

David L. Rahn Jr. High

Welcome to David L Rahn Jr. High. We are in the Oregon School District but our building is 5 miles from Oregon in Mt. Morris. Oregon and Mt. Morris are rural farm communities in the IAJHSC Northwest District about 100 miles west of Chicago. We are surrounded by beautiful State Parks; Lowden State Park (home of the Blackhawk Statue overlooking the Rock River), White Pines and the White Pines Dude Ranch, and Lowell Park, where President Ronald Reagan lifeguarded as a teenager.

Rahn Jr. High is a 7th and 8th grade building with 235 students. Student Council is open to anyone willing to: * come to early morning meetings, *actively serve on a committee * keep their grades up, * do community service, and * work hard to make DLR the best it can be. There are 90 members in Student Council this year. We meet every other Wednesday morning at 7:00 am. Our officers are elected in April; President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The other five members of Executive Board are appointed in August by the officers and advisor. The Exec. Board meets every Tuesday during lunch. The Executive Board is the backbone of our council. They choose the chairmen for our 15 committees, decide the major activities for the year, plan and conduct every Council meeting including a fun leadership activity, and do all the preparation and projects for Convention and Honor Council.

DLR's Student Council is active and busy from the first day of school until the last. September kicks off the new council, new committees and new ideas for fun, philanthropy, and service. We have our biggest fund-raiser; the School-wide Magazine Sales, which Student Council helps to manage. We also have a Spirit Week in conjunction with Homecoming.

In October, we have a Halloween Costume Dance with a DJ, refreshments, picture area, and prizes for the best costumes. There's a trip to a scary Haunted House and a Saturday afternoon spent cleaning, raking and mulching the school grounds.

November & December plans include helping with the school's Veterans' Day Assembly, attending a District Leadership Workshop, working basketball concessions and selling candy grams at lunch to raise money for this year's State Projects. There is also one of our

favorites; the Holiday Door Decorating Contest, another Crazy Dress Up Day (or two), the first Pop Tab Collection Day and a Holiday-related Philanthropy Project.

January and February include a Ski Trip to Chestnut Mt., selling Valentine's candy grams, sponsoring the biggest event of the year; the Valentine's Dance, complete with a Prince and Princess and their court. We take a trip to a Rockford Ice Hogs Hockey Game, have more fun dress up days, go to another great District Workshop and have a fund-raiser to help with Convention expenses.

March and April seem to fly by with Spring Fun Night, Convention preparation, IHJHSC Leadership Camp registrations, election of new officers, and the last dress up days and spirit activities. Convention is always the highlight of our year. Working to achieve Honor Council, enabling delegates to experience Convention, and being an active part of IAJHSC are three of our major goals each year. At last April's Convention, we were very proud and happy to have our first District Representative elected to office. Meredith Gelandner is this year's Northwest District Representative and also DLR's Vice-President.

David L Rahn Jr. High Student Council is very busy trying to make our school and community a great place to live. We are learning to work together, to be leaders, to learn from others, to give back to the community, and to have fun. . . . LOTS of fun! We want to end with a big THANK YOU to the IAJHSC for providing so many wonderful opportunities for sharing, learning, exploring, and experiencing.

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