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Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

1st Quarter 2022-23

On behalf of the DRPS Board of Education and all of us who work with and support your children, I want to welcome you back for another school year! A special welcome to new families who have chosen to entrust us with their students. Although fall activities are up and running, our first official school day will be Thursday, August 25, 2022.

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

There are new faces on our Quarrier staff this year. I am excited to introduce these individuals and ask that you welcome them to our school community. You may recognize a couple of recent alumni; it is great to see former students taking an active role in the school district.



Dr. Summer Schultz
Superintendent - DRPS

Madison Dilly	ES SPED	Aaron Walton	Resource Officer
Allie LaFave	ES SPED	Jenna Gillogly	HS Science
Larry Baker	MS Principal	Derek Genzlinger	Health/Assist. FB
Ty Hoglund	MS ETS/BBB Coach	Chloe Solberg	VB Assist. Coach
Brian Koch	MS Math		
Grace Lickteig	MS VB Coach (1-year)		

I encourage you to follow our district on Facebook, Instagram, and the DRPS website. Information compiled from last spring's stakeholder survey is being used to revamp our district website. As the year goes on, the new layout should be up and going and we will again look for your feedback.

Finally, I thank you for allowing me to serve as your superintendent. Working with your children is the most rewarding part of my career, and I do not take the position lightly. I am proud to be a Quarrier and look forward to another successful school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Summer Schultz

Dell Rapids School Mission Statement:

Quarrier Pride
"We Empower Each Other To Excel"

DELL RAPIDS COMMUNITY HAVEN

A Great Place for Youth!

Before and After School Programs

- ◆ Haven is open to students entering Kindergarten-7th grades (ages 5-12 years)
- ◆ Great activities planned, including indoor and outdoor games, art and craft projects, clubs, science experiments, food fun, homework help, visitors, special events, field trips, and much, much more!
- ◆ Lots of time to have fun with new and old friends!

Registration forms are available at Haven and at Dell Rapids Elementary School office.

Registration forms must be returned to Haven prior to attending the program.

CONTACT US

Dell Rapids Community Haven

Dell Rapids Public School

1216 N. Garfield Ave.

Dell Rapids, SD 57022

(605) 366-8612

Email: drcommunityhaven@gmail.com

2022-2023 Haven Fees

Before School:

Full Time (4 or more days a week): \$30/week

Part Time (3 or less days a week): \$24/week

After School:

Full Time (4 or more days a week): \$35/week

Part Time (3 or less days a week): \$30/week

Public Non-School Days:

\$25/day

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

Enrollment Spots are LIMITED! Please contact us to inquire about open spots for the 2022-2023 school year. Early Enrollment July 15th-August 12th

Hours of Operation

Before School Program

- * Operates each day public school is in session starting at 6:45am at River Community Church.
- * If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "late start" due to weather or other emergency, Before School Haven will be CLOSED.

After School Program

- * Operates each day public school is in session until 6:00pm at River Community Church.
- * If the Dell Rapids School District announces a "early dismissal" due to weather or other emergency, After School Haven will be CLOSED.
- * After School Haven will be open on all public school scheduled early dismissal days.
- * Haven will be **CLOSED** on all snow days.
- * Haven will be open on the following public non-school days from 6:45am-6:00pm at River Community Church for the 2021-2022 school year: October 7, October 10, November 23, December 22, December 27, December 28, December 29, December 30, January 16, February 17, February 20, March 16, March 17, April 10.

Get your delicious

Butter Braids

This Fall!



Haven will be selling these delicious pastries to raise money for program materials.

We will begin selling in October so be watching for Haven students & staff or call Haven to place an order! They will be ready for delivery before Thanksgiving.

Our Mission Statement: Haven exists because no child should have to be home alone.

Haven is Hiring!

We are seeking energetic, dependable and passionate individuals to join the Dell Rapids Community Haven team!

The following positions are available

**Part-Time Before School (7:00-8:15)

**Part-Time After School (3:15-6:00)

If you love children, are 16 years or older, and want to make a difference in children's lives while working in a fun and caring environment, we are the place for you!!!

Stop in and fill out an application at our program location at the River Community Church (613 State Ave) or call 605-366-8612 and ask for Rachel.

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

Danielle and Cody Bunkers

Megan and Jon Geraets

Miranda and Jeremy Geraets

2022-2023 Booster Club Officers:

President: Jared Hohn

Vice President: Casey Schultz

Treasurer: Jessie Stubbe Assistant: Danielle Bunkers

Secretary: Jennifer Millage Assistant: Miranda Geraets

Our Booster Club Membership drive is under way.

Your Orange level membership (\$100 single & \$150 couple) gets you: Quarrier t-shirt, 2 food tickets for our tailgate meal and a DR decal and your name or business on the video board.

Your Black level membership(\$50) gets you: Quarrier t-shirt, DR decal and your name or business on the video board.

We invite everyone to take part in supporting our Athletes either through sponsorships, golfing in our annual Bogeys Fore Boosters event, or taking part in our various opportunities throughout the year

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

September 9th – 5 – 7 pm- Home Opener vs Hot Springs – Food Truck Tailgater Night

September 23rd from 5-6:30pm – Homecoming vs. Milbank – Tailgater in Middle School Commons

2022 Bogeys Fore Boosters!:

2nd Annual Golf Tournament. Friday, August 19th. Registration starts at 1 PM with a 2pm start time. \$100 per person. 4-person teams of all types are welcome! Tournament is open to everyone, no matter how great your golf game is! This will be a fun day for a great cause. For more details, and to register for the event please following this link to the Bogeys Fore Booster Golf Tournament: [Bogeys Fore Boosters | Annual Golf Tournament](#) . Registrations can be made up until the day of the event!

2022 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. Please contact any Booster Club member to purchase your book!

To stay in touch with the Quarrier Activities:

“Like” us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram at Dell Rapids High School Booster Club

Email us at drboosterclub.com with any questions you may have.

Thanks for supporting your student athletes and the Dell Rapids Athletic Boosters!

FCCLA CHAPTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This past year the Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter took part in a fundraising project through the We Help Two organization. By participating in this you can impact the local community by raising funds for a local charity plus giving a local sock donation to those in need. On several occasions the chapter sold funky socks. When people purchased a package of three socks they voted for a choice of local charities. Since the vote was very close, it was decided that the funds raised would be donated between the choices which included the Dell Rapids Food Pantry, SD Make-a-Wish Foundation, and Feeding South Dakota. Since the We Help Two has other ways to partner to make positive changes in the world, the chapter decided to donate some of their profits to the Water for Africa project. The funds that we donated provided a new artesian water well for the entire village of Kiniga, Rwanda that has a population of 1,020. Concrete structures and new pipes were constructed to ensure a constant flow of clean water and to protect livestock from contaminating the area. Now the excess water runoff exits the concrete basin and is used for irrigating crops in the nearby fields. Before this was constructed the old water source was nothing more than a mud pit with some dirty water on the surface. The people would have to use small cups to scoop out a little water at a time to fill their water cans. The water that they did collect was full of green algae, sediment, and even small red worms. Everyone in the village had to drink this water and it was a constant source of sickness that would keep children from going to school.

The chapter thanks everyone for their support in this fundraising event that has made a difference in our community, state, and globally! You helped make a difference for those in need!

RYLEE RINEHART RECEIVES A GOLD AT NATIONAL FCCLA COMPETITION

Rylee Rinehart, member of the Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter and her advisor, Beverly Rieck, joined more than 7,000 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student members, advisers, and guests at the San Diego Convention Center, June 29-July 3 to participate in the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC).

The conference provided members opportunities for listening to inspiring speakers, attending youth workshops, competing on the national level, and networking with other youth leaders. The theme of this year's conference was "Make It Count," which inspired attendees to share how they make it count while exploring career opportunities, developing leadership skills, and growing personally while making a difference in their families and communities.

"We are thrilled to have an attendance of over 7,000 members, advisers, corporate partners, and guests who are committed to discovering the unlimited possibilities available through FCCLA. The relationships and skills developed during this conference have inspired students to make a difference in their own communities and to make every moment count," said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Rylee qualified at the state level in April where she advanced to national competition in the STAR Event category, Career Investigation. She received a Gold rating on her presentation. She was also recognized for completing all 5 modules of the Power of One national program. She and her advisor, Ms. Rieck, also helped in evaluating other STAR Event categories.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization with over 199,000 members nationwide, that helps students become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it's the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders.



DRHS FINE ARTS BOOSTER CLUB

The Dell Rapids Fine Arts Booster Club (FABC) has long worked behind the scenes to support the students in band, choir, drama, journalism and art, and as another school year begins, we are excited to again connect with the parents, youth, directors and advisors involved in these activities.

Earlier this year, a new slate of board members was elected to the FABC. They include:

Matt Larson, Co-President

John Pollmann, Co-President

Amy Glammeier, Treasurer

Regan Anderson, Secretary

At our meetings over the summer, we spent time discussing our priorities for the 2022-23 school year, and at the top of the list is getting the word out to the parents of fine arts students about the FABC, and what the group does. Even more importantly, we want everyone to know that your involvement and support of this group makes a real difference for our youth. This year, the FABC will help provide banners for senior fine arts students, help fund the band and choir trip to Washington, D.C., provide scholarships, purchase instruments and so much more.

Please look for us at back-to-school events this fall, and at fine arts events throughout the school year. You can also connect with the FABC on Facebook (@DellRapidsFineArtsBoosters).

We look forward to meeting you, and we thank you supporting our fine arts students!

SQUAD

Any high school students interested in becoming a member of SQUAD should contact Nichole North by August 31st. SQUAD is small group where a student with a cognitive disability gets matched up with a peer for various activities. The group gets together once per month for a planned activity, but you must also be able to commit to doing an independent activity with your match at least one other time each month.

You must also agree to contact your match weekly (text, phone, at school, etc.) This group has been a highlight for many teens and it promises to be both fun and rewarding! You may contact Mrs. North to apply or ask questions at nichole.north@k12.sd.us.

ACTIVITY TICKET POLICY

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. Activity tickets allow all-season admittance to most athletic and fine arts events conducted by the Dell Rapids Public School and can serve as identification for student prices at other activities. Activity passes can be purchased through My School Bucks at myschoolbucks.com, click on the Store.

A family all-season athletic pass is available for \$100.00. A family pass will include up to two adults (must be a parent or guardian) and all K-12 children living in one household. Other options for admittance to school activities include the adult 10-punch athletic pass for \$30.00 or adult all-season athletic passes for \$50.00 each. Regular contest 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. Senior citizens (age 62 and over) will receive free admission for most Dell Rapids Public School activities (no pass needed).

Activity passes are non-refundable.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

To: Parents, Staff and Students of the Dell Rapids School District 49-3

From: Designated Person Dan Duenwald SD # 8520

Date: August 2022

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in the summer of 1998, we preformed inspections of our school buildings for asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) The inspection findings and asbestos management plan have been on file in the school administration office since that time.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the ACBM every three years and six month surveillances each year for any change in condition of the ACBM. An accredited management planner reviewed the results of the re-inspections and recommended actions we should take to safely manage the ACBM in our buildings.

The ACBM in this school is in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place as recommended by the accredited management planner. We plan on taking whatever steps are necessary to ensure your children and our employees have a healthy and safe environment to learn and work in.

The results of the most recent inspect preformed July of 2021 are on file in the school administration office. Everyone is welcome to view these anytime during normal school hours (Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm). The Asbestos Designated Person Dan Duenwald, is available to answer any questions you may have about ACBM in our school at 605-233-0010.

QUARRIER PRIDE



Ag In Action

Summer break is always busy with various activities and events. Hopefully everyone was able to find a little time to relax and rejuvenate. The start of the new school year is exciting because you start with a clean slate. You get a chance to correct the mistakes that you made the previous year. You get to build on your successes and learn from your failures.

A quote by Thomas Jefferson states "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals and happiness." However, today the agriculture industry is facing huge challenges, from rising costs of supplies, a shortage of labor, and changes in consumer preferences for transparency and sustainability. That is why agriculture education is so important as everyone relies on agriculture for things we need every day. Skills learned in the agriculture classes help to build the foundation for educated consumers and agriculturists.

The agriculture classes offered for the fall semester include two sections of Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. One section will be during 2nd block and the other will be during 4th block. Those students will explore 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. Those students will also have the opportunity to learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project. This class will last the entire semester and will be worth one credit toward graduation.

Fundamental Animal Science will be offered during the first half of 3rd block. The students in this class 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. This class is a half block class which will last the entire semester earning students a ½ credit toward graduation as well.

The class offered during the second half of 3rd block will be Ag Business Sales and Marketing. The students in this class will: examine skills necessary to obtain gainful employment in agribusiness occupations; examine effects of personality on job performance; use principles to accomplish an agribusiness marketing objective; use sales principles to accomplish an agribusiness objective; use computer technology and documents to manage agribusiness inventory; explore opportunities for marketing of agricultural products throughout the world. This class is also a half block class which will last the entire semester earning students a ½ credit toward graduation as well.

During the fall semester, the Dell Rapids High School agriculture

department will be hosting a student teacher. Alex Louwagie, originally from Redwood Falls, MN, an Agriculture Education major with an Ag Business minor will be spending time observing and teaching students enrolled in the agriculture classes. While in high school, Alex was very active in the FFA and served as chapter secretary, vice president and president. In college, he is a member of the professional agriculture fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho and a member of the Ag Ed Club. We hope that his time at DRHS will be a valuable learning experience and will prepare him for a future as an agriculture teacher.

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. Dean Klein no-tilled in soybeans on May 24 with seed he had left along with some donated by the Dell Rapids CO-OP Grain Co. The land lab will allow students this fall to see and learn about crop production, fertility, pest management and grain marketing. The soybeans will be harvested this fall and the money brought in from the sale of the crop will go into the FFA account to fund all of the FFA activities throughout the year.

The start of summer break found several FFA members serving lunch to students who were enrolled in driver's education during their four days of classroom instruction on June 2,3,6 & 7. Those members helping serve were Cooper Hauglid, Sierra Klein, Brynlee Kriens, Oran O'Meara, Haley Rydel and Karlie TenEyck.

A reward trip was started several years ago to encourage members to get involved in the various activities and events. A point system was developed for each activity and event and once the members earn enough points, they are eligible to go on the trip. This year four members qualified for the trip and they chose to go to Yellowstone National Park June 1-5. Those members qualifying were: Josie Baumberger, Luke Geraets, Sydney Klein and Katie Scherff. The trip consisted of a tour of the Eagle Butte Coal mine near Gillette, WY, going to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West Museums along with looking around Cody, WY, going to the Buffalo Bill Dam and visitor center and the Cody Night Rodeo. Of course going through Yellowstone National Park and stopping at various sights throughout the park was the highlight of the trip.

South Dakota Soil Days and Rangeland Days was held near Murdo on June 14 & 15. The three members who attended were Cooper Hauglid, Brynlee Kriens and Haley Rydel. The first day was spent learning about the various physical properties to look at when evaluating soil and the second day was a contest for students to apply what they learned on the first day. Our team of three placed second and were awarded a silver medal.

The state FFA leadership retreat held at Swan Lake near Viborg was attended by Karlie TenEyck on June 21-24. Karlie and the other participants 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, personal values, personal and team strengths, creating effective teams, Ag advocacy, positive mindset, and conflict resolution. The members will use these new skills and ideas to benefit their local chapters and communities.

The Dells FFA chapter officers decided to have an entry in the Quarry Day parade along with working with Dells Vet Service to have an animal nursery in the city park following the parade. Several members also helped with the pedal tractor pull sponsored by the Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce. The chapter also had an entry in the Moody County Fair parade in Flandreau on July 21.



Moody County Fair parade entry. Josie Baumberger and Katie Scherff rode in the back of Tom Scherff's pickup driven by advisor Tom Wolff.

Katie Scherff and Karlie TenEyck attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., to evaluate their personal skills and interests, develop leadership talent and create service plans that will make a difference in their communities. They spent July 26-30 under the guidance of professionals, counselors and FFA staff. They attended workshops, seminars, and small groups, focusing on identifying and developing their personal strengths and goals while undergoing comprehensive leadership training that will help them guide their local FFA



chapters. The capstone of the event was a civic engagement activity where participants applied what they learned to a hands-on activity, which was packing meals for those in need. They also analyzed the needs of their communities, developed wide-ranging

and high-impact community service initiatives and implementation plans with the help of their FFA chapters upon returning home. In 2020 and 2021, the conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Katie and Karlie also had the chance to experience the history of our nation's capital and tour landmarks including the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums and the U.S. Capitol, among others. A tour of the US Capitol was set up through Senator Thune's office. Mr. Wolff, the Dells FFA Chapter advisor, accompanied Katie and Karlie on the trip going a day in advance to the start of the conference to allow for extra sight-seeing. They were able to go through the Holocaust Museum, go to the National Archives



Museum, which is the home of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, go to Mt. Vernon and tour the mansion, go to the Library of Congress, tour Ford's Theatre and go to the top of the Washington Monument. Before the return flight on Sunday, they attended the church service at the Washington National Cathedral.

Any student enrolled in a high school agriculture education class during the fall semester or the spring semester is eligible to join the FFA organization and participate in the various activities and events throughout the year. If you have any questions or would like more information about agriculture education classes or the FFA, contact Mr. Wolff at school 428-5473 ext 419 or at tom.wolff@k12.sd.us

Future events for FFA members:

Sept 1st-5th **South Dakota State Fair** in Huron. Entries for the state fair were due August 1st.

September 15th **Celebrate National Teach Ag Day** to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education.

Sept. 27th **Southeast Regional Land Judging**. The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2023.

Oct. 26th- 29th **95th National FFA Convention & Expo**.

November 3rd **Jackrabbit Inventational Leadership Events** held in Brookings.

November 22nd **Competition at West Central** against 10 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 4th & 5th.

STUDENT HEALTH

Food Allergies:

In the interest of our youngest students with food allergies, Dell Rapids Elementary School continues to be **Peanut Aware**. We ask that students and parents, please, NOT bring peanuts or peanut products into DRES 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.

Latex Allergies:

To protect our students with allergies to latex, Dell Rapids School District asks that latex balloons not be brought to school.

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.

6th Grade Immunization Requirements:

Since the 2016-2017 school year, the South Dakota Department of Health has included in their administrative rules the requirement of both the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW) vaccines for entry into the 6th grade. Vaccine requirements for Kindergarten entry have been in place for many years. This will be the fifth year of this such requirement for 6th grade entry in South Dakota. Therefore, school entry requirements for South Dakota 6th grade students include:

✓ One dose of Tdap vaccine

✓ One dose of MCV4

These requirements apply only for 6th grade entry and transfer students 6th through 12th grade. If a child is 10 years old when entering the 6th grade, they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to be vaccinated.

Medications:

All students requiring medication administration during school hours must complete the proper forms. Please see or email the school nurse (jill.dvorak@k12.sd.us) with any questions you have.

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.

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.

SCHOOL MEALS

During COVID, schools had Federal flexibilities so they could serve free meals to all students. That option has now expired, and the Dell Rapids School District can no longer serve free meals to all students. Instead, families will do what they did before COVID.

Children are automatically eligible for free meals if anyone in their household gets SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits. Families will receive a letter from the school if the state has directly certified their child(ren) as eligible for free meals. Families who receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPI benefits, and who have not received a direct certification letter, should fill out a free and reduced-price meal application with their assistance information.

Children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, runaway youth, or children of migrant workers all qualify for free school meals when their household fills out an application.

Children can also qualify for free or reduced-price meals through an application if their household's income is under a certain limit. For school year 2022-23, families who have not received a letter from the school informing them they have been directly certified for free meals, and who may qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on their income, will need to submit a free and reduced-price meal application. The school will take applications and use

family income to qualify students for free, reduced-price, or paid meals. The latest income guidelines can be found on the school's website in the free and reduced-price meal FAQ's, online at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/fr-021622>, or contact the school for more information.

Children who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals may pay full price for a healthy breakfast or lunch at school. Full-price student breakfast is \$1.50, and full-price student lunch is \$2.60 for grades K-4 and \$2.80 for grades 5-12. Even at full price, school breakfast and lunch are still an excellent bargain. The school contracts with Lunchtime Solutions to provide school meals, and LSI's nutrition staff are dedicated to fueling students' minds and bodies for learning.

For other resources and food assistance programs, you can call the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (English) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (Spanish).

The USDA has also released a list of frequently asked questions that may be helpful to you. You can access it online at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/2022-23-parent-faqs>.

Please reach out to the school at 605-428-5473 with any further questions you may have. We're looking forward to a great school year.

Home of the Quarriers

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Public Notice

Dell Rapids School District 49-3

Section 504 is an Act which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working);
2. has a record of such impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Dell Rapids School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the program and practices of the school system.

The school district has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to provide appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specify rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to: 1) inspect and review his/her child's educational records; 2) make copies of these records; 3) receive a list of all individuals having access to those records; 4) ask for an explanation of any item in the records; 5) ask for an amendment of any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights; and 6) a hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact Steve Helgeland, Section 504 Coordinator for the school district, at phone number (605) 428-5473.

TITLE IX

Title IX requirements and training. New Title IX Federal Regulations have been in place since Aug. 14, 2020. The regulations require that a school district's Title IX coordinator receives training on how to serve impartially and without bias pursuant to § 106.45(b)(1)(iii). In addition § 106.45(b)(10)(D) requires all training materials to be published on the Dell Rapids School District Website. Our Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Julie Wynja, was trained through the State Bar of South Dakota, School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD), and Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD). Training materials for this training utilized resources from a number of sources including the U.S. DOE, NSBA/COSA, and other resources.

All DRPS staff participated in Mandatory Title IX Compliance training. The training was provided by SafeSchools (Vector Solutions).

**CHILD FIND NOTIFICATION
PUBLIC NOTICE
Dell Rapids School District 49-3**

Education Act for All Handicapped Children Act (EAHCA), P.L. 94-142 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L.101-476, 1997.

Steve Helgeland, Special Education Director of the Dell Rapids School District, in order to fulfill obligations of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EAHCA, P.L. 94-142) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, P.L. 101-476) is required to inform and provide full educational opportunities to all individuals with disabilities ages birth through twenty-one.

The Dell Rapids School District has developed a system to identify, locate and evaluate individuals in need of special education or special education and related services. This Public Awareness Notice is to inform Parents and other interested individuals/agencies that individuals residing within the Jurisdictions of the Dell Rapids School District, ages birth through 21, are to be included regardless of the severity of their disability. This includes individuals in all public and private agencies and institutions within the legal boundaries of the Dell Rapids School District.

Anyone that is aware of a child who may benefit from special education and related services is encouraged to call or write the Dell Rapids School District Special Education Director.

The Birth to Three Service Coordinator, in conjunction with child identification process with the local school district, announces child identification awareness for children Birth through age two. These referrals should be directed to Steve Helgeland, at (605) 428-5473 or Fax (605) 428-5609. The purpose of the child identification process is to identify children, birth through age two, which may need services due to a disability or developmental delay.

Anyone who would like assistance with a possible referral or services should contact the Dell Rapids School District, 1216 N. Garfield Ave. Dell Rapids, SD 57022, phone number (605) 428-5473.

If you have a child who has delays which would qualify him/her for this program, please contact your school administration. The school believes that through early intervention a child may be better able to reach his/her potential.

The **Wise Owl** will again be published quarterly for the 2022-23 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.



July 2022						
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Dell Rapids Public School 2022-2023

Special Days

First Day of School- August 25

Last Day of School-May 23

End of Quarter- Oct. 28, Jan. 13 , Mar. 21

Graduation- May 20

Parent/Teacher Conferences /Comp Day

Oct. 6 12:30 Dismissal / Conferences 1:00-8:00

Oct. 7 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 16 12:30 Dismissal / Conferences 1:00-8:00

Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL

Holiday Days and Breaks

Sept. 5 Labor Day

Oct. 10 Native American Day

Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Break

Jan. 1 New Years Day

Feb. 20 Presidents' Day

March 16 & 17 Spring Break(s)

April 7-10 Easter Break

May 29 Memorial Day

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

Aug. 23 & 24, Jan. 16, May 24

New Teacher Orientation

Aug. 22

1:00 Early Release

Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Dec. 21, Mar. 15, Apr. 26, May 23

Student Contact Days

1st Quarter- 44

2nd Quarter-44

3rd Quarter-42

4th Quarter-43

Total Student Days-173

Make Up Day Explanation:

1st Emergency Day - Forgiven

Days 2& 3 move to the end of the school year calendar.

Days 4 and after will utilize built-in days when appropriate (one week in advance) with March 16 and April 10 being designated days.

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May 2023						
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August:

23-24th - Staff In service Days

25th - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



September:

5th - No school (**LABOR DAY**)

28th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

October:

6-7th - Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:30 Early Release

10th - No school (**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**)

26th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

28th - End of 1st Quarter



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