



# Wise Owl

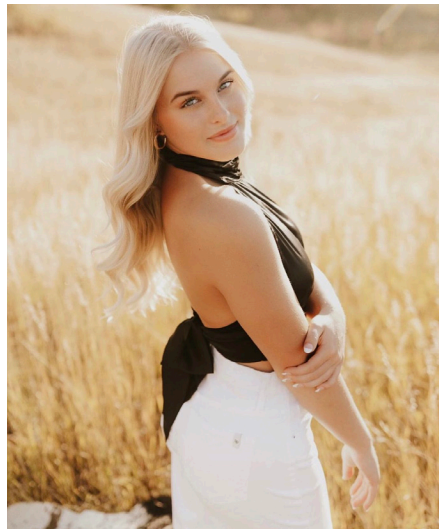
Dell Rapids Public Schools

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

3rd Quarter 2022-23

## QUARRIER OF THE MONTH

**KERRIGAN KINDOPP**  
**OCTOBER**



**CHASE JONES**  
**DECEMBER**



**CARTER TRAILL**  
**NOVEMBER**



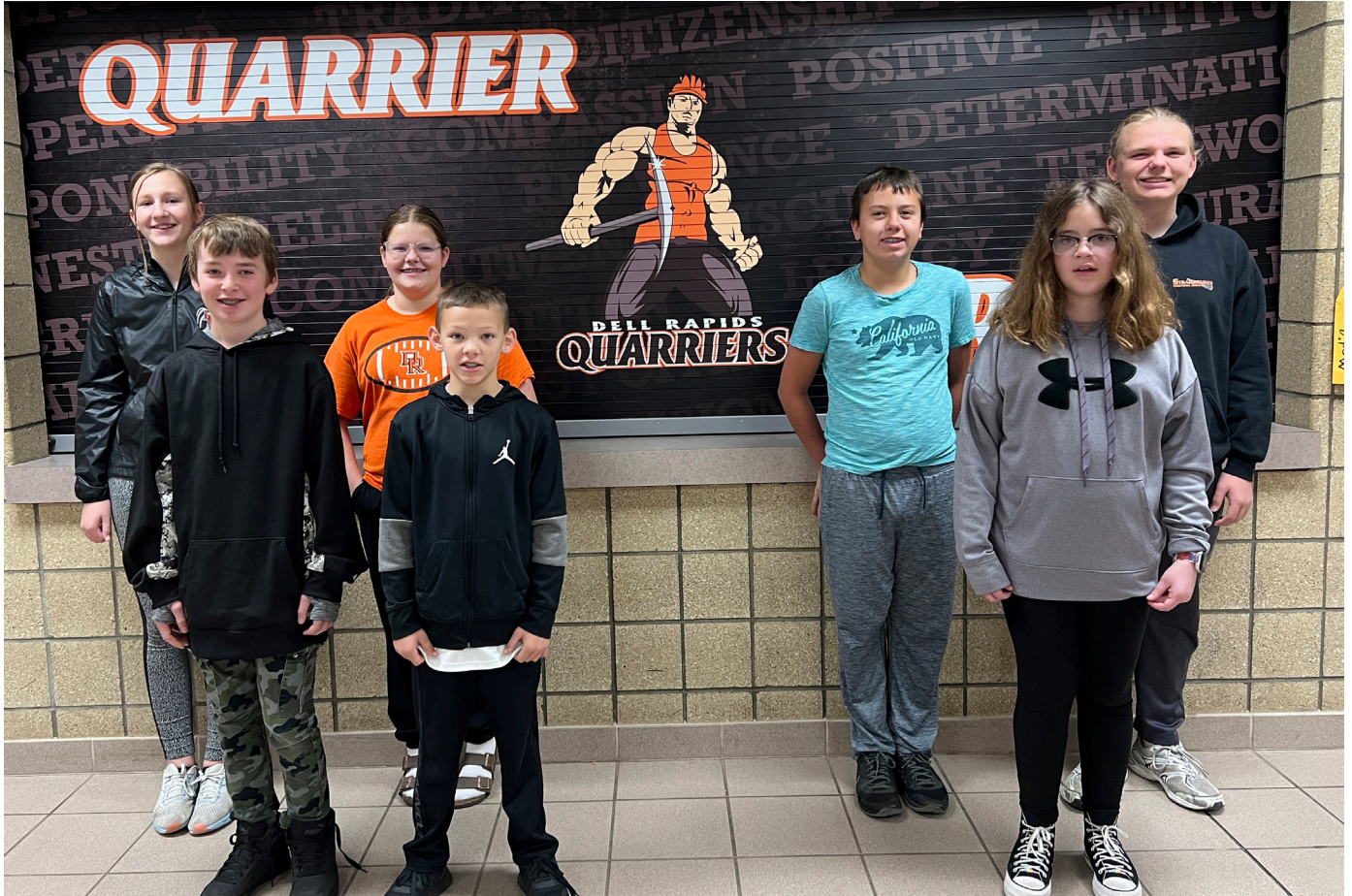
**LIZ PRICE**  
**January**





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## Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:



### 5th – Addison Limmer & Paizleigh Clement\*

## 6th – Easton Davis & Callen Aery

## 7th- Madie Van Whye & Karis Harvey

### 8th- John Esculano & Scottie Carver

**\*Not pictured**



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## **Congratulations to our December Students of the Month:**



**5th Grade – Kole Graham & Tinley Johnson**

**6th Grade– Knox Cuny & Charlie Person**

**7th Grade - Kayla Nirva & \*Chris Hanson**

**8th Grade - Auhbree Kludt & Khloe LeBrun**

**\*Not pictured**



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### **Congratulations to our January Students of the Month:**



**5th Grade – Nolan Katzer & Kristi Ellis**

**6th Grade – Nyomi Anderson & Edson Anderson**

**7th Grade – Trevor Gillen & Boden Mailey**

**8th Grade – Jacob Austin & Adeline Hansen**



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## **Congratulations to our February Students of the Month:**



**5th grade – Autumn Schoolmeester & Mia Larson**

**6th grade – Avery Cole & Lucas Peppel**

**7th grade – Sylea Sykes & Mason McInroy**

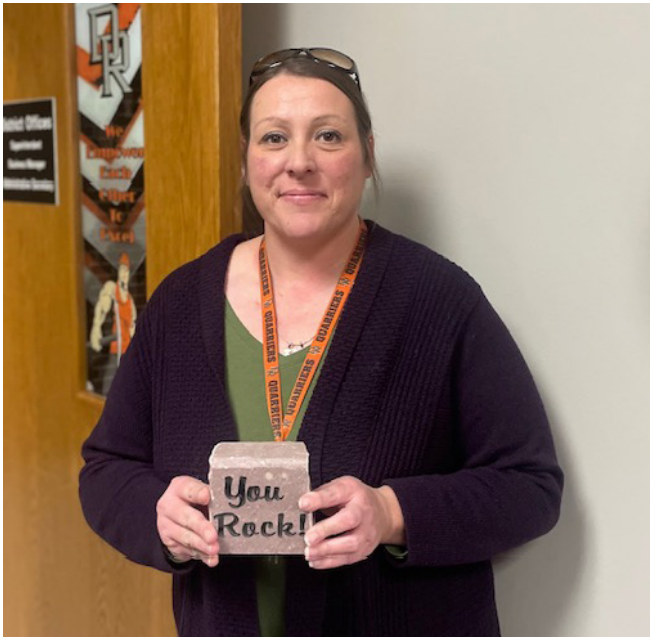
**8th grade – Mikhail Grib & Gauge Bunkers**



# YOU ROCK!

## Melissa Nygard

Melissa has gone above and beyond her role at the high school to mentor, coach and teach a young teacher in another building. We are so thankful for her ability and willingness to share her expertise in special education “do’s” and “don’ts” with others in a way that is helpful, humble and empathetic. She has spent her lunch hour and prep times on several occasions this year—not because she has to, but because she has a helping spirit. She inspires others to do the best they can and is matter of fact in her approach. I’m so thankful that I get to work with her. She gives great suggestions and advice and is just a great listener too! I would not have made it this year without her!!



## Deanna Batres

Deanna is always going above and beyond for our students. She is great at communicating with teachers about progress and always keeps us in the loop. Deanna is also flexible and helps wherever she can. We are so thankful for her at DRSD!

## Sara Holmberg

In her time here at DRMS, our school has flourished with her continued contributions and commitment. Our students love and trust her because she listens, guides, and takes an approach with students that is straightforward and loving. Her sense of humor and ability to relate has given our students opportunities to grow as individuals but also as a collective school. Our teachers appreciate her ongoing ability to encourage us to be better than we were by thinking outside of the box. She walks through situations with kindness and candor. She works harder than anyone I know to give back to the community in ways that do not garner her any attention. She is a silent force and one that makes our school and community better. How lucky are we that she is a counselor in our district!



## DRHS Fine Arts Booster Club

The Dell Rapids Fine Arts Booster Club (FABC) has met monthly since the beginning of the school year to gather ideas and plan for ways that the group can support students in the fine arts. If you have been to a sporting event over the winter or attended the DRHS Quiz Bowl meet, there is a good chance that you saw members of the FABC serving concessions to help raise funds to meet our goals. We have been happy to use these funds to provide snacks and meals to students in marching band, those students participating in fine arts events at the state level, as well as those selected to perform in honor music ensembles.

We are excited to announce that a dinner theater experience will be available during the DRHS music and theater departments' run of the musical,

### **“Mamma Mia”** April 21-23, 2023

The event will be held in conjunction with the Saturday, April 22 evening performance with catering provided by Cricket's. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a performance of the musical at 7:00. Please watch the FABC Facebook page (@DellRapidsFineArtsBoosters) for more information on the meal, tickets and other ways you can help support the event!

Thank you for supporting our fine arts students!

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## 2022-2023 Booster Club Board Members

Jared & Megan Hohn ♦ Casey & Jami Schultz ♦ Jeremy & Miranda Geraets

Kurt & Becky Peppel ♦ Shawn & Jessie Stubbe ♦ Jon & Megan Geraets

Mike & Susan Sterud ♦ Steve & Jennifer Millage ♦ Cody & Danielle Bunkers

### Booster Club Year to Date Summary

- Kickoff Membership Event “Bogeys for Boosters” held at Rocky Run Golf Course
- First practice good luck gifts provided to all athletes
- Food Truck night at DRHS Football home opener
- Tailgate event prior to Homecoming game
- Congratulatory gifts to all state event participants
- \$20,000 donation provided for equipment update to the high school weight room

### Upcoming events

- End of year athletic banquet May 9th 2023
- Drawing for our fundraiser raffling off a football helmet signed by the DRHS 2022 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM & a RTIC Quarrier brand cooler.

To stay in touch with current athletic events and Booster Club announcement, follow us on social media

Facebook: Dell Rapids High School Booster Club Instagram: drhsboosterclub

Email us at [drboosterclub.com](mailto:drboosterclub.com)

Thank you to all our donors and community supporters! We would not be able to do what we do to support athletes without you!



We were excited to have Junior Achievement (JA) volunteers in our school once again! JA volunteers shared their knowledge with our students about careers, money, owning a business, and ethics.

JA volunteers teach engaging and interactive lessons while sharing their own career journey. By sharing their personal and professional stories it allows students to start making a connection between their schoolwork and their future careers. We appreciate the time JA volunteers spend in the classroom making an impact on South Dakota's future workforce!

JA strives to empower students to achieve their dreams and seeks to instill hope for a promising future. This year, nearly 2,000 JA classroom volunteers have committed to teaching JA programs with the hope of reaching over 55,000 South Dakota students.

Please extend a special thank you to the volunteers and teachers listed below who participated in JA during the 2022-23 school year. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and business experience with students in our community, please click here to see a list of [open JA classes](#) still in need of volunteers this year. Or, if you would like to sponsor a student for \$25, please contact the JA office at (605)336-7318 or [jasd@ja.org](mailto:jasd@ja.org).

Grade	Teacher	Volunteer	Employer
5	Natalie Eggers	Dan Ahlers	Community Volunteer
5	Kelley Gruneich	Rochelle Murphy	Wells Fargo
5	Jacob Habeger	Grant Olson	The First National Bank in Sioux Falls
6	Brian Koch	Amanda Kriens	BankWest of Colman
6	David Miller	Heather Hansen	Sammons Financial
6	Sara Plank	Steve Hegge	Dell Rapids Middle School
6	Sara Plank	Tarah Burggraff	Landmark Realty and Auction
6	Jamie Randall	Carrie Patterson	Schwebach Insurance and Real Estate
7	Riley Duncanson	Justin Evans	Trident Process
7	Christine Feist	Skyler Loewenberg	Sky Technologies Inc.
7	Amanda Swaney	Kristen Boyle	Eide Bailly, LLP

## Junior Achievement of South Dakota

300 S Phillips Avenue, Suite L102 | Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
605.336.7318 | [jasd@ja.org](mailto:jasd@ja.org) | [www.jasd.org](http://www.jasd.org)



## FCCLA NOTES

On Wednesday, December 7, the Region V FCCLA meeting was held in Hartford. Paislee Dammer was elected and installed as the Region V Vice President for the coming year. Paislee and Elizabeth Mauch both received a Superior rating on their Professional Presentations and now advance to state competition in April. Both received Power of One recognition and Paislee was awarded the Step One award. Maya Lee, Laura Lustfield, Hannah Lundgren, Grace Weiland, and Alex Heinemann were members of the Knowledge Bowl team and in the second round they came very close to being in the runoffs.

Members have also been selling funky socks for the WeHelp2 program where the profits will be donated to local charities.

February 13-17 is National FCCLA Week. The theme this year is the “IncREDible” FCCLA. Different activities are planned for each day of the week including a basket raffle, staff appreciation day, student involvement day, and a service project day.

Proceeds for the basket raffle will go to Feeding South Dakota.

Chances for a Quarrier quilt will be sold during the month of February and the winner will be announced at the beginning of March.



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## SHOES FOR THE SHOELESS

Do you have shoes in your home that are no longer needed or worn by a family member? If so, consider donating them to the “Shoes for Shoeless” program. They will be collected and given to the needy in the Sioux Falls area. Slightly used, wearable shoes of any size whether for children, teens, women, or men can be used and will be accepted.

Your donations may be brought to the main office of the Dell Rapid Public School in the high school, middle school, or elementary school through Monday, February 27th. This project is sponsored by the Dell Rapids Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter.



## Kindergarten Screenings

**Thursday, March 2, 2023** (day/evening)

**Friday, March 3, 2023** (morning only)

Dell Rapids Elementary will be hosting kindergarten screenings for children who plan to attend kindergarten OR kindergarten prep during the 2023-2024 school year. Children must be age 5 on or before September 1, 2023 to attend kindergarten or kindergarten prep next year.

Parents please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of their most recent immunizations with you to the screening.

To register please visit our district website at

<https://www.dr-k12.org/>

OR

Contact Heidi at Dell Rapids Elementary at 428-5473 at option #6





# What is Kindergarten Prep?

Kindergarten Prep is a differentiated program that is designed to help the Kindergarten-aged child transition into a routine of everyday, all-day school.

Kindergarten Prep will provide a supportive environment for your child and will focus on social and emotional development, physical and motor development, as well as academic skills needed to prepare your child for kindergarten. Research suggests that children greatly benefit from programs that address school readiness. The children are nurtured emotionally, socially, and academically to achieve their potential and feel valued as learners. A combination of small group instruction and whole group activities allows the children to develop as cooperative learners. The Kindergarten Prep experience fosters a safe learning environment and fuels the children's natural curiosity and desire to learn.

*Please feel free to email with any further questions about our program!*

**Mrs. Tasha Davis - [tasha.davis@kl2.sd.us](mailto:tasha.davis@kl2.sd.us)**

**Mrs. Jessica Hendrickson - [jessica.hendrickson@kl2.sd.us](mailto:jessica.hendrickson@kl2.sd.us)**

## Ag in Action

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Two sections of Wildlife and Fisheries are being offered during 1st block as half block classes. The students are 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. The 19 students enrolled in 1A and the 10 students in 1B started the semester going over the basics of archery and had the opportunity to shoot bows. They are now going over the fish unit helping them become aware of the fishing regulations, fish identification and the different types of fishing techniques. They will have the opportunity to construct wood duck nest boxes before going over identification of various wildlife mammals and birds. The students will go on a field trip to the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls to try ice fishing and then stop at Archer's Addiction to shoot bows.

The sixteen students enrolled in Fundamental Ag Mechanics during 2nd block have had the ability to apply the skills learned in hydraulics unit when they constructed a hydraulic device using syringes. The students are now going over the lesson related to electricity and will have an opportunity to wire various types of electrical circuits. Other units covered in this class will include plumbing, concrete and metals. 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 3rd block, 12 students are enrolled in Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Those students have explored the role of the FFA organization in Agriculture Education. They will summarize basic principles involved in agricultural systems technology and will have the opportunity to learn about shop tools and shop safety, project design and construct a small wood project. Other areas covered this semester will include defining and discussing the concepts of natural resources, demonstrating an understanding of animal science systems, demonstrating an understanding of plant structure and function, relate basic food science technology principles to production agriculture and summarize basic food science technology,

One part of the FFA mission statement FFA makes

a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education includes developing leadership. The District 7 Leadership Development Events were held at Hartford on Nov. 22 with 6 Dells members participating. In the creed speaking event Alex Roelfsma placed 10th. In the Employment Skills event, Katie Scherff placed 4th and Cami Wolles placed 10th. In the Ag Broadcasting event, Katie Scherff placed 1st to advance to the state event and Audrey Cox placed 6th. Karlie TenEyck gave her prepared public speech and placed 3rd advancing her to the state event. Sadie Becker participated in the extemporaneous speaking event and placed 5th. The State Leadership event was held in Pierre on Dec. 4 & 5 where Katie Scherff placed 2nd in the Ag Broadcasting event and Karlie TenEyck placed 17th with her prepared public speech.

For the final meeting of 2022, the members met at Great Shots on Sunday, Dec. 18 for an hour of golf. A service project the chapter has done for a number of years is to sponsor a 3-point hoop shoot. The chapter held two hoop shoots with the money brought in on Jan 14 being matched by the chapter for a total donation to Cystic Fibrosis of \$292 and the money brought in on Jan. 21 was matched for a total donation to Multiple Sclerosis of \$328.

Sawyer Geraets and Cooper Hauglid participated in the livestock judging event held in conjunction with the Sioux Falls Winter Farm Show on Jan. 29. They had three classes of beef, 2 classes of swine, two classes of goats and 1 class of sheep to rank from best to worst in addition to two sets of questions related to a beef class and a goat class.

In the FFA, scholarships are available for senior members including 26 different scholarships varying in amounts for members who plan to attend a University or Technical Institute. A \$1,000 scholarship is available for a member planning on majoring in Agriculture Education with these applications due Feb. 25. Younger members can apply for the six \$1,000 scholarships to attend the Washington Leadership Conference held during the summer with the application





deadline also Feb. 25.

The National FFA Week will be celebrated from Feb. 18-25. This FFA Week embraces more than 90 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, the chapter will conduct a variety of activities to help others in the school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for over 300 unique career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

In March and April, the Career Development Events take place in preparation for the State FFA Convention. There are 15 different areas that members can develop their skills in that can eventually lead to career success. The areas include: Ag Business Management; Ag Mechanics; Agronomy; Dairy Cattle Evaluation; Floriculture; Food Science; Horse Evaluation; Livestock Evaluation; Meats Evaluation; Milk Quality and Products; Natural Resources; Nursery/Landscape; Poultry Evaluation; Range Plant Identification; and Veterinary Science. The competitions will be: March 20 at Lennox, March 23 at Flandreau, March 27 at Tri-Valley, March 31 at Little I in Brookings and April 3 at Howard. The State FFA Convention will be held in Brookings on April 16, 17 & 18. The top placing team

in each event will advance onto the national event next fall during the National FFA Convention.

To recognize the members on their achievements from the year, the FFA will be holding the FFA Parent/Member Banquet on Sunday, May 7 in the Middle School Commons at 6:30 pm.

The summer also has opportunities for members to develop their leadership skills by attending one of the State FFA Leadership Retreats. One retreat will be held at Swan Lake near Viborg on June 20-23 and the other retreat will be held at Storm Mountain near Rapid City on July 11-14. 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. The Washington Leadership Conference is once again being held in our nation's capital. This conference is held seven weeks throughout the summer for FFA members to become engaged citizens who can make a measurable positive difference in their communities. 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](mailto:tom.wolff@k12.sd.us).

# DELL RAPIDS PROM

April 1st, 2023

Grand March: 8pm

Dance: 9:30-11:30pm

After Prom: 12am

## **CHILD FIND**

The Dell Rapids School District recognizes its responsibility to provide a free and appropriate public education to eligible students with disabilities within its geographical boundaries. The District has a "child find" process that is designed to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities residing within its geographical boundaries preschool through grade 12 or through age 21 if they have not received a high school diploma.

If you know a child who lives within the boundaries of the Dell Rapids School District who may be in the need of special education and/or related services, please contact the District's Office of Special Education by calling 605.428.5473 x346 for further information regarding the referral and evaluation process.

If the student is school-aged and attends a non-public private school that is not located within the geographical boundaries of the School District, the student may need to be referred to the school district in which the non-public school is located in order to receive an evaluation.

The District's Child Find responsibility extends to students with physical or mental impairments that substantially limit a major life activity. Such students may be eligible for services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Section 504 is a Federal civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities and programs receiving Federal financial assistance. Please contact the District's Office of Special Education at 605.428.5473 x346 for more information regarding Section 504 eligibility and services.

The Dell Rapids School District also can screen and evaluate students aged 3-5 that live within the district boundaries. If you are concerned about your child's current level of development in the areas of personal-social, fine and gross motor, cognitive, and communication skills, we encourage you to contact the District's Office of Special Education by calling 605.428.5473 x346 to discuss your concerns and schedule a screening and potential evaluation.

For more general developmental checks the district Dell Rapids School District offers a FREE developmental screening for children ages 3 through age 5 that live within the school district boundaries that we typically schedule in the Fall. Check the District website or see the flyers posted in the community in the Fall (typically October)

If you have a child 0-3 and have concerns, please contact:

Stephanie Krusemark at [Stephanie.Krusemark@usd.edu](mailto:Stephanie.Krusemark@usd.edu) 605.202.0697





## **Important Dates to Remember:**

**Feb. 16 early release at 12:30**

**Feb. 16 Conferences 1-8**

**Feb. 17 and 20 - No School**

**March 17 - No School**

**April 7 - No School**

**April 26 early release at 1:00**



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

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