



Wise Owl

Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

4th Quarter 2020-21

Dell Rapids Public School is nearing the 2020-2021 school year finish line! Being a school superintendent for 13 years, I can affirm this year's closure feels much different than other years. Last summer, we created a multi-layered plan with the goal being to keep students on sight and learning in person. Although time has provided us 20/20 vision, we weren't afforded that advantage last fall. We understood going in that our approach had as much chance of failure as it did to succeed. We also understood that should things go wrong, a district occupying approximately 1200 individuals could adversely affect the health of an entire community.

If you followed our district this year, you were hopefully pleased by the many accomplishments that took place both in and out of the classroom. I've been asked how we managed to have such a successful year, despite the challenges Covid-19 presented. Although, as I mentioned above, our plan had multiple layers and was designed to keep healthy kids in the classroom, it ultimately came down to a school community where parents supported our mitigation plan and encouraged their students to do so as well. I can't say any of us were perfect; we all needed reminders to pull our mask up from time to time, but the consistent student compliance aided our success coupled with a bit of luck.

As we do each spring, planning is well underway for the next school year. Priority areas will center around our academic goal to ensure all students are successful. ESSER money will allow additional intervention opportunities through staffing and resources at the elementary level, along with an increase in summer school offerings. I'm excited to announce our plan to implement extended targeted services to middle school students in reading and math. These services will run similar to our current elementary title program and be used to ensure our middle-level learners continue to receive targeted interventions when not performing at grade level.

We are also working to ensure our community's youngest learners have opportunities to get to the starting line simultaneously. Kindergarten readiness is a broad and somewhat overwhelming term. South Dakota does not fund universal preschool, but our district is still committed to assisting parents, care providers, and early learning teachers. A Dell Rapids, Early Learning Taskforce, is being created to provide opportunities and resources for Kindergarten Readiness throughout our community. If you have a child that will be four years old on September 1, 2021, I encourage you to enroll them in the Waterford Upstart Program. This program has earned national recognition for its ability to assist parents in preparing preschool-aged students for school. ([Waterford.org/upstart](https://www.waterford.org/upstart))

Again, thank you to all parents and community members for their patience and support this year. It has been a year of difficult decisions, often without a historical perspective to follow. Your loyalty to our district and unwavering support did not go unnoticed, and it truly makes Dell Rapids Public School unique.

Sincerely,
Dr. Summer Schultz



Dr. Summer Schultz
Superintendent - DRPS

QUARRIER OF THE MONTH

COLIN RENTZ
FEBRUARY



MEGAN ABBOTT
MARCH



ELLIE FIDDELKE
APRIL



Quarrier Pride
*“We Empower Each
Other To Excel”*

DRMS would like to congratulate the Students of the Month. 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!

Congratulations to our March Students of the Month:

5th Grade – Claire Witte & Madeline Stanford

6th Grade – Madelyn Kremppges & Aspen Schaaf



7th Grade – Ryan Stubbe & Brooklyn Krantz

8th Grade – Lexi Schoepf & Isaac Tudor



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Congratulations to our April Students of the Month:

5th Grade: Izzy Thill & Baya Ronfeldt



6th Grade: Jewel Geraets & Lauren Ronshauge



7th Grade: Kirti Pickard & Alex Rolfsema



8th Grade: Tristan Welch & Rachel Merry



***Not pictured: Tristan Welch**

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Congratulations to our May Students of the Month:

5th Grade: Rylee Bell & Cutler Royer-Kerns



6th Grade: Roslyn Batres & Scottie Carver



7th Grade: Rylee Chamley & Magnus Narigon



8th Grade: Makenna Kistler & Brandon Schmidt & Nick Snyder



Art students at DRHS have been working many hours the past few months on the State High School Art Show, The State Congressional Art show and The Fine Arts Awards Night. Winners of the High School's best artists awards are:

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| 1. Aiden Boechler | 4. Carris Montgomery | 7. Naomi Waters | 10. Cara Rice |
| 2. Brook Spoonemore | 5. Sidney Krantz | 8. Sutton Williams | 11. Makaylynn Andrews |
| 3. Kathryn Fletcher | 6. Rileigh Foster | 9. Rowan Murphy | 12. Rachael Vietor |

This year's Artist of the Year and winner of a \$1,000 scholarship is Gracie Bietz. Gracie has exhibited extraordinary skill and dedication to her work. While the ability of the visual artist continue to amaze, we always look forward to the next wave of artists to come into the high school each year. They always seem to grow more, with more creative ability and skills to show us.



Gracie Bietz works on her submission for the Congressional Art Show.



Carris Montgomery with a self portrait she did for the State High School Art Exhibit.



Junior Aiden Boechler, works on an acrylic painting, for the High School Art Show.



SD FCCLA Leadership Conference

Over 950 members of the South Dakota Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapters met in Sioux Falls for the 2021 SD FCCLA State Leadership Conference on April 18- 20. The theme was “Measure Your Leadership”. Members were inspired by keynote speaker VJ Smith. Multiple workshops were conducted besides the general sessions.

STAR Events competitions were held and results were announced on Tuesday morning. Faithe Larson received a Gold rating and a Top Superior in the Fashion Construction category and is eligible to compete virtually at the national level. Kyra Wajer received a Gold rating and a Top Superior in the Redesign and Recycle category. Receiving a Silver rating in the Food Innovations category was Veronica Vanderloo.

Veronica was recognized as one of two people from across the state to receive the Presidential Award. Rylee Rinehart received an award for completing all five modules in the Power of One program and will be recognized at the national level for her accomplishments. Faithe was named to serve on the Advocacy Leadership Team for the coming year. The Dell Rapids Chapter received a Gold for the Merit Chapter Award for their participation in various projects and activities throughout the year.

Faithe ended her term as State Vice President for the past year. Rylee was chosen to serve as State FCCLA President for the coming year and was installed in that position at the closing session during the installation ceremony. Beverly Rieck serves as the local Dell Rapids FCCLA Chapter advisor.

FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America and was first established in 1945. South Dakota was chartered in South Dakota in 1946. It is the only youth led organization with the family as its central focus. This career-technical student organization prepares youth to assume adult roles in society as wage earners, community leaders, and caring family members by giving them important life skills needed to thrive in their families, careers, and communities.



Every year South Dakota schools welcome Junior Achievement (JA) volunteers into classrooms to share lessons and activities about money, careers, owning a business, and ethics. Although it looked different this year, the impact of the program remained strong.

During the 2020-21 school year, schools and JA volunteers modified their plans to ensure students did not miss out on JA programs. Thanks to classroom teachers and JA volunteers who were innovative and adaptable to host the program remotely, JA was able to continue its longstanding partnership with our school despite challenging circumstances.

JA volunteers virtually shared information about their career journey and examples of how businesses adjusted to a changing economy. By describing their personal and professional experiences, JA volunteers led students to make the connection between what they learn in school and how it applies to life after graduation.

Please extend a special thank you to the volunteers and teachers listed below who participated in JA during the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and business experience with students in our community or would like to sponsor a student for \$25, please contact the JA office at (605)336-7318 or jasd@ja.org.

Dell Rapids Junior Achievement Volunteers and Teachers for Program year 2020-21 Dell Rapids High School

Grade	Teacher	JA Volunteer	Employer
1	Erin Matthiesen	Tylene Schwebach	First Premier Bank
1	Phyllis Schaefer	Brittany Moeller	Dell Rapids Carnegie Library
1	Sarah Hochstatter	Joan Murphy	PREMIER Bankcard
1	Shannon Ahlbrecht	Ben Pierson	Sioux Valley Energy
2	Emma Huntimer	Skyler Loewenberg	Sky Technologies Inc.
2	Jailyn Hemmer	Ben Villa	Black Hills Federal Credit Union
2	Katie Wolff	Mark Sorenson	Keller Williams Realty Sioux Falls
2	Katie Wolff	Sarah Gross	Keller Williams Realty Sioux Falls
2	Marcy Anderson	Michelle Bunkers	The First National Bank
3	Karla Gruis	Sheri Dearduff	Community Volunteer
3	Kennedy Clark	Rochelle Murphy	Wells Fargo
3	Theresa McMahon	Rochelle Murphy	Wells Fargo
4	Brooke Swoboda	Community Volunteer	
4	Ryan Kooima	Pending	
4	Taylor Trohkimoinen	Community Volunteer	

Ag In Action

The two sections of Wildlife and Fisheries students will wrap up a unit on fish where they have been exposed to the rules and regulations of fishing in South Dakota along with identification of the common fish found in South Dakota. They had an opportunity to take a field trip to the Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery in Yankton on May 6. Archery will be the final unit of the year where students will learn the proper techniques used to shoot a bow.

Working on small gas engines will be the main focus of the 10 students enrolled in Ag Systems Technology. They have the opportunity to bring in engine projects to work on ranging from just general maintenance to complete disassembly, repair and reassembly.

The 12 students enrolled in the Fundamental Animal Science course will finish up the school year analyzing the importance of animal health and marketing. The students will compute proper dosage of various medications and analyze methods of administering vaccinations. They will also analyze the various methods used to market livestock and livestock products.

The end of the school year finds the nine students enrolled in Fundamental Plant Science connecting the use of biotechnology in plant science along with nutritional requirements for optimal plant growth.

March was different this year for participating in various Career Development Events in preparation for the State FFA Convention. Due to COVID precautions, many of the normal career development events hosted by various schools were limiting attendance, so the only event we were able to attend before state was organized by Tri-Valley and held on the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls on March 29. We had 24 members participate in 7 different event areas. In the Ag Mechanics event, there were 122 individuals and 29 teams. Tate Flaskey placed 37th, Mitchell Geraets placed 43rd, Luke Randall placed 46th and Kaeden Eastman placed 85th with the team placing 11th. The Agronomy event had 43 individuals and 12 teams with Karlie Klein placing 4th, Jacob Vogel placing 5th, Nick Wolles placing 11th and Clay Wolles placing 12th, with the team placing 2nd. In the Floriculture event there were 98 individuals and 25 teams. Sadie Schmitt placed 27th and Karlie TenEyck placed 43rd and since there were only two scores to add for the team total, the team placing 21st. In the Horse Evaluation event, there were 83 individuals and 22 teams. Sydney Klein placed 43rd, Makayla Cross placed 49th, Audrey Cox placed 56th and Sierra Klein placed 60th with the team placing 14th. In the Livestock Evaluation event, there were 85 individuals and 23 teams. Alex Viereck placed 57th, Luke Geraets placed 69th, Drew Stroschein placed 73rd, Zach Shellum placed 83rd and Weston Mason placed 85th with the team placing 18th. In the Milk Quality and Products event there were 74 individuals and 19 teams. Alexyss LaDeaus placed 40th, Katie Scherff placed 47th, Josie Baumberger placed 55th and Cooper Hauglid placed 68th with the team placing 15th. Becky Dorn was our only member to participate in the Vet Science event that had 109 individuals and 30 teams with Becky placing 47th.

This event was considered our district event and was used to determine who would qualify to participate at the state convention. Only the top five teams would be allowed to represent our district at the state convention. Tri-Valley allowed other schools to participate that are not in our FFA district, so the results were recalculated with only 11 schools in our FFA District. The district 7 results are: in Ag Mechanics Tate placed 13th, Mitchell placed 17th, Luke placed 20th and Kaeden placed 32nd and the team placed 5th. In Agronomy, Karlie placed 1st for a gold, Jacob Vogel placed 2nd for a gold, Nick Placed 3rd for a silver and Clay placed 4th for a silver with the team ending up in 1st place. In the Floriculture event, Sadie placed 5th for a bronze and Karlie placed 11th and their scores were good enough for the team to placed 4th. In the Horse Evaluation event, Sydney placed 8th, Makayla placed 10th, Audrey placed 14th and Sierra placed 17th and the team finished in 3rd place. In the Livestock Evaluation event, Alex placed 11th, Luke placed 16th, Drew placed 18th, Zach placed 20th and Weston was 21st and the team finished in 3rd place. In the Milk Quality and Products event, Alexyss placed 3rd for a silver, Katie placed 6th for a bronze, Josie placed 9th and Cooper placed 11th bringing the team to a 3rd place finish. In the Vet Science event Becky placed 5th for a bronze.

From the district results we had 6 teams place in the top 5 to qualify for state. Once again due to COVID, the South Dakota State FFA Convention was moved to Rapid City as South Dakota State University was concerned with having high school students from various locations in the state coming onto campus for three days. We did have several members decide not to attend the state event, but we did have 18 members attend. With bussing and driver shortages, we took a mini-bus and a school van driven by Tom Scherff to Rapid City. The members who attended were: Ag Mechanics: Tate, Mitchell Kaeden and Luke; Agronomy: Karlie Klein, Jacob, Clay and Nick; Floriculture: Karlie TenEyck, Sadie and Katy Pulscher; Horse Evaluation: Sierra and Audrey; Milk Quality: Katie Josie and Cooper; Livestock Evaluation: Macie Brown and Luke Geraets.

The top 10 percent of the participants in each event earn gold awards, the next 15 percent earn silver awards and the next 15 percent earn bronze awards at the state level. Karlie placed 17th for a silver award, Jacob placed 20th for a silver award and Clay placed 37th for a bronze award. The team placed 9th earning a bronze award.

Karlie, Jacob, Clay and Nick also participated in the South Dakota Farmers Union Safety Quiz Bowl. They competed against a team from Beresford and were defeated 115 to 65. A total of 16 teams competed and the top 4 scoring teams will compete in the finals held during the South Dakota State Fair.

Other than participating in the Career Development Events, member also had the opportunity to attend two general sessions of the convention and attend the Career Carnival exhibits which allowed them to talk to numerous businesses and post-secondary schools about their future opportunities. The two days were filled with achievements, inspiration and a passion for agriculture.

On April 22nd the Dells FFA chapter held the annual Parent/Member Banquet to recognize members on their achievements from the year. Since we were unable to have a banquet last school year, some awards were given out for last year as well as this year. Members receiving their Greenhand FFA Degree for 2020 were: Josie Baumberger, Sydney Klein, Alexyss LaDeaux, Katelynn Scherff and Karlie TenEyck. Katelynn was selected as the star greenhand. The members earning their Greenhand FFA Degree for 2021 were: Audrey Cox and Sierra Klein with Audrey being selected as the star greenhand. The member receiving the Chapter FFA Degree for 2020 were: Tate Flaskey and Nick Wolles with Nick being selected as the star chapter degree. Those members receiving their Chapter FFA Degree for 2021 were: Josie Baumberger, Sydney Klein, Katelynn Scherff and Karlie TenEyck. Katelynn was selected as the star chapter degree. The DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award is awarded to one FFA student per chapter who exemplifies scholarship, commitment, work ethic and passion for pursuing a career in agriculture. These students demonstrate promising young talent and are the rising stars of agriculture. This year's recipient was Nick Wolles. Nick received a certificate and a pin and his name will be engraved on a plaque with all of the former recipients of this award and it will be displayed in the ag classroom. This was the tenth year our local FFA Chapter has been presenting a scholarship to a senior member based on their FFA involvement, scholarship, and leadership activities. With the donation from Dakota Access Pipeline, a \$200 scholarship was awarded to Becky Dorn. The new chapter officers for 2021-22 were announced at the end of the banquet with Weston Mason selected as the Sentinel, Katelynn Scherff was selected as the Reporter, Josie Baumberger will serve as the Treasurer, Sydney Klein was selected as the Secretary, Karlie TenEyck will serve as the Vice President and Faither Larson was selected as the President.

The summer also has opportunities for members to continue gaining skills that can be utilized in their future. On June 2nd and 3rd they could attend the South Dakota Soil and Rangeland Days in Murdo to gain skills on soil and rangeland evaluation. Members can continue to develop their leadership skills by

attending one of the State FFA Leadership Retreats. One retreat will be held June 22-25 at Swan Lake near Viborg and the other will be held July 6-9 at Storm Mountain near Rapid City. By attending one of these retreats, FFA members will develop and enhance their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. There will be workshops that help members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. FFA members can exhibit livestock at the Sioux Empire Fair, which is Aug. 5-14, in the FFA division. They can also exhibit livestock and ag mechanics exhibits at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron Sept. 2-6. FFA offers a wide variety of areas for students to gain knowledge and skills that they can utilize in their future. If you have any questions about the agriculture program or the FFA organization, please contact Mr. Wolff at tom.wolff@k12.sd.us.



The 2021-22 Officers are: Weston Mason – Sentinel, Katie Scherff – Reporter, Josie Baumberger – Treasurer, Sydney Klein – Secretary, Karlie TenEyck – Vice President and Faither Larson – President



The other picture is the group of members who attended and participated at the State FFA Convention.

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.

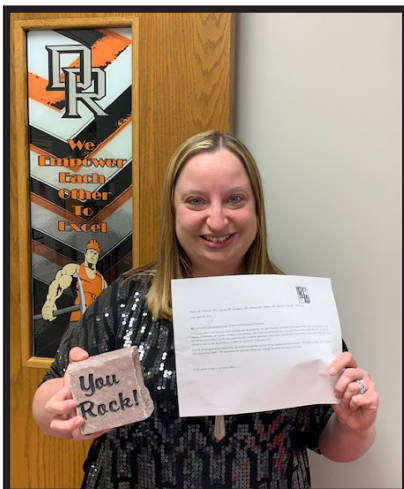


Patricia Wilson

Patricia's upbeat attitude is contagious and inspires others. She makes great connections with students and staff and really cares for everyone around her. Patricia is always willing to go the extra mile without being asked. Patricia is truly someone you look forward to seeing in the hallways and is always wearing a smile. She is a powerful example of what it is to have Quarrier Pride!

Dan Ahlers

We couldn't ask for a better sub! Dan always comes in with a smile, takes on any task given to him, and always goes above and beyond to help students. Dan finds ways to make connections with our students and our students are always happy to see Dan subbing! Thank you Dan!



Trista Breckenridge

Trista goes above and beyond when working with all students. It is her attention to detail and organization that contributes to the success of the entire 8th grade – students and teachers. Her heart and positivity are a couple more of her traits that are so special. Her tender heart allows her to have patience with students and make meaningful connections with them. Trista takes the initiative and is willing to step up and do whatever it takes for everyone to be successful. She plays a large part and is a vital piece to our team. We appreciate her and can't thank her enough for what she does every day!

School Board Election 2021

No school board election will be held on June 15, 2021 for the expiring terms of Troy Randall and Jacque LeBrun. Incumbent Troy Randall filed the only petition and will be sworn in to serve the three-year term at the July 2021 school board meeting. The school board will make a one-year appointment for the second vacancy, and the remaining two-years of the position will be up for election in 2022.



2021 Dell Rapids High School yearbooks will be distributed in August 2021.

Thanks for your support of the Quarrier!



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Drivers needed for both morning AND afternoon routes; substitute bus drivers also needed. If interested, and you would like more information please call Jeff Schmidt at 605-428-5473 ext 496 or fill out an application at www.dr-k12.org.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO
REMEMBER:**

Friday, May 21st - Last Day of School 1pm 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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