



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

3rd Quarter 2016-17

The Dell Rapids Elementary staff is excited to accept a grant through the State of South Dakota for the Imagine Learning software program. Imagine Learning is a technology based, language and literacy program that features interactive content, including activities, videos, songs and games. This grant will allow 136 of our students to use the program on a daily basis.

While we understand that nothing will replace solid teacher to student intervention, it is our belief that utilizing technology for learning is a positive, engaging, supplemental alternative. The use of technology allows us to reach a higher number of students in an efficient amount of time. This program will automatically assess and interpret skill deficits in the area of reading through a series of assessments. Students will be placed into the program and provided individualized instruction through the computer, iPad or Chromebook. Effectiveness of this program has been researched to be beneficial to early learners. We plan to deploy this program to students in our

Early Childhood and Kindergarten Prep programs. Additionally, many other students will be a part of this program that we hope will be one component to supplement other programs and services we provide to struggling readers.

The Dell Rapids School District will host a Kindergarten Screening on February 27th and 28th at the elementary school. Dell Rapids is able to offer “all day, every day” kindergarten, as well as a Kindergarten Prep program that follows the same schedule. South Dakota law stipulates Kindergarten eligibility for those children turning 5 on or before September 1st of the current year. While the chronological age gives us a cutoff date for eligibility, it is a variety of other information the school and parents should gather through assessments, observation and conversation with caregivers. Below is a list of developmental areas our screening team will be assessing:

- Social Development
- Emotional Development
- Language Development
- Motor Development
- Intellectual and Academic Development

Dell Rapids School District will host **FREE** Developmental and Kindergarten screenings for children ages 3 through age 5 that live within the Dell Rapids School District.

Kindergarten Screens (Age 5 on or before 9/1/2017): February 27th and 28th
Developmental Screens (Ages Birth to 5): March 13th

Register online at <http://www.dr-k12.org>

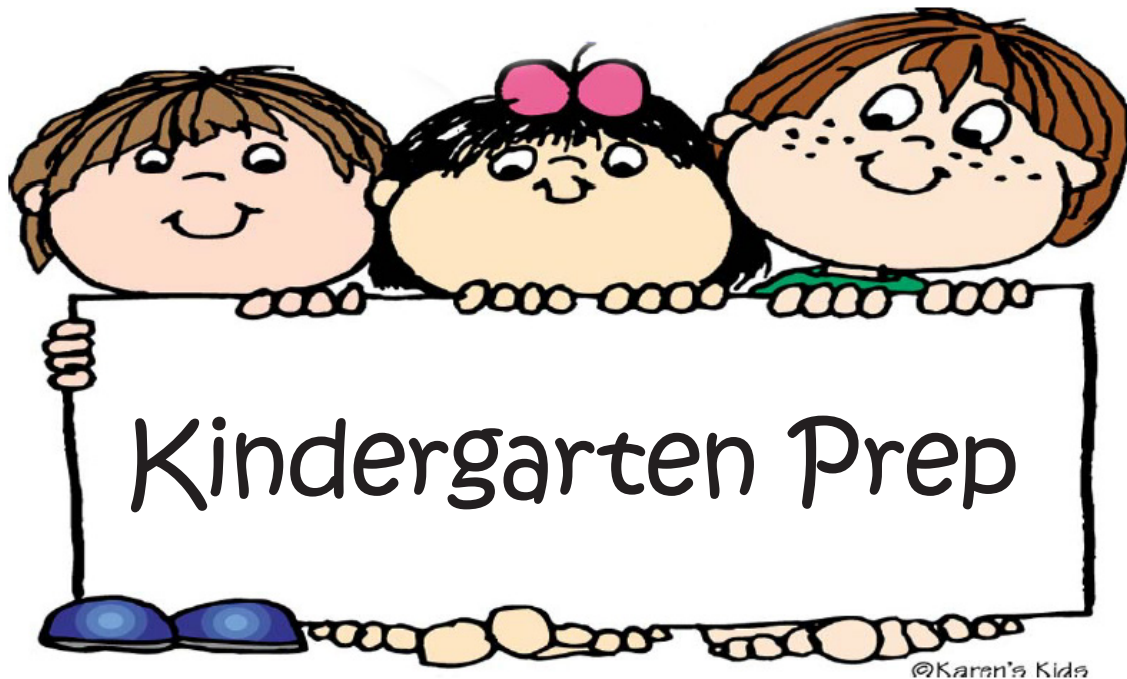
Or contact Heidi at Dell Rapids Public Elementary: 428-5473 option #6 to make an appointment.

We look forward to greeting our new group of students and families at screening! If you have any questions or concerns regarding this important milestone, please don't hesitate to ask.

Please watch our website for online screening registration!



Jay Nelson
DRES Principal



@Karen's Kids

What is Kindergarten Prep?

Kindergarten Prep is a differentiated program designed to help the Kindergarten aged child transition into a routine of everyday all day school. Kindergarten Prep will provide a supportive environment for your child and will focus on social and emotional development, physical and motor development, as well as the academic skills needed to prepare your child for kindergarten. Research suggests that children greatly benefit from programs that address school readiness. The children are nurtured emotionally, socially, and academically to achieve their potential and feel valued as learners. A combination of small group instruction and whole group activities allows the children to develop as cooperative learners. The Kindergarten Prep experience fosters a safe learning environment and fuels the children's natural curiosity and desire to learn.

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Dell Rapids Community Haven

A Great Place for YOUth!

2016-17 HAVEN FEES:

BEFORE SCHOOL: \$4.00/session

AFTER SCHOOL: \$4.00/session

DROP-IN: \$5.00/session

2017 SUMMER & NON-SCHOOL DAYS:

FULL DAY: \$21/session

HALF DAY: \$13/session (6 hours or less)

DROP-IN: \$26/full day or \$16/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.

Haven WILL BE OPEN on the following non-school days this semester from 6:45 am-6:00 pm:
Feb 17th & 20th; March 10th & 17th, April 17th.

Haven will also be OPEN 1:30-6:00 pm on all in-service early release days.



**The Dell Rapids Haven
will be hosting a
WINTER DANCE for
Middle School students!**

It was held on **Friday, February 24th**

5th-6th grade: 6:00-7:30 pm

7th-8th grade: 7:45-9:30 pm

The Public MS Commons will be brought to life with DJ services provided by Mr. Tjaden.

At only \$5/student (concessions will be available for purchase)

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

The Dell Rapids Community Haven is looking for enthusiastic individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for 2017. The Haven Board typically meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. This dedicated group of community members meet to discuss Haven's policies, budget, fundraising plans and the need to keep school-age children safe while providing exceptional learning opportunities and experiences.

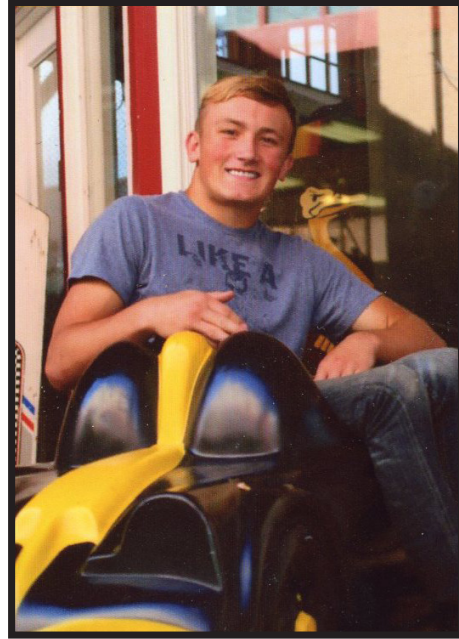
Contact Haven Program Director, Lisa Wilber, if you would like more information about becoming a Haven Board member at 605-366-8612 or lisa.wilber@k12.sd.us

QUARRIER OF THE MONTH

Mikayla DeNoon
AUGUST



James Lueders
SEPTEMBER



Averi Pankonen
OCTOBER



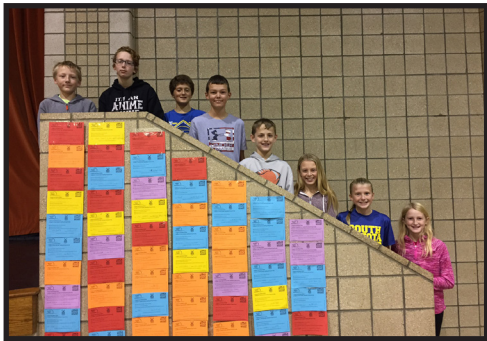
Chloe Solberg
NOVEMBER



Justin Dorn
DECEMBER

DRMS would like to announce and congratulate the Students of the Month.

These individuals have demonstrated positive behavior reflective of the Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, responsible, respectful, fair, good citizenship, and are caring individuals. Thanks to Lunchtime Solutions, Video Plus and Pizza Ranch, Students of the Month recipients will receive gift certificates for these places!



Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:

5th Grade: Kylee Fiddelke and Rowan Murphy
6th Grade: Dylan Mathis and Emma Molkness
7th Grade: Tristan McDaniel and Drew Stroschein
8th Grade: Hanna Hurlburt and Eli Griebel



Congratulations to our December Students of the Month:

5th - Sutton Williams and Halle Huss
6th - Adam North and Callista Xavier
7th - Hunter Nelson and Cassidy Braach
8th - Sam Price and Kat Fletcher



Congratulations to our January Students of the Month:

5th - Alexis Powelson and Kylie Lebahn
6th - Emma Taubert and Kerrigan Kindopp
7th - Aaron Gill and Mallory Kremppes
8th - Mitchell Geraets and Madeline Kringen

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK!

To the Dell Rapids Bowling team as they compete at the State Tournament February 24th in Sioux Falls!



FCA- DELL RAPIDS

FCA or Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a group of students that want an opportunity to discuss faith and its' impact on our society with their peers. Despite its title, the group is not for athletes only and there has even been discussion about changing the name so that more students feel included. The group meets once a week, on Wednesdays at lunch, and will have anywhere from 10 to 25 students attend. Each week, one of the students will read a devotion and then lead the group in questions relating to that topic. Most of the topics focus on a couple of ideas 1) What does it look like to be a person of faith on a day to day basis and 2) How can our faith have a positive impact on our peers, families and community? Once a month, the group puts on an event. There have been speakers that have

come to the high school and gatherings after sporting events to promote the group and what the group stands for. The group is led by Pastor Melissa Fletcher and Joe Brisbois and both agree that this group has had a very positive impact on the students involved and the school as a whole.



12,500 YOUTH HAVE A SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST EACH YEAR*

* Per 2016 National Academy of Sciences <http://www.nap.edu/read/21723/chapter/2>

Young Hearts Cardiac Screening Ages 12 to 34

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2017

Dell Rapids High School

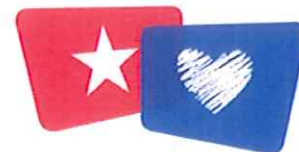
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www.screening-america.com

2016-17 Quarter 1 - DR Middle School Honor Roll

6th Grade

GOLD

Boyle, Kelli
Geraets, Trevor
Greenhoff, Abigail
Heinemann, Zach
Jaton, Will
Jones, Chase
Kreul, Katrina
Mathis, Dylan
North, Adam
Pankonen, Brayden
Price, Elizabeth
Stadem, Adisen
VanRegenmorter,
Emma

SILVER

Anderson, Jaydn
Anstine, Jade
Chamley, Gunnar
Clark, Gabe
Dearduff, Jake
Downs, Addyson
Downs, Hannah
Evans, Ryler
Fersdahl, Braden
Foster, Raleigh
Godwin, Olivia
Harvey, Austin
Hatting, Shaylynn
Kindopp, Kerrigan
Koster, Kamren
Larson, Haley
Lee, Maya
Millman, Leah
Molskness, Emma
Nelsen, Kaeley
Nelson, Owen
Nirva, Braeden
Olson, Maxwell
Randall, Luke
Rice, Desmond
Schaaf, Ashton
Schmitt, Samuel
Traill, Carter

VanLiere, Hannah
Xavier, Callista

BRONZE

Andrews, Makaylynn
Dennis, Maxwell
Ellis, Max
Kremer, Kade
Lefebvre, Lizebeth
Ness, Shane
Nygaard, Jaycie
Renken, Dawson
Scotting, Charles
Taubert, Emma

7th Grade

GOLD

Braach, Cassidy
Geraets, Josie
Goeken, Matthew
Hilmoe, Zoey
Holm, Charlie
Jensen, Dylan
Larson, Faithe
Pickard, Miriam
Ruesink, Landon
Schmidt, Maggie
Spoonemore, Brooklyn
Sterud, Paige
Stone, Shane
Tiernan, Lilly
Witte, Michaela

SILVER

Anderson, Alex
Bittner, Kylie
Davidson, Logan
DeStigter, Alli
DeKnikker, Josh
Duinkerken, Makayla
Garcia, Yazmin
Gill, Aaron
Golden, Kate
Henry, Austin

Hohn, Landon
Knutte, Victor
Kremppes, Mallory
Krumm, Payton
LaDeaux, Alexyss
Ljunggren, Madison
Lodmell, Tori
Merry, Michael
Miller, Caden
Montgomery, Cariss
Nelson, Hunter
Person, Taina
Pudwill, Madeline
Randall, Luke
Reider, Cassandra
Rice, Cara
Saxon, Aaron
Schmidt, Jayme
Stroschein, Drew
Tomes, Autumn
Urquijo, Adriana
VanZee, Peyton
VanOverbeke, Hanna
VanOverbeke, Madysen
VonHoltum, Landon

BRONZE

Barnhart, Haileigh
Dickson, Alexia
Horton, Desirae
Jorgensen, Chloe
Krantz, Sidney
McDaniel, Tristen
Strauss, Winston

8th Grade

GOLD

Berg, Lucas
Dorn, Becky
Downs, Olivia
Fletcher, Kathryn
Griebel, Eli
Kringen, Madeline
Letsche, Jakob
Maeschen, Coby

Price, Samantha
Rentz, Colin
Rentz, Connor
Weiland, Andrew
Wilber, Madelynn

SILVER

Clark, Caleb
Eastman, Kaeden
Gee, Brayden
Geraets, Mitchell
Larson, Brady
Nelson, Carter
Nirva, Justin
Schmidt, Samantha
Schmitt, Sadie
Vanderloo, Veronica
Vietor, Rachael
Wajer, Kyra

BRONZE

Cross, Trevon
Hahn, Jordyn
Lensing, Asher
Nyman, Riley
Prasek, Olivia
Schmidt, Elizabeth
Sundt, Lathan



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

2016-17 Quarter 2 - DR Middle School Honor Roll

6th Grade

GOLD

Anstine, Jade
Downs, Hannah
Evans, Ryler
Greenhoff, Abigail
Jones, Chase
Kreul, Katrina
Mathis, Dylan
North, Adam
Pankonen, Brayden
Rice, Desmond
Van Regenmorter, Emma

SILVER

Anderson, Jaydn
Boyle, Kelli
Chamley, Gunnar
Clark, Gabe
Dearduff, Jake
Downs, Addyson
Ellis, Max
Fersdahl, Braden
Foster, Rileigh
Geraets, Trevor
Godwin, Olivia
Harvey, Austin
Heinemann, Zach
Jaton, Will
Kindopp, Kerrigan
Lee, Maya
Molskness, Emma
Nelsen, Kaeley
Nelson, Owen
Nirva, Braeden
Price, Elizabeth
Randall, Luke
Schaaf, Ashton
Schmitt, Sam
Stadem, Adisen
Traill, Carter

BRONZE

Andrews, Makaylynn
Dennis, Maxwell

Hatting, Shaylynn
Kremer, Kade
Larson, Haley
Lefebvre, Lizebeth
Millman, Leah
Ness, Shane
Renken, Dawson
Scotting, Charles
Van Liere, Hannah

7th Grade

GOLD

Davidson, Logan
Goeken, Matthew
Holm, Charlie
Jensen, Dylan
Krumm, Payton
Larson, Faithe
Lodmell, Tori
Pickard, Miriam
Reider, Cassandra
Ruesink, Landon
Spoonemore, Brooklyn
Sterud, Paige
Van Zee, Peyton
VanOverbeke, Madysen
Witte, Michaela

SILVER

Anderson, Alex
Bittner, Kylie
Braach, Cassidy
De Stigter, Alli
Garcia, Yazmin
Garry, Mackenzie
Geraets, Josie
Gill, Aaron
Hilmoe, Zoey
Hohn, Landon
Knutpe, Victor
Lacey, Leigha
LaDeaux, Alexyss
Ljunggren, Madison
Mason, Ian
Merry, Michael

Montgomery, Cariss
Nelson, Hunter
Person, Taina
Randall, Luke
Saxon, Aaron
Schmidt, Jayme
Schmidt, Maggie
Stone, Shane
Stroschein, Drew
Tiernan, Lilly
VanOverbeke, Hanna
VonHoltum, Landon

BRONZE

Barnhart, Haileigh
Henry, Austin
Jorgensen, Chloe
Krempges, Mallory
Mason, Weston
Rice, Cara
Rinehart, Rylee
Shellum, Zach
Tomes, Autumn

8th Grade

GOLD

Dorn, Becky
Downs, Olivia
Fletcher, Kathryn
Kringen, Madeline
Letsche, Jakob
Maeschen, Coby
Price, Samantha
Rentz, Colin
Schmidt, Samantha

SILVER

Berg, Lucas
Cross, Trevon
Eastman, Kaeden
Gee, Brayden
Geraets, Mitch
Griebel, Eli
Hilmar, Danek

Larson, Brady
Lensing, Asher
Prasek, Olivia
Rentz, Connor
Schmitt, Sadie
Vanderloo, Veronica
Wajer, Kyra
Wilber, Madelynne

BRONZE

Andersen, Dayton
Clark, Caleb
Fiddelke, Ellie
Flaskey, Tate
Gleason, Peyton
Hahn, Jordyn
Klinkenborg, Mitch
Miller, Kiya
Nelson, Carter
Nirva, Justin
Nyman, Riley
Pedde, Austin
Pulscher, Katy
Schmidt, Ella
Schrad, Logan
Vietor, Rachael
Weiland, Andrew

Reminder:

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

2016-17 Quarter 2 - DR High School Honor Roll

9th Grade

GOLD

Goeken, Mason
Gordon, Britton
Heiberger, Hannah
Lee, Cydney
Meyer, Amy
Nordstrom, Andrew
North, Katelyn
Rus, Gabriella
Stelzer, Sydney
Stone, Logan
Watkins, Mackenzie
Welbig, Karsen
Wood, Tyler
Yetter, Dylan

SILVER

Brech, Morgan
Carlson, Shannon
Dorris, Elizabeth
Emery, Sydney
Gruis, Kade
Haak, Mallory
Heinemann, Mitchell
Larson, Erin
Miles, Jenna
Mortrude, Zoe
Oberg, Kaylei
Peter, Riley
Randall, Noah
Riswold, Ethan
Rus, Deziree
Schumacher, Cade
Schuring, Ava
Shellum, Ceara
Stauffenecker, Abby
Stelzer, Olivia
Stroschein, Hannah
Symens, Anna
Van Regenmorter, Drew

BRONZE

Carr, Gage
Frantz, Dillan
Graham, Kyra
Hansen, Aspen
Hemenway, Anaka
Millman, Logan
Schoeberl, Jessica
Schumaker, Zebadiah
Snoozy, Amy
Steineke, Katelyn

Taubert, Kaela
Welbig, Avery

10th Grade

GOLD

Anderson, Malakai
Benda, Matthew
Dorn, Emily
Fletcher, Hannah
Gleason, Tayte
Holm, Jay
Jaycox, Katelyn
Knappe, Jayda
Lamer, Maxon
Miller, Keegan
Paul, Emma
Pedde, Ryker
Weiland, Bergen
Wynja, Carter

SILVER

Anderson, Sean
Emery, Cooper
Garry, Hunter
Hawthorne, Brooke-Lynn
Heim, Logan
Jackson, Maria
Jaycox, Timothy
Klein, Brooke
Kolbeck, Tate
Krumm, Paige
Kruse, Amber
Lueders, Ella
Nemmers, Megan
Price, Edward
Pudwill, Emily
Saxon, Alec
Schmidt, Raigan

BRONZE

Boever, Nicholas
Busk, Maddison
Clark, Olivia
Ginsbach, Brayden
Hoffman, Ravyn
Hurlburt, Hailey
Kistler, Peyton
Lambert, Ashlee
Machmiller, Casey
Ollerich, Allie
Peters, Madison
Peters, McKenzie
Petrik, Thomas
Shellum, Kenyon

11th Grade

GOLD

Dorale, Tiffanie
Dusha, Dina
Gilligly, Matthew
Gordon, Trinity
Hennen, Kaylee
Hoff, Shaylee
LaCoursiere, Sydney
Nagelhout, Adam
Schmit, Anna
Schuch, Jeffrey
Stofferahn, Sydney
Stone, Regan
Tomes, Amanda

SILVER

Abbott, Joey
Adams, Cheyenne
Apland, Shelby
Brandner, Maria
Carr, Kinsey
Chase, Joshua
Graham, Kalista
Greenhoff, Kaitlyn
Solohhova, Vlada
Spielmann, Seth
Story, Elijah
Symens, Lydia
Tesnow, Isabella

BRONZE

Ahlers, Derek
Dahler, Tyson
Faux, Ethan
Fredrichsen, Aaron
Hoffman, Arial
Nemmers, Morgan
Reider, Blake
Rentz, Carson
Ruesink, Logan
Schmidt, Mason
Van Duyn, Cole
Verver, Samantha

12th Grade

GOLD

Amundson, Betsy
Bruggeman, Beth
Dennis, Stephanie
DeNoon, Mikayla
Dorn, Justin
Fritz, Veronica
Geraets, Zachary

Gullickson, Mackenzie
Habeger, Rose
Haggin, Justice
Hahn, Janae
Heim, Tanner
Kaiser, Brooke
Klein, Kathryn
Lueders, James
Nordstrom, Alexander
Pankonen, Averi
Petrik, Elyssa
Roemen, Joshua
Schumaker, Autumn
Solberg, Chloe
Van Regenmorter, Sara
Wiebenga, Ross
Wilson, Reiley

SILVER

Andersen, Seth
Boever, Margaret
Delker, Taci
Gleason, Micah
Griebel, Megan
Hackett, Patrick
Hoffman, Nicholas
Homer, Grace
Kerns, Jordan
Lorenzen, Ashley
Millage, Kendrin
Peter, Mason
Pulscher, Trevor
Shellum, Alyssa
Siemonsma, Sheldon
Tisher, Grace
Welbig, Austin
Wolles, Jacob

BRONZE

Brobjorg, Ethan
Ellingson, Austin M
Hansen, Hunter
Huss, Justin
Kerzman, Dawson
McKee, Nathan
Mergen, Kenedy
Miller, Anthony
Schull, Ethan
Weinzel, Tristan S

FCCLA Members Attend District III FCCLA Meeting in Dell Rapids

The Region V FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) meeting was held in Madison at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 7. The theme for the meeting was “Unlimited Possibilities.” The general session was held in the morning with officer introductions, candidate speeches, and general announcements for the day. Competitive events and workshops were held following this session.

Beth Bruggeman served as Region V Treasurer for the past year. Alexyss was elected as Region V Junior High Representative and was installed for the coming year in that position during the closing session. During that session, a workshop on the National Outreach program was presented by the members of that state leadership team. Recipients of STEP One and Power of One were given and results of the competitive STAR Events were awarded. Those Dell Rapids members receiving a Gold rating on their Illustrated Talks and advancing to state competition in April were Janae Hahn, Skyler Baker, Rylee Rinehart, Desirae Horton, Cariss Montgomery and Alexyss La Deaux. Receiving a Silver rating was Veronica Vanderloo.

Several other members attended the meeting and either competed in the middle school and high school quiz bowl competitions or served as door or time keeper for the competitive events.

Plans are underway for activities to be carried out for National FCCLA Week which is February 12-18. Later on in the spring the chapter will be serving breakfast at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. Other service projects will also take place before the end of the year.



Pictured above are Beth Bruggeman who served as Region V FCCLA Treasurer for the past year and Alexyss La Deaux who will be serving as the Region V Junior High Representative for the coming year.



Pictured above are those Dell Rapids FCCLA members who presented their Illustrated Talks at the Region V meeting. In the back row are Janae Hahn, Rylee Rinehart, Skyler Baker; middle row are Veronica Vanderloo and Alexyss La Deaux; and in front row are Cariss Montgomery and Desirae Horton.

Quarrier Pride- “We Empower Each Other To Excel”

Ag In Action

Because of the high number of students wanting to take Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, another section is being offered the second semester. The 23 second period 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.

Another section of Wildlife and Fisheries class is being offered during the spring semester to 17 students during 1st half of 3rd block and it 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.

During the 2nd half of 3rd block, 20 students are enrolled in the Fundamental Animal Science course. In this class the students will apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to produce and/or manage animals in a domesticated or natural environment; recognize animal behavior to facilitate working with animals safely; provide proper nutrition to maintain animal performance; know the factors that influence an animal's reproductive cycle; identify environmental factors that affect an animal's performance.

The quarter long class of Fundamental Ag Mechanics is being held during 4th block. The 16 students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to apply safety skills with engineering applications with mechanical equipment, structures, land treatment, power utilization and technology; exercise basic skills in blueprint and design development to create sketches, drawing and plans with estimate costs; develop skills required to use construction/fabrication equipment and tools; use a variety of concrete and masonry products; apply math and science principles to identify



soil and water engineering and their properties.

During the 4th quarter, the class offered 4th block will be Ag Power Technology. This class will consist of 9 students analyzing various engine information in the classroom before going to the shop to work on engines. The classroom instruction will include safety, tools, fasteners, principles of operation, 2 and 4 cycle engines, engine performance, emission controls, carburetion, ignition systems, lubrication systems, cooling systems and preventative maintenance and troubleshooting. The students will then have the opportunity to work on their own engine projects ranging from general maintenance to complete overhauls.

FFA members Lindsey Wolles and Lexi Klein exhibited beef heifers at the Sioux Falls Farm Show Invitational Youth Calf Show on Jan. 25. Lindsey won her class and Lexi placed second in her class. Both girls participated in the showmanship event with Lindsey making it into the top five finalists. The FFA reward trip for members based on past participation had Evan Brown, Justin Huss, Trevor Pulscher, Cheyenne Adams, Riley Anderson and Jesse Michel qualifying to attend. These members decided to attend the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo on Jan. 27 and 28. They walked through the trade show and viewed items on display ranging from animal health products and equipment to clothing and western art. They also attended the PRCA rodeo and enjoyed the indoor water park in Rapid City. In the FFA several scholarships are available for senior members such as five scholarships of \$500 each for members who plan to major in agriculture at a South Dakota University or Technical Institute. A \$500 scholarship is available for a member planning to enroll at South Dakota State University majoring in Agriculture Education with these applications due Feb. 15. Younger members can apply for the four \$500 scholarships to attend the Washington Leadership Conference held during the summer with the application deadline also Feb. 15. The National FFA Week will be celebrated from Feb. 18-25. FFA Week is an opportunity for FFA members, alumni and sponsors to advocate for agricultural education and FFA. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day. In March the Career Development Events take place in preparation for the State FFA Convention. There are 15 different areas that members can develop their skills in that can eventually lead to career success. The areas include: Ag Business Management; Ag Mechanics; Agronomy; Biotechnology, Dairy Cattle Evaluation; Floriculture;

Food Science; Horse Evaluation; Livestock Evaluation; Meats Evaluation; Milk Quality and Products; Natural Resources; Nursery/Landscape; Range Plant Identification; and Veterinary Science. The competitions will be: March 16 at Flandreau; March 23 at Howard; March 27 at Tri-Valley; March 31 at Little International in Brookings; and April 12 at Lennox. The State FFA Convention will be held in Brookings on April 23-25, where our members will compete against other members from across South Dakota with the top placing team advancing onto the national event. To recognize the members on their achievements from the year, the FFA will be holding the FFA Parent/Member Banquet on Sunday, April 30 in the Middle School Commons at 6:30 pm.

The summer also has opportunities for members to develop their leadership skills by attending one of the State FFA Leadership Retreats. One retreat will be held June 27-30 at Swan Lake near Viborg and the other will be held July 11-14 at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer. By attending one of these retreats, FFA

members will develop and enhance their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. There will be workshops that help members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. Another leadership opportunity would be to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. During the five-day event, attendees learn how to become effective leaders by learning their purpose, how to value people, how to take action, and how to serve others. FFA members leave WLC with the knowledge and the confidence to act in ways that help their schools, community, and their country. This conference is held seven different weeks throughout the summer to allow members flexibility to attend this action-packed week that will help them gain self-confidence and leadership skills to bring back to the FFA chapter and share with other members. Registration opens March 1 for the sessions which are: June 6-10; June 13-17; June 20-24; June 27-July 1; July 11-15; July 18-22; and July 25-29.

FEBRUARY RECOGNITION

February 6th-10th is National School Counseling Week. Thank you Ms. Ruesink (grades 9-12), Ms. Telkamp (grades 5-8), and Kimberly Shemon (grades PreK-4) for everything you do for our students, staff and school community!! You are priceless!!

February is Career and Technical Education Month. Thank you to our CTE teachers... Mr. Wolff, Ms. Huska, Ms. Rieck, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Headrick, and Mr. Jorgensen for doing such an excellent job of preparing our students for postsecondary and careers.

School Board Openings

One Dell Rapids School Board position will be up for election on April 11, 2017. The position, with duties to be assumed on July 10, 2017, will be vacant due to the expiration of the present term of Thomas Morris. Nominating petitions, along with information on how to circulate a petition, are available in the school district business office at 1216 N. Garfield Avenue. Petitions may be picked up and circulated between January 27th and February 24th, and must be filed with the business manager no later than February 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. To vote in this election, residents of the school district must be registered by March 27, 2017.

Serving as a school board member is a challenging job that requires leadership, vision, and dedication. It is one of the most important responsibilities a citizen

can undertake. School board members shape the future of the community and society by establishing educational goals that help students reach high levels of achievement. Some of the most important duties of the school board are to advocate on behalf of all students, policy-making, hiring and evaluating the superintendent, planning and goal setting, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and providing safe, secure school facilities. To be eligible to serve on a South Dakota school board, one must be at least 18 years old, a resident of the school district, and an eligible voter of the school district.

HONORING LOCALLY ELECTED
EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

South Dakota
School Board

Do you know a teacher who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference?

The classroom teacher is the backbone of the American educational system. No one person has a greater impact on the education of a child than does the teacher who creates the primary learning and instructional environment.

Nominate a teacher for the Dell Rapids Public School Teacher of the Year Award.

To nominate a teacher for the DRPS Teacher of the Year Award, simply complete the brief application found on the district website under Central Office Documents. Completed applications may be dropped off at the District Office or mailed to TOY Committee, 1216 N Garfield, Dell Rapids, SD 57022.

Applications are due March 18, 2017.



BOOSTER CLUB FEBRUARY 2017

The DR Booster Club would like to thank those who helped out at the basketball concessions and Youth Wrestling Tournament by working and donating bars/cookies. We had a record number of wrestlers participate in the tournament this year, over 300! We appreciate your help in making it a success!

Parents night for girls and boys basketball will be February 13th.

Quarrier wear can be bought by contacting Connie at the Middle School.

Do you have an interest in becoming a DR High School Athletic Booster Club board member? Talk with one of the current Booster board members or contact Booster Club President, Dondi Ahlers at 605-376-1725 or email her at ddahlers@gmail.com.

The following are your current Booster Club board members;

Dennis & Dondi Ahlers, Jason & Cindy Pulscher, Wayne & Kim Mortrude, Jason & Shannon Hemenway, Matt & Amber Larson, Marc & Joanne Mathis, Alan & Tammy Machmiller, Loren & Christine Greenhoff, & Mike & Renae Molskness.

To stay in touch with Quarrier activities;

“Like” us on Facebook *Visit our website at drboosterclub.com * Email us at drboosterclub@gmail.com

Home of the QUARRIERS

A GREAT BIG **"THANK YOU!"**

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Veteran's Day toiletry drive and those of you who encouraged your students to do so as well! Our middle school collected over 600 items!!!

These items will be donated to Veterans and service members receiving services at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls, as well as Volunteers of America Veteran's Outreach.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hettinger's class for collecting the most items and for enjoying the brownies and ice cream treats. They collected 241 items!



CHRISTMAS FOR OUR KIDS



Please accept our sincere **"Thank You"** on behalf of **"OUR"** kids and their families for your generous support this Christmas. Your help for families came in the form of child or family adoptions, cash donations, toys, clothing, homemade pillow cases or scarves, hams, and gift cards - all representing your love for others in our community. We found a thankful home for each gift donated and used the financial contributions to buy toys and gift cards. You opened your hearts to spread Christmas joy to families currently experiencing difficult times. Thank you so very much!!!

Because of your generosity, "Christmas for Our Kids" was able to sponsor 44 local families this Christmas, You helped to ensure that all the children of Dell Rapids had a Merry Christmas.

Thank you on behalf of "OUR" kids and their families for your contributions to our 2016 Christmas drive. You've made the "Dell Rapids" difference!

Here are a few excerpts from the many thank you notes sent by the families we helped:

"God bless you and thank you so much!!! You are the reason for our smiles!"

"You helped make a 5-year-old's Christmas come true."

"Thank you again for your kindness."

"Thanks again I appreciate all the help during the holidays."

"Thank you so much for helping make my girls' Christmas better."

Christmas for Our Kids
And the ESA Elves



Attention Parents & Girls:

Popular program especially for girls, continuing at Dell Rapids Public Elementary!

Mission: To educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living

Girls on the Run is a national non-profit organization that uses a researched curriculum of lessons, games, activities, and non-competitive running exercises to teach life lessons and to enhance self-esteem and build confidence in young girls! Our lessons include topics in positive thinking, being a good friend, making healthy decisions, standing up for oneself, gossiping and bullying issues, healthy eating and positive body image, setting goals, understanding diversity and community awareness – and many other topics important to girls of this age! We end our GOTR season with a fun 5K run including all of the girls participating in GOTR across the Sioux Empire!

Who: Girls in grades 3-5 in Spring 2017; maximum of 16 – first come, first served

When: 10 weeks – Tuesday, March 14 to Thursday, May 18, 2017; 5K on Saturday, May 20 in Sioux Falls

Registration: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/GOTR-HR-Spring2017-Group-1>
registration opened online January 9, 2017

Time: 3:45-5:00pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays

Where: Dell Rapids Public Elementary School

Cost: \$106.50 - \$26.63 Sliding Fee Scale, according to household income – includes applicable sales tax and covers 20 sessions of programming, trained coaches, snack each session, water bottle, t-shirt and entry into end of season 5K event. ***No girl has ever been turned away for the inability to pay – scholarships available. Please call Linda Duba at 605-336-3662 ext 227 for assistance.***

Attention women, ages 18 and older!

The Girls on the Run program delivers its message to young girls through volunteer coaches and mentors. If you are a woman with a passion for working with girls to develop self-esteem, confidence and you live a healthy lifestyle and want to be that positive role model, please call Linda Duba, Girls on the Run Program Coordinator at 605-336-3662 ext 227 or e-mail at LDUBA@embe.org if you are interested in volunteering. We are looking for 4-5 volunteers at Dell Rapids Public Elementary for the spring Girls on the Run season!

Be sure to check out our website at www.embe.org for additional information! Learn more about this nationally recognized non-profit at www.girlsontherun.org

Girls on the Run is a program of EmBe and a partner of the Sioux Empire United Way

Empowering Girls...from start to finish!!

Dell Rapids Public School 2017-2018

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Special Days

- First Day of School- August 24
- Last Day of School-May 23
- End of Quarter- Oct. 27, Jan. 12 , Mar. 21
- Graduation- May 19

February 2018						
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Parent/Teacher Conferences /Comp Day

- Oct. 5, 12:30 Dismissal / Conferences 1:00-8:00
- Oct. 6 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 15, 12:30 Dismissal / Conferences 1:00-8:00
- Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL

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Holiday Days and Breaks

- Sept. 4 Labor Day
- Oct. 9 Native American Day
- Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 21- Jan. 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Feb. 19 Presidents' Day
- Mar. 9,16 Spring Break(s)
- Mar. 30 and Apr. 2 Easter Break
- May 28 Memorial Day

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Staff In-Service Days/Work Days (NO SCHOOL)

- Aug. 22, 23 Jan. 15 May 24

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New Teacher Orientation

- Aug. 21

1:30 Early Release (Staff Development)

- Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Apr. 25

June 2018						
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Student Contact Days

- 1st Quarter- 44
- 2nd Quarter-43
- 3rd Quarter- 43
- 4th Quarter- 43
- Total Student Days-173

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, Feb 16 - 1:00-8:30 pm - Parent / teacher conferences for grades K-12

Friday, Feb 17 - NO SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 20 - NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)

Tuesday, Feb 16 - 7:00 pm - Current 10th and 11th graders... student and parent registration night.

Friday, March 10 - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Monday, March 13 - 7:00 pm - Current 9th-11th graders... student and parent registration night

Tuesday, March 14 - 7:00 pm - Current 8th graders... student and parent registration night.

Friday, March 17 - NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Monday, March 22 - End of quarter 3

Wednesday, March 29 - 1:30 pm - Teacher Inservice (students dismissed at 1:30)



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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