

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

October/November 2018

## LIBRARY

We need mats! Due to larger elementary class sizes, our library is in need of mats for our younger children to sit on during story time. The ones we have are 16" square, all colors. Any donations of mats in this approximate size will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Ron and Penny Pratt, Glenn and Linda Erickson, Wayne and Joanne Christoff, and Diane Kuchan for their monetary donations in memory of the late Darlene Sauve. This is very much appreciated and will be used to purchase new titles for our early elementary students.

### **Wanted: 1981 Yearbook.**

Mr. David Betlewski, boys varsity basketball coach in 1981, is trying to find a 1981 yearbook. Please call the library at 474-3512 and leave a message if you have one or know of someone who does. The library is also in need of this particular year.

## PTC

Please remember to send in your box tops. Ten cents is earned for each one you send in, which totals up to almost \$1,000.00 each year that benefits the students and teachers. Thank you.

Our Pizza fundraiser forms and money are due Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling Rocket Apparel at the Homecoming Football games featuring some NEW designs! We are getting closer to meeting our goal of \$15,000 to purchase a Zip Krooze for the playground. Anyone can donate directly to this fund by contacting Brooke at 280-7875. Thank you for your support and participation with fundraisers!

## GOLDEN ROCKET AWARD

The Rapid River School Board would like to recognize individuals in our community that go above and beyond, volunteering their services and time, benefiting the school, students and/or staff.

To nominate someone you can get a form in the office or go to our school website and click on the golden rocket icon.

## INDIAN ED

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> our program will once again have Mr. Keith Knecht present his "Living History" program to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The presentation will be from 8:30 – 9:30 in the elementary gym. Public is welcome to attend. All cultural programs are funded through the Sault Tribe's 2% monies. Miigwetch to Ms. Denise Chase, our unit director, for helping us get this grant.

We welcome back Mrs. Flo Cutter as our cultural advisor as we say goodbye to Mr. Dave Keller who has decided to step down for other pursuits. We appreciate everything Dave has done for our program over the years, including the showcase by the library. Our program is very fortunate to have/had these two wonderful people who are so knowledgeable in the Traditional Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers. Chi-Miigwetch!

Mr. Pilon has been very busy helping our students with any subject they bring to him. He's wonderfully patient and thorough in his explanation of everything. It's great to see the young people seeking out his help so they can improve their grades and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 474-3572 or email: [leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us](mailto:leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us) or [mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us](mailto:mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us).

## TITLE I NEWS

Thank you to all the families and people who got our new school year off to such a good start! We had a wonderful turn-out at our Open House. A reminder: if you haven't turned in the "free and reduced" lunch form, please do so. Even if you believe you don't qualify, we'd like everyone to fill them out, if possible. If we get a certain percentage of students who qualify (and we were very close last year), then ALL students will get free breakfast and lunch!

We also want to thank the many people involved with getting our school ready this year. The custodial staff got the grounds looking good, classrooms clean, and the hallways looking fresh. You've probably noticed the friendly purple paint in the elementary hallways due to our P.T.C. helpers!

Some staff members attended or will attend the Playworks recess implementation training. We are incorporating some new inclusive games and activities for recess and gym time. We want our transitions going from various activities to be more positive, so we are including some fun line-up chants and attention-grabbers. Hopefully, kids come in ready to learn with a positive attitude. We will soon put some signs out in the playground with instructions and rules for games.

Please be on the look-out for the state M-Step and PSAT spring 2018 results being sent home. If your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades or the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and the results were misplaced or lost, please call the school and a copy will be mailed to you. Please take the time to go over and discuss the results with your child.

## SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Regular Mtg., August 13, 2018

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren reviewed summer maintenance, bus garage bids, LED bids, parking lot reseal and bus driver shortage.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis provided an overview of the UP Admin Academy and his upcoming meeting with WPPI representative Brett Niemi on solar power.

#### **Motion made and approved:**

-to approve the 2018 Tax Rate Request (L-4029)

-to approve the support staff contract.

The board thanked the Benevity Community Impact fund for the \$100 donation to the HS/MS Art Class.

Anthony Perino recommended Daren Landis as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach.

### Regular Mtg., September 10, 2018

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren discussed sub shortages in bussing and custodial, parking lot reseal bids, purchase of school truck and school safety.

Principal Bill Warning discussed Dibels testing, behavior incentives, high school student schedules, vocational education students, MS and HS rule enforcement and detention days.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis provided an overview of the Safety Grant, Marshall Plan for Talent and the startup of school.

Rapid River Board of Education thanked the Rapid River Memorial Day Parade committee for the donation of \$1,770.52 to be split as - \$100 to the Library, \$150 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade Clear Lake Trip, \$50 to the Reading Buddies, \$300 to the Lions Club Fundraiser, \$200 to the Green House Project, \$200 to Science Olympiad, \$150 to National Honor Society, \$300 to Key Club and \$320.52 to the Scholarship fund.

For complete minutes go to our website at [www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us](http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us).

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, November 8th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Notes will be sent home with scheduled times for K-5 students.

Grades 6-12 parents may pick up their student's report card in the high school office. No appointments needed. If you are unable to attend, the student will receive the report card the following day.

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Varsity Football

#### October

5	Cedarville	Away	7:00
12	Engadine	Away	7:00
19	Brimley	Home	7:00

Homecoming Game

### Junior Varsity Football

#### October

5	Cedarville	Away	4:00
12	Engadine	Away	4:00

### Junior High Football

#### October

2	C.F.F.P.	Away	6:00
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### Girls' Volleyball

#### October

2	N. Dickinson	Home	6:00
4	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
9	Big Bay	Home	6:00
11	C.F.F.P.	Away	5:00*
16	Munising	Away	6:00
18	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
22	Gladstone-JV	Away	6:00
23	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
25	N. Central	Away	5:00*

### Girls' Junior High Basketball

#### October

1	Big Bay	Home	6:00
2	Gladstone	Away	6:00
4	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
8	Manistique	Away	6:00
15	Sup. Central	Away	6:00

### Boy's Junior High Basketball

#### October

25	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
29	Manistique	Home	6:00

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 1** – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

**October 5** – 11:45 a.m. Dismissal – Teacher-in-service. Lunch will be served.

**October 8** – Board of Education mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**November 8** – 11:45 a.m. Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conference 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

**November 12** – Board of Education mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**November 15 and 16** – No School – Deer Day.

**November 21-23** – No School – Thanksgiving Break.

## SPORTS BOOSTERS

The Rapid River Sports Boosters would like to thank all of our sponsors. We have listed the names in our athletic programs. Thank you for your generosity and support of Rapid River athletes. We hope to see all of you at our Rapid River Homecoming Football Game Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Tailgating is at 5:30. Join us as we cheer on our Rockets!

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade has had many wonderful learning opportunities this fall. On September 19th, we had the 4th Grade Afield program come to our school. The students spent a wonderful day outside learning about adaptations and did bird observations. This program also incorporated art. At the end of the month we had the "Think Energy" program come in and give us information about conserving energy and we were able to take home an energy kit. Before fall is over, we are looking forward to a day at Pictured Rocks sponsored by the "Every Kid in A Park" grant.

## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Rapid River early dismissal days for the 2018/19 school year will be 11:45 with lunch being served.