

Dedication Day 2017

Beautiful fall weather welcomed visitors from across the country to KDS DAR School's 93rd Dedication Day celebration on October 12th and 13th. More than 130 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, and sophomore Nicole Filmore "wowed" the ladies with her beautiful voice. Lunch in the lunchroom allowed the visitors to experience a normal school lunch with the students. A girls' choral ensemble and a boys' quartet provided entertainment following lunch.

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. KDS Executive Director Heather Green presented the Dedication Day message, which featured her heartfelt words and personal memories about Dedication Days past.



The program also featured the Pre-K students leading the Pledge of Allegiance, 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.



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.



Following the Board of Trustees meeting, guests were treated to a casual "Dinner on the Diamond" tailgate dinner before the Middle School Patriots Football game, where the team came away with a homecoming victory.



The afternoon brought time for campus tours, classroom visits, reading to students, robotics demonstrations, and chemistry and biology experiments, as well as meetings of the Board of Trustees and KDS Committees.



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Look for more photos of Dedication Day 2017 on the KDS website www.kdsdar.org.