



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

1st Quarter 2021-22

It is with anticipation that I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We have worked hard to prepare for the return of students and we eagerly anticipate the first day of school on Thursday, August 26, 2021. I am grateful for the support, collaboration, and patience that was provided last year as we navigated a school year unlike any before.

Moving forward, the Return to Safe Learning plan has been adopted by the Board of Education and will continue to be discussed throughout the school year. I understand the decisions in this plan impact each of you and engender a wide variety of responses. The plan aims to provide a learning environment that demonstrates a commitment to mitigation strategies while acknowledging that academic and interpersonal growth, along with the social-emotional needs of our students remain a priority also. The plan along with an area for communicating positive cases within the district can be found on our district website.

I am thankful for our dedicated staff whose preparation work is nearing completion and now await the return of students. Along with returning staff members, we have over 15 new educators who chose DRPS to start or continue their careers. Being back to pre-pandemic protocols for school access, I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's teachers and share your time and talents.

On behalf of the entire Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff, I wish you and your children a successful 2021-2022 school year at Dell Rapids Public School.

Sincerely,
Dr. Summer Schultz



Dr. Summer Schultz
Superintendent - DRPS



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 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 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

2021-2022 Haven Fees

Before School:

Full Time (4 or more days a week): \$25/week

Part Time (3 or less days a week): \$20/week

After School:

Full Time (4 or more days a week): \$25/week

Part Time (3 or less days a week): \$20/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 2021-2022 school year.

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 8, October 11, November 24, December 22, December 27, December 28, December 29th, December 30th, January 17, February 18, February 21, March 17, March 18, April 18.

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 (6:45-8:15)

**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 Taylor.

The Dell Rapids High School Booster Club welcomes new members to the board:
Shawn & Jessie Stubbe
Steve & Jennifer Millage
Casey & Jami Schultz

2021-2022 Booster Club Officers:

President: Megan Lickteig

Vice President: Heidi Thoreseon

Treasurer: Becky Peppel Assistant: Jessie Stubbe

Secretary: Megan Hohn Assistant: Jennifer Millage

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 or signing up to donate items/time to our concession stands through Sign Up Genius through our Booster Club Facebook Page.

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

September 17th from 5-6:30pm - Second home game & Mini Cheer Camp

October 15th- Homecoming

2021 Bogeys Fore Boosters!:

First Annual Golf Tournament. Friday, August 20th. Registration starts at noon with a 1pm start time. \$100 per person. 4 person CO-ED scramble. Tournament is open to everyone, no matter how great your golf game is! This will be a fun day for a great cause.

2021 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 on line with a link at <https://hauffsports.chippily.com/drquarriers>. Orders are due by August 1 and will be delivered the first week of school.

Limited sizes and styles always available at Ace Hardware in Dell Rapids.

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!

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.

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 events conducted by the Dell Rapids Public School and can serve as identification for student prices at other activities.

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. 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.

Activity passes are non-refundable.

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY PASSES

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. Contact the District Office at 428-5473, option 1, for information on how to get this free lifetime pass.

Home of the Quarriers

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 2021

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in the summer of 1998, we performed 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 performed 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-4:30pm). The Asbestos Designated Person Dan Duenwald, is available to answer any questions you may have about ACBM in our school at 605-233-0010.

PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 FCCLA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2021 Hybrid Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference was held on June 27 to July 1. Faithe Larson qualified to participate at the national level in her Fashion Construction STAR Event at state meeting held in April. She received a silver rating on her event. The competitive STAR Events were submitted and evaluated virtually. Beverly Rieck served as a room consultant for one of the virtual events. She and Rylee Rinehart, who is serving as the 2021-22 State FCCLA President, with the other six members of the Executive Council attended the in-person meeting held in Nashville. They presided over the two South Dakota state meetings. The opening general session speaker was Sabrina Thompson Mitchell and award winners were announced in the other general sessions. Participants were able to choose workshops and trainings on topics related to national projects and activities and career pathways. Other workshop topics included community service, ethics, self-care practices, interviewing skills, and resume tips all related to family, work, and societal issues. Leadership trainings were held for the state officers. One session was a hands-on activity where one could make their own Goo Goo Cluster candy bar that was invented in downtown Nashville. South Dakota attendees also toured the Hermitage and attended the Grand Ole Opry one evening.

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NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (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

This summer has been a little closer to normal, if we even know what that is anymore. Many of the usual camps, farm shows and conferences have been held and we are hopeful that the school year will start and continue without any modifications necessary. We did learn last year that even with modifications, we can persevere and overcome obstacles.

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.

The class offered during the first half of 3rd block will be Wildlife and Fisheries. The students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity learn about the importance of fish and wildlife management, comparing life patterns of fish and wildlife, identifying economic and social issues related to fish and wildlife as well as careers in wildlife and fisheries. This class will last the entire semester and will be worth a ½ credit toward graduation.

Fundamental Animal Science will be offered during the second 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 also a half block class which will last the entire semester earning students a ½ credit toward graduation as well.

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. Kevin Schnieders worked the land to prepare the seed bed for the planting of corn. He also volunteered his time and equipment to plant corn on May 15. The corn seed was donated by Ed's Produce, Dell Rapids CO-OP Grain Co., Sioux River Ag and Channel Seed. The corn will be monitored during the rest of the growing season by the FFA members and will allow students this fall to see and learn about crop production, fertility, pest management and grain marketing. The corn 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 May 25-28. Those members helping serve were Katie Scherff, Faithe Larson and Karlie TenEyck. The state FFA leadership retreat held at Swan Lake near Viborg was attended by Karlie TenEyck on June 22-25. Karlie and the other 47 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. The chapter officers got together at Thunder Road in Sioux Falls on July 15th to plan activities and set goals for the 2021-22 school year. It was decided during that time to also have an entry in the Moody County Fair parade in Flandreau on July 29.

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



Moody County Parade entry on July 29th. Karlie TenEyck, Faithe Larson and Josie Baumburger,

Future events for FFA members:

Sept 2nd-6th **South Dakota State Fair** in Huron. Entries for the state fair were due August 1st.

September 16th **Celebrate National Teach Ag Day** to bring student attention to the career of agricultural education.

Sept. 28th **Southeast Regional Land Judging**. The top two teams from the regional event advance to Nationals in Oklahoma in May of 2022.

Oct. 27th - 30th **94th National FFA Convention & Expo**.

November 4th **Jackrabbit Inventational Leadership Events** held in Brookings.

November 23rd **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 5th & 6th.

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

The Dell Rapids School District provides nutritious meals in accordance with dietary guidelines for Americans as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health. This year (2021-2022), free meals will be provided to all students, thanks to a waiver granted by USDA.

Lunchtime Solutions serves complete, well-balanced meals that are attractive and satisfying to students, providing nourishment that allows students to excel in the classroom and lead happy, healthy lives. All students are encouraged to enjoy the nutritious breakfasts and lunches.

A limited number of a la carte items will be available for sale in the middle school and high school. Except for beverages, lunch snack items will only be sold to students who purchase a full meal. All selections will be deducted from the student's meal account, unless paid for with cash at point-of-sale, so parents/guardians should visit with their child(ren) about extra items they may or may not purchase. Parents/guardians are encouraged to use the MySchoolBucks website to monitor their child(ren)'s purchases.

The district uses NutriKids computer software for record keeping. Each student has his/her own lunch account, and the district requests advance payment. Any dollar amount can be deposited toward future purchases. It is strongly recommended that deposits into students' accounts be made online. Payments can also be given to building secretaries. Checks should be made out to Dell Rapids School, and the child's name should be written on the check.

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 2021-22 school year with issues being scheduled for August, November, February, and May.

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.



Dell Rapids Public School 2021-2022

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Special Days

First Day of School- August 26

Last Day of School-May 24

End of Quarter- Oct. 29 , Jan. 14 , Mar. 23

Graduation- May 21

Parent/Teacher Conferences /Comp Day

Oct. 7 12:30 Dismissal / Conferences 1:00-8:00

Oct. 8 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17 12:30 Dismissal / Conferences 1:00-8:00

Feb. 18 NO SCHOOL

Holiday Days and Breaks

Sept. 6 Labor Day

Oct. 11 Native American Day

Nov. 24 - 26 Thanksgiving

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 Winter Break

Jan. 1 New Years Day

Feb. 21 Presidents' Day

March 17 & 18 Spring Break(s)

April 15 & 18 Easter

May 30 Memorial Day

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

Aug. 24-25, Jan. 17 , May 25

New Teacher Orientation

Aug. 23

1:00 Early Release

Sept. 29 , Oct. 27, Dec. 21, Mar. 30 , Apr. 27

Student Contact Days

1st Quarter- 44

2nd Quarter-44

3rd Quarter-43

4th Quarter- 42

Total Student Days-173

* First snow (emergency) day forgiven

* Built-in snow days contingent upon one week notice.

*Additional emergency days will be made up after May 24

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August:

24-25th - Staff In service Days

26th - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**



September:

6th - No school (**LABOR DAY**)

29th - Staff Development - 1:00 Early Release

October:

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

8th - No School

11th - No school (**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**)

27th - Staff Development - 1:00 Early Release

29th - End of 1st Quarter



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

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