



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

1st Quarter 2019-20

On behalf of the Dell Rapids Public School Board of Education and the entire staff, I want to welcome you back for another exciting school year! At DRPS, August represents a time of new beginnings and a fresh start. We strive to provide all students an opportunity to succeed and as your superintendent, I couldn't be prouder of my staff and their unwavering efforts to do this on a daily basis.

August 22nd is the first day of school for students, however, we have been working diligently to prepare for a successful school year. Last spring you may have read my articles related to the Portrait of a Graduate work that was being constructed. I'm delighted to say that our design is complete, and we are moving into the engagement section of this project. As you can see, DRPS has committed to the intentional inclusion of 21st Century Learning Skills that we know are essential to the success of our students. Much like our belief statement, "Empowering Each Other to Excel" the framework of this portrait will guide our priorities and long-term planning discussions. I look forward to communicating further about this project and the related goals for implementation.

Our Board of Education has a new face. Lee Bollock was elected to fill the seat vacated by Jody Schumaker. I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to Jody for his time on the board and ask that you help welcome Lee.



I also thought it was a fitting time to communicate our district's chain of command. Often stakeholders will ask why Board of Education members do not engage in conversations directly related to district staff and issues. Often this is because board members have legal parameters that can get hindered when the appropriate chain of command is not

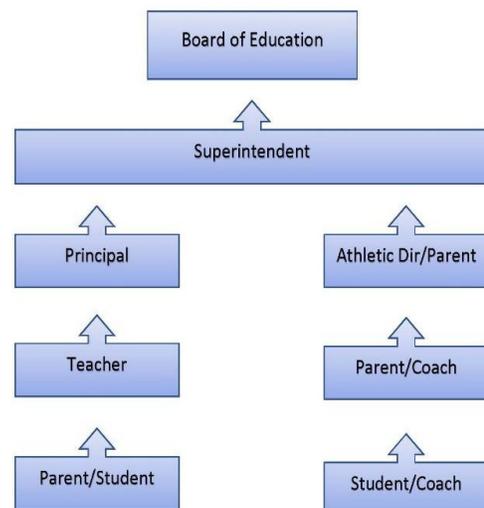


Dr. Summer Schultz
Superintendent - DRPS

taken. In order to keep our board members at the table should a discussion or vote be forthcoming, please respect the process and follow the most appropriate path.

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 don't take the position lightly. I am proud to be a Quarrier and look forward to working with you as we embark on another successful school year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Summer Schultz



DELL RAPIDS COMMUNITY HAVEN

A Great Place for YOUTH!

Before and After School Programs

- ◆ Haven is open to students entering Pre-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 the Dell Rapids Elementary School office.

Registration forms must be returned to Haven

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

2019 - 2020 Haven Fees

Before School:

FullTime (4 or more days a week): \$20/week
 PartTime (3 or less days a week): \$15/week

After School:

FullTime (4 or more days a week): \$20/week
 PartTime (3 or less days a week): \$15/week

Drop In:

\$6/session

Public Non-School Days:

\$20/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 the Haven Program Director for more information.

Hours of Operation

Before School Program

- * Operates each day public school is in session starting at 6:45am at the Dell Rapids Elementary School.
- * 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 2019-2020 school year: October 11, October 14, November 27, December 26, December 27, December 30, December 31, January 10, February 14, February 17, March 19, March 20, April 13. Full day rates will apply to these dates.
- * We will be open on December 31st IF we have at least 20 kids signed up for care.

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 (6:45-8:20)

**Part-Time After School (3:30-6:00)

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 Lisa.

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

Tennile & Bryan Spoonemore

Heidi & Jeff Thoreson

Karen & Zach Hilmoe

Megan Lickteig

2019/2020 Booster Club Officers:

President: Melissa & Bryan Bailey

Vice President: Michelle Heiberger

Treasurer: Pam Schmitt/Assistant: Heidi Thoreson

Secretary: Paula Schreier/Assistant: Tennile Spoonemore

Other Members: Tracie & Brad Price, Christy & Greg Lee, Scott Schmitt, Michelle Buffalo, Tim Schreier

Our Booster Club Membership drive is under way:

Your \$50 Spirit Club Sponsorship gets you 2 food tickets for our tailgate meal and a DR Decal.

Your \$25 Sponsorship get you a DR Decal.

We invite everyone to take part in supporting our Athletes either through sponsorships or signing up to donate items/time to our concession.

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

Sept 13th: 5-6:30pm - Home Football Game against Madison

October 4th - Homecoming against Dakota Valley

2019 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!

NEW Quarrier Wear clothing orders will be placed online with a link at drboosterclub.com. First order of the year opens August 12th. First order will arrive in time for Homecoming. Watch our Facebook page for our second order arriving before Christmas.

To stay in touch with Quarrier activities:

"Like" us on Facebook at Dell Rapids High School Booster Club

Visit our website at drboosterclub.com

Email us at drboosterclub.com

**Thank you for your continued support of the Athletic Booster Club!
Good luck to all our coaches and athletes!**

STUDENT HEALTH

Food Allergies:

In the interest of our 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.

New Immunization Requirements:

The South Dakota Department of Health has revised its administrative rules to require both the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW) vaccines for entry into the 6th grade beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Vaccine requirements for Kindergarten entry have been in place for many years, but this will be the first such requirement for middle school entry in South Dakota. With this change, 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 the school nurse with any questions you might 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.

ACTIVITY TICKET POLICY

A family all-season athletic pass will be available for \$100.00. A family pass will include up to two adults (must be a parent or guardian) and all K-12 children living in one household. The cost of an individual high school student activity ticket is \$20.00, and the cost of a middle or elementary student activity ticket is \$15.00.

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

Other options for admittance to school activities include the adult 10-punch athletic 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 & over) who are residents of the Dell Rapids School District can receive free admission to most Dell Rapids Public School athletic events. A card will be required to receive free admission. Free season passes may be picked up at the District office.

DELL RAPIDS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

The Fine Arts Boosters support band, choir, drama, journalism and quiz bowl at Dell Rapids High School and Middle School. We are a very small group (4 of us) and we can always use your help! We host a quiz bowl supper, pops concert supper, and a dinner theatre for the spring play, plus we provide support for the marching band at their parade competitions.

Last year, our fundraising efforts helped us contribute \$7000 toward the purchase of new stage curtains. In the past, we have bought the new marching band banner, shirts for the quiz bowl team, a camera and

lens for journalism and the coffee cart for the drama club to raise their own money, camp and private lesson scholarships, and more.

Whether you helped us by baking a pan of bars or donating your time at an event, we appreciate your help! Please consider joining us this school year. We are especially in need of people to take over as officers. Volunteer forms went out with the back-to-school registration packets and can be turned in on registration day. Thank you for helping us support the fine arts at DRHS and DRMS!

BAND INSTRUMENT LEASE

Parents/Guardians (and students age 18 or older) may lease school owned band instruments for student use in accordance with school policy IGDE. The lease fee will be \$75.00 per school year. The lease fee will be waived for students playing a school-owned instrument at the director's request or directive. The lease fee may also be waived by the Superintendent based upon the unique circumstances of the parents/guardians/student. It is the intent of the Board of Education that no student shall be denied participation in the band program due to inability to afford a musical instrument or to lease a District owned musical instrument. Students (except graduating seniors) may keep the school-owned instrument

over the summer for an additional lease fee of \$37.50. Checks should be made payable to the Dell Rapids School District and given to the student's band director.



STUDENT ATTEND NATIONAL FCCLA CONFERENCE

Over 8,600 Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members, advisers, and guests from across the nation traveling to Anaheim, CA, for the 2019 National Leadership Conference June 30- July 4. Local Dell Rapids FCCLA member, Faithe Larson, qualified to participate in the Recycle and Redesign competitive event at state conference held in April. She received a silver rating on her presentation. Attendees to the conference were able to explore different career paths, listen to keynote speaker Kyle Scheele who inspired members to live a better story, and to network with members from across the country. Faithe also attended Disney leadership trainings on costuming and culinary. Adviser, Beverly Rieck, was one of 7 adults from our state to serve as an evaluator for competitive events. FCCLA is a dynamite and effective national student organization with the goal to help men and women grow as youth leaders in their communities. It is the only career and technical school organization with the family as its central focus. Members pursue personal, family, work, and societal issues as they grow and develop into strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.



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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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Ag In Action

The FFA started the summer break off serving lunch to the students enrolled in driver's education. Karlie Klein, Luke Randall and Noah Randall served the lunch the four days of classroom instruction. Mason Machmiller, chapter vice president attended the state FFA leadership retreat held at camp Bob Marshall near Custer on July 9-12. FFA members attending the retreat developed and enhanced their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. The program featured workshops that helped members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. They will use these new skills and ideas to benefit their local chapters and communities. Retreat attendees also participated in a service learning project at Camp Bob Marshall along with attending the laser light show at the Crazy Horse Memorial.

Courses offered in Agriculture Education fall semester:

It seems like the summer break goes by faster each year and will be over soon and we will be returning to classes. A half block class of Wildlife and Fisheries is one of the courses being offered in Agriculture Education for the fall semester. The students in this 1st skinny class will have the opportunity to learn about 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. The other skinny class offered during 1st block will be Ag Processing Technology and will also last the entire semester. The main focus of this class is on the processing of various agriculture products. Dairy processing has students analyzing the quality factors of dairy products including fluid milk, butter, yogurt, cheese and ice cream. Using a hand-crank butter churn from the Old Courthouse Museum, the class will make home-made butter and sample it. Ice cream will also be made during class using an electric ice cream maker. The slaughter process, quality grading, yield grading and inspection are all parts of the meat processing unit. Other aspects of agricultural processing are also covered included handling, transporting and marketing along with methods of processing, preserving, storing and new technology used in processing. Students enrolled in Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources during 2nd block 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. Another section of Wildlife and Fisheries will be offered during the first half of 3rd block covering the same material as the 1st skinny class. Ag Power Technology will be offered during the second half of 3rd block and since both of these classes are a half-block in length, they will last the entire semester. The topics covered in Ag Power Technology consist of analyzing

Future events for FFA members:

Aug. 29th-Sept. 2nd **South Dakota State Fair** in Huron. Entries for the state fair are due August 17th.

September 19th **Celebrate National Teach Ag Day** to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education.

October 1st **Southeast Regional Land Judging**. The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2020.

Oct. 30th-Nov. 2nd **92nd National FFA Convention & Expo** in Indianapolis, IN.

November 7th **Jackrabbit Inventational Leadership Events** held in Brookings.

November 11th **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 8th & 9th.

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 over-hauls. Any student enrolled in an agriculture class during the fall semester or the spring semester can join the FFA organization, which can help prepare students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

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. Just like many of the farmers in the state, we experienced wet conditions that did not allow us to plant but Troy Randall was able to work most of the field and seeded rye for a cover crop.

SCHOOL CALENDAR TO INCLUDE BUILT-IN SNOW DAYS

Although we are in the middle of a beautiful summer season, winter weather is right around the corner. Last year the district had several emergency days which prompted a discussion about implementing built-in calendar days. A survey of district parents showed 82% supported moving forward with the idea, therefore, we amended the 2019-2020 calendar to include three days designated for making up missed classroom time. The following stipulations will be considered:

- The first full day of school missed for weather will be forgiven.
- Additional snow days will be made up by the dedicated built-in days, if they take place at least 7 days in advance.
- The district will notify parents of the intent to utilize the built-in day as soon as possible, but again, there will always be a week notice.
- Specific dates include February 17, March 19, and April 13.

Please make reference to these dates as our South Dakota weather is never quiet and I anticipate putting our new policy into place at some point this year.

SCHOOL MEALS

The Dell Rapids School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Lunchtime Solutions provides complete, well-balanced meals that are attractive and satisfying to students. All students are encouraged to enjoy the nutritious meals that include an all-you-can-eat salad bar. Students may buy breakfast for \$1.45 at each school. The daily price for student lunch at the elementary school is \$2.80, and the daily price for student lunch at the middle school and high school is \$2.90. The price for an extra milk, or milk for elementary breaks, is \$.50. An extra entrée is \$1.80, and an extra pizza slice is \$1.90.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were mailed to each family and are also available in the principals' offices. Parents who have not received a direct certification notice, and who wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for their children, should return a completed application form to the business office.

A selection of a la carte items is available for purchase in the middle school and high school after the purchase of a complete lunch. Parents are able to place restrictions on student purchases of a la carte items, such as no purchasing of a la carte items or allowing a la carte purchases with cash only. To place account restrictions, parents should complete a Restricted Meal Account Request Form and return it to the school business office.

The district uses NutriKids computer software

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

On the MySchoolBucks.com website, parents are able to view their child's account balance, access their child's eating history report for the past thirty days, and sign up for low balance notifications. The MySchoolBucks.com website is also a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into a child's school meal account. There is no fee for making meal deposits online. More information on how to access this service is available on the district website at dr-k12.org.

The **Wise Owl** will again be published quarterly for the 2019-20 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.



Important Dates to Remember:

August:

20-21st - Staff In service Days

22nd - **FIRST DAY OF**

SCHOOL



September:

2nd - No school (**LABOR DAY**)

25th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release

October:

4th - Homecoming - Parade at 1pm & Game at 7pm

10th - Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:30 Early Release

11th - No school

14th - No school (**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**)

25th - End of 1st Quarter

30th - Staff Development - 1:30 Early Release



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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