elementary, middle, or high school, please contact the JA office at (605)336-7318 or jasd@ja.org. A Junior Achievement experience will leave you feeling proud, energized, and hopeful about a better future for our young people.



Dell Rapids 2015-16 Junior Achievement Volunteers and Teachers

Dell Rapids Elementary School

Grade	Teacher	JA Program	JA Volunteer	Employer
1	Jessica Hendrickson	JA Our Families	Michelle Vanderwerf	Sanford Health
1	Stacy Konsor	JA Our Families	Jamie Hansen	Citigroup Inc.
1	Pam Leib	JA Our Families	Jody Heinemann	Wells Fargo
1	Phyllis Schaefer	JA Our Families	Jessica Borns	Esurance
1	Phyllis Schaefer	JA Our Families	Susie Hanson	Esurance
2	Marcy Anderson	JA Our Community	Molly Klosterman	Wells Fargo
2	Emma Budahl	JA Our Community	AliceAnn Krantz	BX Civil & Construction, Inc.
2	Katie Wolff	JA Our Community	Amy Hofeman	Wells Fargo
3	Tasha Davis	JA Our City	Amanda Kriens	Home Federal Bank
3	Karla Gruis	JA Our City	Grant Olson	Capital One Financial Corporation
3	Theresa McMahan	JA Our City	Trista Bruhn	Spartan Staffing
3	Nichole North	JA Our City	Joan Murphy	PREMIER Bankcard
4	Samantha Jenkins	JA Our Region	Michelle Anderson	Meta Payment Systems
4	Ryan Kooima	JA Our Region	Jessica Evans	South Eastern Council of Governments
4	Lindsey Matzen	JA Our Region	Tracy Welbig	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

2015-16 Quarter 3 - DR Middle School Honor Roll

6th Grade

GOLD

DeStigter, Alli
Geraets, Josie
Jensen, Dylan
Larson, Faithe
Montgomery, Cariss
Pickard, Miriam
Ruesink, Landon
Schmidt, Jayme
Schmidt, Maggie
Spoonemore, Brooklyn
Sterud, Paige
VanZee, Peyton

SILVER

Anderson, Alex
Barnhart, Haileigh
Bittner, Kylie
Crosby, Graci
Davidson, Logan
DeKnikker, Josh
Dombrowe-Salo, Jada
Duinkerken, Makayla
Garcia De Loera, Yazmin
Gill, Aaron
Goeken, Matthew
Henry, Austin
Hilmoe, Zoey
Hof, April
Hohn, Landon
Holm, Charles
Knappe, Victor
Krumm, Payton
LaDeaux, Alexyss
Ljunggren, Madison
Lodmell, Tori
Mason, Ian
Merry, Michael
Miller, Caden
Person, Taina
Randall, Luke
Reider, Cassi
Rice, Cara
Saxon, Aaron
Stone, Shane

Tiernan, Lilly
Tomes, Autumn
Urquijo, Adriana
VanOverbeke, Hanna
VanOverbeke, Madysen
Visser, Grant
VonHoltum, Landon
Witte, Michaela

BRONZE

Erickson, Micah
Garry, MacKenzie
Golden, Kate
Hawthorne, Logan
Jorgensen, Chloe
Kludt, Jade
Krantz, Sidney
Krempges, Mallory
Lacey, Leigha
Mason, Weston
McDaniel, Tristen
Nelson, Hunter
Prochaska, Kylie
Pudwill, Madeline
Rinehart, Rylee
Schrad, Carter
Shellum, Zachary
Strauss, Winston
Tjaden, Tyler
Trewin, Ashlynn
Viereck, Alex
Waldner, Landon

7th Grade

GOLD

Dorn, Becky
Fletcher, Kathryn
Griebel, Eli
Kringen, Madeline
Price, Samantha
Rentz, Colin
Schmidt, Samantha
Schmitt, Sadie

SILVER

Berg, Lucas
Downs, Olivia
Fiddelke, Ellie
Gee, Brayden
Hansen, Taylor
Larson, Brady
Lensing, Asher
Maeschen, Coby
Nyman, Riley
Prasek, Olivia
Rentz, Connor
Vietor, Rachael
Wajer, Kyra
Wilber, Madelynn

BRONZE

Andersen, Dayton
Apland, Mackenzie
Clark, Caleb
Geraets, Mitchell
Hegg, Allison
Hillmar, Danek
Moore, Aidan
Nelson, Carter
Nirva, Justin
Pulscher, Katy
Schmidt, Ella
Schrad, Logan
Sundt, Lathan
Vanderloo, Veronica
Weiland, Andrew

8th Grade

GOLD

Goeken, Mason
Gordon, Britton
Gruis, Kade
Haak, Mallory
Heiberger, Hannah
Hofeman, Kendra
Lee, Cydney
Miles, Jenna
Mortrude, Zoe
Nordstrom, Andy

North, Katelyn
Oberge, Kaylei
Riswold, Ethan
Rus, Dez
Rus, Gabi
Schumacher, Cade
Stelzer, Olivia
Stelzer, Sydney
Tisher, Joseph
VanRegenmorter, Drew
Watkins, Mackenzie
Welbig, Karsen
Wood, Tyler
Yetter, Dylan

SILVER

Brech, Morgan
Carr, Gage
Dorris, Libbie
Graham, Kyra
Hansen, Aspen
Heinemann, Mitchell
Larson, Erin
Meyer, Amy
Peter, Riley
Randall, Noah
Schoeberl, Jessica
Schuring, Ava
Shellum, Ceara
Steineke, Jacob
Steineke, Katie
Stone, Logan
Visser, Logan
Welbig, Avery

BRONZE

Emery, Sydney
Frantz, Dillan
Frevik, Alexis
Geurts, Ethan
Hemenway, Anaka
Rentz, Carter
Sapp, Jacob
Stauffenecker, Abby

Ag In Action

Forestry, wildlife, soil and water along with careers in agriculture will be the final units for the twenty-four Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource students.



The Wildlife and Fisheries class has been busy going over birds and mammals and will finish out the year covering various information relating to fishing and careers in wildlife and fisheries.

Methods of marketing agricultural commodities will be the main focus of the Ag Business Sales and Marketing class.

The Ag Power Technology students have gained knowledge related to engine construction and the principles of operation. They will have the opportunity to start working on various engine projects in the shop. Those projects range from simple maintenance to more in-depth repairs.

In the FFA, members had opportunities to develop skill in various areas and test those skills in events in Howard, Flandreau, Tri-Valley, Lennox and Little International. All of those in preparation for the state event. Participating in Natural Resources were Austin Machmiller, Trevor Pulscher, Josh Chase, Josh Heinemann, Kyle Steineke, Jesse Michel, and Kenyon Shellum. In the Horse Judging area were Cheyenna Adams, Sutton Adams, Paige Burggraff and Kayla Wolles. In the Ag Mechanics area, the participants were Justin Huss, Kyle Steineke, Jesse Michel, Casey Machmiller, Kenyon Shellum, Evan Brown and Logan Ruesink. Lexi Klein, Riley Anderson and Tim Jaycox were the members participating in the Livestock Evaluation event. Xander Vlietstra, Trevor Pulscher and Tanner Trewin participated in the Agronomy area. At the first event hosted by Howard, Sutton Adams placed 6th in Horse Evaluation and the team placed 5th. Lexi Klein placed 8th in Livestock Evaluation and the Ag Mechanics team placed 3rd. At the Flandreau event, Kyle Steineke placed 3rd, Kenyon Shellum and Evan Brown placed 7th in the Ag Mechanics event with the team finishing 2nd. The Horse Evaluation team placed 6th. At Tri-Valley, Kayla Wolles placed 10th in Horse Evaluation with the team placing 5th. The Ag Mechanics team also placed 5th. The Tri-

Valley event is also considered our district event so all of the results are recalculated using only the 10 schools within our FFA district. That moved Kayla Wolles into 1st place and Cheyenne Adams into 3rd place in Horse Evaluation. Lexi Klein moved to 2nd place in Livestock Evaluation, Kyle Steineke moved into 2nd place and Evan Brown moved into 4th place in the Ag Mechanics event. At Lennox, Cheyenne Adams placed 2nd and Paige Burggraff placed 7th in the Horse Evaluation event with the team placing 4th. The Ag Mechanics team finished in 5th place. The Little International event held on the campus of SDSU had the Horse Evaluation team finishing in 8th place. The members tested their skills at the State FFA Convention held in Brookings on the campus of SDSU on April 10, 11 and 12. On Sunday afternoon, the Natural Resource team completed their entire event. The Ag Mechanics team also completed part of their event on Sunday by taking the written test and completing the team activity. On Monday morning they completed the remaining portions of the event. The other events on Monday included Livestock Evaluation and Horse Evaluation. South Dakota Farmers Union sponsored a Team Up for Safety Quiz Bowl with Dell Rapids competing against Sanborn Central/Woonsocket.

The FFA Chapter Parent/Member banquet will be held on Sunday, April 17 to recognize members for their accomplishments during the 2015-16 year.

The school year may be drawing to a close, but FFA continues with many activities throughout the summer. Activities that members can participate in are: the Jackrabbit Dairy Camp in Brookings on June 2-4; the SDSU Youth Livestock Judging camp in Brookings on June 2-7 and June 12-14; South Dakota Range Camp in Sturgis on June 8-10; the South Dakota Soil Days in Wall on June 22 & 23; Leadership Retreat at Swan Lake near Viborg on June 28-30 or the other Leadership Retreat at Bob Marshall near Custer on July 12-15 (registration is due June 1); Sioux Empire Fair August 5-14; Dakotafest Farm Show August 16-18; and the SD State Fair September 1-5 (registration due Aug. 15). The FFA division at the state fair has more than just livestock, it includes: chapter exhibits; ag mechanics exhibits which include small and large wood projects, small and large metal projects and home accessory projects; agri-science exhibits which include divisions of plant/soil science, animal science/zoology, environmental science, mechanical/engineering science, food science/biochemistry. Of course what is a fair without livestock which includes

rabbits, market barrows and gilts, rams, breeding ewes and lambs as well as market lambs and breeding heifers, market heifers and steers and dairy heifers and cows and goats. Anyone enrolled in a high school agriculture class either first or second semester is eligible to join the FFA. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change. But FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing

diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture. Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

Jump Rope for Heart

Dell Rapids Elementary Schools have been filled with the whapping, whistling sounds of jump ropes for the last couple weeks. The Dell Rapids Elementary students are participating in the American Heart Association's 37th annual Jump Rope for Heart. Along with learning about the cardiovascular system and what measures can be taken to prevent heart disease and other illnesses, the students will be supporting the efforts of the American Heart Association by collecting donations online as well as through family and friends. All money raised will stay here in South Dakota and it benefits the people with heart disease.

As students collect funds, they will be rewarded with achievement puppies, t-shirts, and prizes when they reach certain dollar amounts. Also, for every \$1,500 the students raise, a \$100 certificate is awarded to our school for the physical education program to purchase new equipment.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Two cool new programs coming to our Elementary Physical Education program this Spring/Fall. They are volleyball and NASP (National Archery in Schools Program). These programs have been funded by grant dollars and our local Dell Rapids Booster Club. These lifelong activities will help promote lifelong fitness in our students at DRES.

Mark your calendars for the Elementary field day on May 4th with our rain date of May 11th. If you are interested in helping please contact me at: Shannon.tjaden@k12.sd.us

As of Friday, April 15th students have raised a total of over \$15,000 that will be unveiled at a school celebration after prizes are received from the American Heart Association. That total is over \$2,000 more than last year! If totals come in as anticipated Dell Rapids will finish in the top 3 raising schools in the state behind Spearfish and Sioux Falls. Pretty cool achievement from a smaller school! Thanks again to all of the parents for your support of Jump Rope for Heart and Physical Education at Dell Rapids Elementary School!



Home of the QUARRIERS

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In observance of the American Heart Association Awareness months of February and March, Dell Rapids Middle School students in grades 5 – 8 competed in a dodge ball tournament on March 3, 2016. In order to raise money to support one of the leading causes of death in the United States, students donated money toward socks or a shirt which they could wear for the tournament. The students enjoyed the tournament and raised \$1,315.00 for the American Heart Association.



Thank you to these DRMS students and their families for supporting this worthy cause and raising such a large amount of money. This was a great exercise in community service and working with each other in an effort to address an important issue facing our society.

DRIVER EDUCATION 2016

This year's Driver Education class will take place during the months of June and July. The classroom portion is scheduled for June 6, 7, 8, and 9 from 8:00-4:00 PM. Lunch break will be the responsibility of the student and will run from 12:00-12:30 each day. The Dell Rapids FFA will again be providing lunch for interested students for a \$5 daily fee (grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.). The fee for the Driver Education program is \$160 for in-district students.



Each student will sign up for a specific driving block of time. Registration and sign-up for the driving portion will be Wednesday, April 27 at 7:45 AM in the Middle School Commons on a first-come,

first-serve basis. Students will pay the fee at this time. Parents are not required to accompany their child to sign up. Students are asked to check their summer schedule very carefully for any vacations, camp, retreats etc. that may conflict with either the classroom or driving portion of Driver Education before signing up.

Students who have completed 7th Grade and will be 14 years old on or before October 1, 2016, will be allowed to sign up for Drivers Education.

If you have any questions please call 428-5473 x1.

Thank you...Driver Education instructors.

Jason Fersdahl, Doug Fiedler, & Craig Jorgensen

2016-17 REGISTRATION ~ BE THERE OR BE²

Wednesday, August 10th

High School Registration, Grades 9-12th - 9am-3pm.

Middle School Registration, Grades 5-8th - 8am-3pm.

Elementary School Registration - 8am-3pm.



SCIENCE ROOMS



LOCKER ROOMS



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, April 27 - Teacher Inservice (students dismissed at 1:30)

Thursday & Friday, April 28 & 29 - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Sunday, May 21 - Graduation

Friday, May 27 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Reminder: Students eligible for free or reduced price lunch are also eligible for free or reduced price breakfast.



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

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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