

Dedication Day 2015



Beautiful fall weather welcomed visitors from across the country to KDS DAR School's 91st Dedication Day celebration on October 15th and 16th. More than 150 DAR members were on campus to dedicate gifts given to the school during the past year and to visit with faculty, staff, and especially the students of KDS.

Awaiting the DAR ladies as they arrived on Monday morning was a warm

"welcome to campus" where students lined the sidewalks, waved signs, and presented them with flowers and artwork while the KDS Marching Band provided lively tunes.

Following a Welcome and Orientation held in the Iowa-Mitchell Auditorium, the KDS 6th Grade J.A.C. Club performed a program of patriotic music. Lunch in the lunchroom allowed the visitors to experience a normal school lunch with the students. The afternoon brought time for classroom visits as well as meetings of the Board of Trustees and KDS Committees.



The KDS School Supper on Thursday night was a spectacular evening of fun and fellowship. The evening featured entertainment from the KDS Show Choir and the KDS FFA String Band. Two beautiful quilts were auctioned to benefit the baseball and softball fields renovation project.



Among the other highlights of this year's KDS Dedication Day was the annual Craft Show which was held in the Doris Pike White Gymnasium, with more than 30 crafters offering their handmade goods. The proceeds from the Craft Show provide funds for supplies and materials for the KDS High School Art Department.



The traditional Dedication Program on Tuesday is always the highlight of the festivities, and this year was no exception with 20 state societies, groups, and organizations qualifying to dedicate. National Schools Chairman Sally N. Bueno presented the Dedication Day message, which featured her heartfelt words about the 125th anniversary of the DAR. The program also featured musical performances by the Fourth Grade Choir and the High School Choir and all KDS students singing "DAR, Oh How We Love You" to a rousing response. The program was followed by the famous Basket Luncheon, a perennial favorite of the DAR ladies and guests.

These girls were all smiles as they posed with NSDAR National School Committee Chairman Sally N. Bueno at the welcome on Thursday.



KDS Board of Trustees Chairman Peggy Johnson received many hugs and flowers from kindergarten students at the welcome.



Ms. Sandra Baggett (left), of the Old Reynoldsburgh Chapter of Tennessee visited each KDS kindergarten classroom to tell the children the story of The Three Bears. She also led the children in singing several songs that she used when she was a teacher. A retired kindergarten teacher of 40 years, this was her second Dedication Day at KDS. She told her traveling companions that getting to tell the stories and sing songs to the kindergarten classes was the highpoint of her visit. She loved it!



A crafter at the KDS Craft Show of many years, Mrs. Linda Bodine sometimes receives calls from Daughters from all over the country with requests for her very special homemade pickles, jams and jellies. Mrs. Bodine (right, above) and her granddaughter manned their booth called Southern Society Company where they sold the homemade canned goods as well as handmade jewelry and other accessories.

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