**Board Report Jim Knott –High School Principal**

**Douglas County West Community Schools November 12, 2018**

November is upon us, and although we are between sports seasons, it is a very busy time at the high school. The honor roll for first quarter came out on Friday, October 26. We have two types of academic honor rolls at DC West; an Honor Roll of Distinction and an Honor Roll of Merit. To be included on the Honor Roll of Distinction, a student must have accumulated a GPA of 3.5 or higher for that grading period. To be included on the Honor Roll of Merit, students must have achieved a 3.0-3.5 GPA during the grading period. The first quarter honor rolls are listed on page two of this report.

The annual DC West High School Blood Drive was held Tuesday, October 23, from 8:00-1:30. The Blood Drive was organized by the High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), which is sponsored by Mr. Ben Knobbe. Students were required to be at least 16 years of age to donate. Nine teachers, twenty-five students, and six community members donated a total of 40 units of blood to the Red Cross. “We have had great success over several years with the Red Cross Blood Drive at DC West!” stated Mr. Knobbe, “It is a great cause and something that we want to continue to build upon.” The DC West HOSA club will sponsor the spring blood drive.

On Friday, November 9, Mrs. Remmick’s Metro World Civilization class will take part in a very unique local history event. In the mid 1970s, a gravestone from 1879 was given to Valley Social Studies Teacher Dean Slater from a local contractor who dug up the stone when doing some earthwork in the area. Apparently the Valley cemetery was once located where he was digging and had been moved to its current location in 1881. The theory is that the graves were moved but somehow this gravestone didn’t make it to the new location. So, the gravestone sat in storage at Valley and DC West until this fall when it was given to the local historical society. Georgene Gottsch, the head of the historical society picked up the headstone from the school and within a month, received a phone call from a man in Texas. This man was researching his family history and was looking for information on the Rhoads family. Georgene was astounded when she looked at the gravestone and the name on it was Roseanna Rhoads. After the phone call, Georgene went out to the current Valley cemetery and found the burial plot of the Rhoads family and sure enough, there was an unmarked grave. On Friday, November 9 the four-year-old girl Roseanna Rhoads who died of scarlet fever in 1879 will get her headstone back at a dedication ceremony starting at 8:30 am. Mrs. Remmick’s class will observe the ceremony. Georgene Gottsch said, “I can’t believe the way this all happened. The stone had been missing for 139 years. The truly wonderful thing is that this little girl will finally get her headstone back!”

