



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

2nd Quarter 2020-21

Winter Weather

Winter weather has already teased South Dakota, and it is that time of year to prepare for emergency closings. Students' academic needs are best met when attending school; however, their safety is always a priority when winter makes travel dangerous. Please keep the following information in mind as we move into the winter months.

Notification: DRPS will continue using the Brightarrow notification system. All registered parents will be notified of changes by email, text, or phone calls. We will also send a notice on our mobile app and place alerts on local television stations. If you need to update your contact information, please contact the secretary at your child's school.

Timing: Our goal is to have the decision made and on the air by 6:15 a.m. or earlier. If cancellation occurs during school hours, we will always try to provide an hour's notice before excusing students.

Delayed Opening: DRPS will utilize a 2-hour late start for the following reasons:

- allowing time for roads to be cleared, and
- providing time to observe changing weather conditions.

Keep in mind; I must consider the entire district and conditions can be very different between boundaries. I urge parents to have a backup plan should school eventually be called off for the entire day. A delayed opening can often turn into a school closing, but we need the time to determine what to do. I aim to have updated closings announced by 8:00 a.m.

Additional Information

- Haven will be closed when school is not in session.
- AM Preschool is canceled if a delayed opening is announced.
- Breakfast is not served when school is delayed.
- Activities are canceled the entire day when school is not in session. This includes all practices and open gyms even if the team is not school-sponsored or the sun comes out.
- Although we continue to explore the idea, DRPS will not be employing virtual snow days. Should this change, protocols will be shared with parents before implementation.

Finally, like you, I will not always feel the right decision was made. Mother nature is a tricky thing to predict, and hindsight is often a better viewpoint! Please remember that you have the final decision as to whether your child attends school as a parent. If you decide to keep your child home, contact the school before school starts. Our building principals will count your child as "excused by parent." Likewise, you are always able to pick your child up early if you feel conditions warrant.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move through the winter months.



Dr. Summer Schultz,
Superintendent

CHRISTMAS FOR OUR KIDS



“Christmas for Our Kids” is a long-standing community project started by Sue Horstmeyer and currently spearheaded by the local ESA women’s organization. Because of the generosity of the Dell Rapids community, we are able to ensure a Merry Christmas for all our Dell Rapids kids. Last Christmas we were able to provide gifts to 132 children and gift cards to 50 families in the Dell Rapids area. Those kids truly had a Merry Christmas because of your kindness.

The “Christmas for Our Kids” project works like this:

- Families in need are identified through anonymous referrals. We may all know a family in our community that is going through tough times and could use our help to provide those extras over the holidays.
- Referred families are contacted and kid’s “wish lists” are requested.
- These “wish lists” are filled through donations and distributed to families prior to Christmas.

Here are some ways you can help ensure another successful “Christmas for Our Kids” project:

- 1. Refer a Family in Need** - Contact Brenda O’Hara or Lori Morris with family referrals. (Families must live within the Dell Rapids School District to be eligible.) Please submit referrals **by November 10th**. - Brenda: Cell 201-6571 or brendaohara@outlook.com Lori: Cell 359-8795 or tlmorris@goldenwest.net
- 2. Adopt a Child or Family** - You or your group can adopt a child or family and purchase gifts from their “wish lists”. You will be anonymously matched up with a child or family, then you do the shopping to fill the wish lists and return the gifts to us. Contact Brenda or Lori to be matched with a family.
- 3. Angel Tree** - There will be two Angel Trees set up with specific gift requests. Stop by **County Fair** or **First National Bank** and take a tag/tags from the Angel Tree, do your shopping, and return the unwrapped gifts under the tree **by December 13th with the tag attached**.
- 4. Make a Monetary Donation** - Monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to “Christmas for Our Kids”, First National Bank, 312 E. 4th Street, Dell Rapids, SD 57022.

We hope to have all donations collected by **December 14th** so that gifts can be sorted and distributed to the families prior to Christmas. As we enter the holiday season please consider being part of this Dell Rapids tradition. If you have any questions please contact Brenda O’Hara at 201-6571 or brendaohara@outlook.com, or Lori Morris at 359-8795 or tlmorris@goldenwest.net.

QUARRIER of the MONTH

AUGUST

Kathryn Fletcher



SEPTEMBER

Logan Anderson



DRMS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

DRMS would like to congratulate the Students of the Month for October. These individuals have demonstrated positive character traits in and outside of the classroom. Thank you to Lunchtime Solutions, Pinz Bowling, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Pizza Ranch for providing Students of the Month recipients with gift certificates for these places!



OCTOBER

5th Grade:
Thomas Monroe &
Rorie Thoreson

6th Grade:
Dylan Aker &
Hayden Hansen

7th Grade:
Zane Fredrickson &
Grace Weiland*

8th Grade:
Madisyn Kistler &
Laura Lustfield

*not pictured: Grace Weiland

DRMS STUDENT OF THE MONTH continued...



NOVEMBER

5th Grade:
Kennedy Becker &
Kaitlyn Bisson

6th Grade:
Katelynn Fiddelke &
Straton Toennies*

7th Grade:
Lizzy Mauch &
Camden Moke

8th Grade:
Paige Trewin &
Tad Tjaden

*Not pictured: Straton Toennies

Quarrier Pride- “We Empower Each Other To Excel”

FCCLA NEWS

This fall members have been working on several community service projects. Since school was closed in March members finished constructing infant and child-sized fleece blankets that were donated to the Ronald MacDonald House and Sanford Children’s Hospital. Fleece scarves for adults and children were made and delivered to the Salvation Army to be delivered to those in need. Thinking of you cards were written for the residents of the Orchard Hills Assisted Living, Dells Area Nursing Home and the Palisade Healthcare Center in Garretson.

Plans are underway for hosting the Region V FCCLA meeting in January. Anyone who is still interested in joining may contact Ms. Rieck, advisor, or any current member.



Elementary School Christmas Concert

'Twas a month before Christmas and all through the school
The kids sang Christmas carols that were just so cool.

Everything is so different, this is all so strange
Covid-19 has forced us to change

Our concert is not live, instead its online
Tune in to watch, make sure you're on time

The annual DRES Christmas concert will air on
Big Sioux Media on December 10 at 7:00pm.



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The Choir Sings On!

Last November, Dell Rapids choir program was at the beginning of a fantastic time. We were able to boast about the fact that our high school chamber ensemble, Espresso Choir, was selected to perform at the South Dakota Music Conference. We were able to boast about how many students were excelling in the program as they auditioned and got into many honor and festival choirs. Even our all-state choir was randomly selected for a spot check, meaning they had to sing a portion of their music memorized for a judge, and passed with flying colors. Shortly after the South Dakota Music Conference in February; where not only did our Espresso Choir perform wonderfully, we had a record nine 4-6 graders perform in the Elementary Honor Choir, fifteen high school girls participated in the woman's festival choir. Did March come in like a lion and leave like a velociraptor?

I have never been one to sugarcoat with my students. Teaching last March was challenging! While trying to implement instruction for 300+ students who are used to working together was hard enough, I would often find myself thinking about the future. What would this year look like? As we inched closer to August, I heard from many choir colleagues from around the country struggling as well. During the summer, my time was spent researching best practices for a choir room in 2020. I feel very fortunate to be able to have the administration we have at Dell Rapids. I came to them with some ideas, some of them might be a bit "crazy," but they were all met with open ears and fully supported and implemented. Here we are in November and the 2020 choir program is still going strong!

If you have ever been to the high school gym where

our fabulous volleyball team played this fall, that is also my classroom for middle and high school choir! You might be shocked to know that, in order to have 6 feet apart from each other, you can only fit 12 people per row going all the way across the bleachers. Fifth and sixth grade have smaller class sizes, so we can still have class in my normal room. If you were to walk into my room right now it would not look like a traditional choir room because we are using every inch of space to spread the students out. When we cannot have a wide gap in between students, we are singing with masks on and a facial bracket - some may call it a lipstick cover. It sounds weird but it does help! When you take a breath in you only get air and not a mouthful of cloth. I have even had parents order some for themselves after seeing their child come home with them. The challenge has been that space between students who are used to being closer to each other and able to listen in to each other. On the flipside, I would say each student in the program would say they are getting better as a musician because they need to depend on themselves a lot more.

So here we are in November. We are not out of the woods yet, but the worried me in August is slowly calming with each day as we see our mitigation techniques working to the best of their ability and we are still having productive rehearsals. I come to school every day looking forward to working with these wonderful students and seeing how malleable they are to make our classes work and stay safe! We were blessed with good weather to already have a concert out in the park back in October and all groups are gearing towards our December performances! Bumps in the road are always expected but the choir sings on!

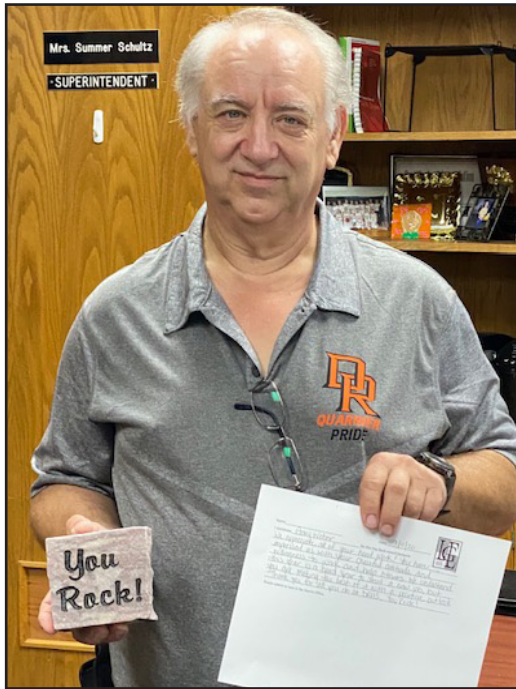
SEPTEMBER QUARRIER KIDS OF CHARACTER



OCTOBER QUARRIER KIDS OF CHARACTER

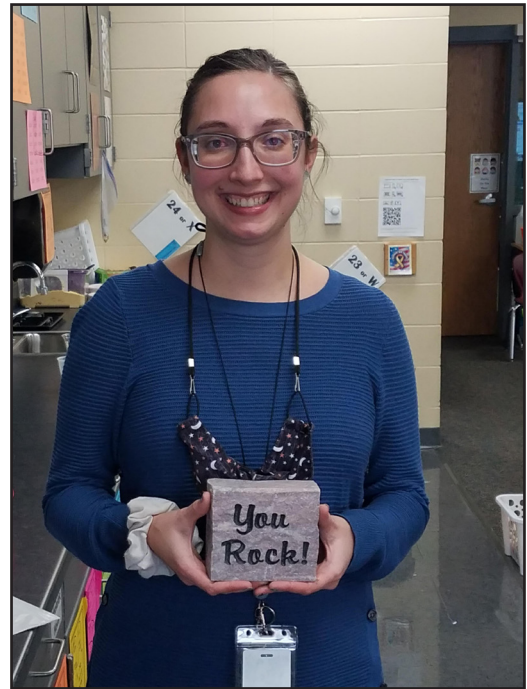


YOU ROCK! Here are the fall recipients of the YOU ROCK award. Each staff member was nominated and presented with a YOU ROCK stone provided by LG Everist. Students and parents are encouraged to nominate a staff member for this honor. It's a simple way to show your appreciation for their work and dedication to the children of Dell Rapids. A brief nomination form can be found on the district web site.



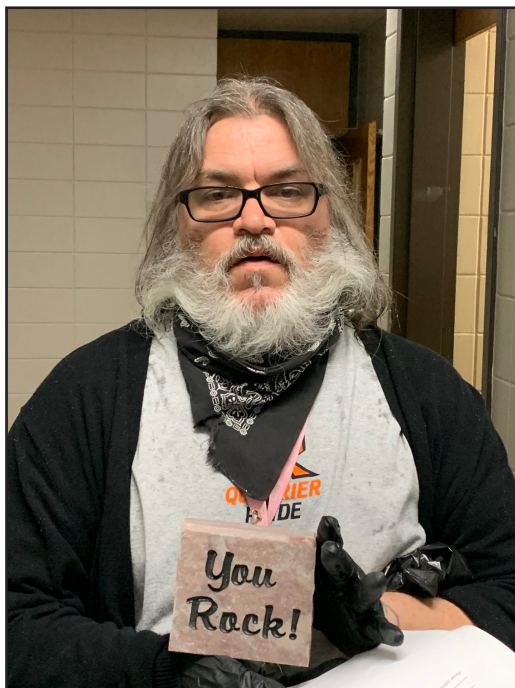
Gary Weber

We appreciate all your hard work! You have impressed us with your cheerful attitude and willingness to work and help others. Thank you for all you do at DRHS, YOU ROCK!



Emma Huntimer

Emma is an extremely talented teacher and does a great job at delivering the curriculum to a variety of learners. Emma is the first one to try something different or outside the box to help her students. Not only is she receptive to new ideas, but she also builds upon the ideas shared with her to make them even better! We are so blessed to have her on our team here at DRES.



John Welch

John has gone over and above his job description. He always asks if there is anything needed and insists on doing his job. He keeps my room spotless and even took apart my sink so it would drain properly! He knows a lot about properly cleaning and maintenance of equipment and machines. He is a super addition to our school.



You may already know, but we want to remind you that Dell Rapids School District has been approved to offer **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEALS TO ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS**.

Who can get free meals?

All K-12 students doing in-person learning at school can get free breakfast and lunch meals. Students enrolled in parallel instruction (virtual learning at home), can get free lunch meals.

Where are the free meals available for parallel instruction learners?

Students enrolled for parallel instruction should email Sara.Taubert@k12.sd.us by 9:00 a.m. each Monday morning with participation information for the week: full name of each student and the days each student (or their parent/guardian) will be picking up lunch. Lunches will be available for pick up between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the middle school office on days school is in session. Masks are required when picking up meals. Students must actually attend classes virtually on the day of meal service.

What is being served?

Students attending school in person can receive a full breakfast and lunch meal at no cost. Second entrées, additional milk, and a la carte items are NOT free and will be charged to student accounts if students take these items.

Parallel instruction students will receive a Grab and Go sub sandwich lunch.

Why have things kept changing?

Our program has to follow certain rules set at the national level by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). We have made changes based on what is allowed by the USDA.

How can I learn more?

If you have questions, please contact the school business office: Barb.Littel@k12.sd.us.

Dell Rapids Elementary School is a Peanut Aware School

Peanut allergies can be fatal. As a safety measure for the youngest students in the district who have peanut allergies, the elementary school lunch program does not knowingly serve peanuts or peanut products in school lunches. School staff discourage students, parents, and staff from bringing peanuts or peanut products into the school. If you have questions, please contact Jill Dvorak, RN/School Nurse. **Thank you.**

Ag In Action

The second block class consisting of 26 students enrolled in the Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources as well as the 4th block class of 28 students have been exposed to a variety of agricultural topics. During the unit on soils, students went outside and determined slope and looked at other physical properties of soil. During the unit on the FFA organization, the State FFA Vice President, Jackson McFaden and the State FFA Reporter, Dirby Bawek, conducted a virtual visit and shared with students the opportunities in the FFA. A small wood project allows students to design and construct a project applying concepts learned in the classroom. During the water unit, the students will analyze water resources and pollution. The crops and horticulture unit will allow students to analyze different plant parts, functions, propagation methods and growing requirements. The students will also compare various types of livestock and production methods used to raise those animals. The unit on international agriculture will help students connect commodities produced in various countries and why they are traded. Both sections of this class are a semester long and will end on January 14.

The half block class offered during 3A is Fundamental Ag Mechanics in which the 23 students have had the opportunity to investigate the basics of hydraulics and design and construct a simple hydraulic device using medical syringes as the hydraulic cylinders. Basic electricity has been covered with the students having the opportunity to wire simple electrical circuits utilizing various switches, lights and outlets. New technology in agriculture will have the students investigating the uses of GPS and GIS along with drones and robotics.

The Ag Business Sales and Marketing class is offered during the 2nd half of 3rd block or 3B and the 17 students have analyzed the importance of soft skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. The students wrote a cover letter, designed a resume' and conducted a mock interview during the Job Skills Unit. Methods of selling, advertisement and promotion have been covered in the Sales Unit with the students developing much of the FFA Fruit Sales promotion. Commodity marketing will be the main focus for the remainder of the semester utilizing the GrainBridge program to expose students to factors involved in marketing various agricultural commodities.

The new semester will begin on January 18 with four new agricultural courses being offered. Two sections of Wildlife and Fisheries will find the students learning 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. These two classes will be offered as half block classes during 1st block and will last the entire semester. The students enrolled in Advanced Ag Mechanics during 2nd block will have the ability to apply the skills learned in previous agriculture

classes to construct larger projects in the shop. The students will be responsible for the design and construction of the various projects they select. This full block class will last only for the 3rd quarter and the 4th quarter class will be Ag Systems Technology, where students will apply principles of operation, service and maintenance to mechanical equipment. During the first half of 3rd block, a section of Fundamental Animal Science will be offered where 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. Fundamental Plant Science class will be offered during the second half of 3rd block. Students enrolled in this class will be exposed to the principles of anatomy and physiology in plants in both domesticated and natural environment, the environment to promote optimal growth in plants, fundamentals of production and harvesting of plants, pest management plans, and handling, storing and marketing of various crops.

The 42 high school FFA members have been busy this fall with land judging and leadership events. On Sept. 16, Kaeden Eastman, Tate Flaskey, Mitchell Geraets, Luke Randall, Zach Shellum, Drew Stroschein, Alex Viereck, Karlie TenEyck, Cooper Hauglid, Adam Tomes and Jaden Wajer attended the McCook Central land judging school to practice their land evaluation skills. Eight of those individuals participated in the Southeast Region Land and Homesite Evaluation event near Hartford on Sept. 22. Tate Flaskey placed 32nd for a bronze award with Luke Randall, Drew Stroschein and Kaeden Eastman being the other three scores that were added together for the team score to finish in 8th place. To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This fall 403



South Dakota FFA members from 67 chapters, received their own FFA jackets through the SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program - carrying forward that long-standing tradition of pride, dignity and honor. Jackets were sponsored by various individuals through the SD FFA Foundation program, welcoming new members into the fabric of FFA. The Dells FFA members receiving their jacket through this program were Josie Baumberger, Audrey Cox and Sierra Klein. On Oct. 8th, Kevin Schnieders harvested the 16 acres of school land that had been planted into soybeans. The 593.67 bushels of soybeans were hauled to the Dells COOP and were sold with the money going into the FFA account to fund all of the activities throughout the year. Due to the concern of COVID-19, the National FFA Convention was held as a virtual event on Oct. 27-29. The Jackrabbit Invitational Leadership event was also held as a virtual event with students competing in the various areas on Nov. 5 and gave members an opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills by participating in 5 individual events which include prepared public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, employment skills, ag broadcasting and creed speaking.

There are also 6 team events members can participate in which include ag issues, ag communications, ag sales, marketing plan, junior parliamentary procedures and senior parliamentary procedures. Becky Dorn, Sydney Klein and Katie Scherff participated in the Employment Skills event. The FFA district leadership events will also be held as a virtual event with members participating on Nov. 17 and Nov. 23 when members can compete in the same 5 individual and 6 team events with the top two teams and the top three individuals advancing on to the state event that will be held as a virtual event at various times in January. Members can also apply and interview to serve as one of the six district officers for the 2020-21 year.

The FFA has one main fundraiser for the entire year and that is the annual fruit sale. This year 54 agriculture students and FFA members sold the fruit, meat, cheese, nuts, pastry puffs and puff crust pizza items. The items sold should be in the week of December 7-11, at which time all items will be sorted to ensure the highest quality and then they will be delivered. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

7th Grade Volleyball 2020

Back row (l-r): Olivia Gladis, Hailey Julson, Peyton Hohn, Cate Traill, Karlie Ingalls, & Coach Feist

Middle row (l-r): Sarah Schoolmeester, Sarina VanDaalen, Jenna Miller, Taylor Schmidt

Front row (l-r): Sommer Schmitt, Kassidee Stykel, Megan Lebahn.



8th Grade Volleyball 2020

The 8th grade volleyball team finished up their season on October 13th. The girls worked hard on performing the fundamentals during their matches.

They improved toward the end of the season.

They worked hard at every practice and did what was expected of them. Thanks for a great season and best of luck next year. Coach Barber

Back row (l-r): Adah Cavigielli, Zoey Hendrickson, Haley Rydell, Coach Barber

Middle row (l-r): Kate Prochaska, Mikayla Hight, Brynlee Kriens

Front row (l-r): Rylee Bird, Paige Trewin



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




















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New School Social Worker

For the first time in school history, the Dell Rapids School District is employing a School Social Worker. This position was made available late last year, after being awarded the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) grant, which allows two schools in the Sioux Falls area to implement support services to students and families in a school setting. The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) exists to help make a difference in the lives of children who are living in dangerous drug environments.

Rachel Kuchta accepted this new position after subbing for Mrs. Peters (Elementary School Counselor) while she was on maternity leave last year. This is Rachel Kuchta's seventh year as a School Social Worker. Rachel currently lives in Sioux Falls with her husband, Nate, and two children. She enjoys spending time with family, loves her dogs, and is an active golfer. Dell Rapids School District is excited for this new opportunity to provide extra assistance to students, families, staff, and community members. Rachel is a great asset to the school district and will continue to work as the liaison between school and home. The infographic illustrates what the roles of a School Social Worker are and how they provide additional help to the school district and community.

Rachel will be working closely with the district-wide counseling department and Deputy Ryan to provide student and family services and community outreach. She can be reached at rachel.kuchta@k12.sd.us if you have any questions, concerns or referrals.

THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

School Social Workers are the link between school and community in providing services to students, families and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social success.

SERVICES TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- Assessing students with mental health concerns.
- Developing staff in-service training programs.
- Assisting teachers with classroom management.



SERVICES TO STUDENTS



- Providing crisis intervention.
- Develop intervention strategies to increase academic success.
- Help conflict resolution and anger management.
- Helping children develop social-emotional skills.

SERVICES TO PARENTS/FAMILIES

- Interview the family to assess problems affecting the child's education.
- Work with parents to facilitate support in their children's school adjustment.
- Alleviate family stress for the child to function more effectively in school.



SERVICES TO DISTRICTS



- Develop alternative programs for drop-outs, truants, delinquents, etc.
- Identify and report child abuse and neglect
- Providing prevention programs for school violence, substance abuse, & teen pregnancy.
- Helping districts assess school climate and develop school safety plans.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY LIAISON

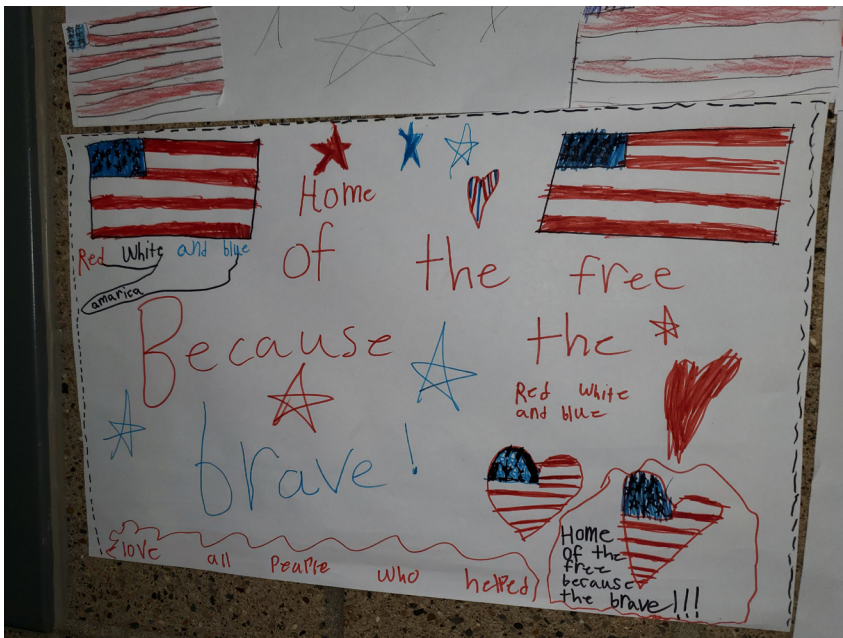
- Obtain and coordinate community resources to meet students' needs.
- Helping school districts receive adequate support from social and mental health agencies.
- Coordinate systems of care to provide wrap-around services.



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THANK YOU VETERANS!





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November:

25th - 27th - Thanksgiving Break

December:

21st - Jan 1st - Winter Break

January:

1st - New Years Day

14th - End of 2nd Quarter

15th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day



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

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