

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2018/January 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3 – PTC mtg., 3:30 p.m. in the PTC room.

December 10 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

December 17 – Teacher In-Service, Early Dismissal. Buses leave at 11:45 a.m.

December 19 – Elementary Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. Gym. Rocket Room will be open 12:00 – 1:00.

December 21 – Early Dismissal, Buses leave at 11:45 a.m.

December 24– January 1 – No School – Christmas Break

January 7 – PTC mtg., 3:30 p.m. in the PTC room.

January 14 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

January 25 – Teacher In-Service, Early Dismissal. Buses leave at 11:45 a.m.

INDIAN ED

Chi Miigwetch to the Sault Tribe for its generous funding of our cultural program through its 2% gaming monies. Also Miigwetch to Ms. Denise Chase, our unit director, for supporting our local schools' Indian Education programs.

If students are struggling in their academics, please encourage them to see Mr. Pilon for help. Students do not need to be in our program to receive tutorial help. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 474-3572 or email:

leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us or
mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be held Wednesday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. Gym.

Parents are welcome to pick up their child in their classroom after the program. The public is also welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

We are pleased that Stephen Gauger is playing the piano and teaching our students their songs, so it's sure to be a wonderful program.

The Rocket Room will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on this day.

PTC NEWS

The Holiday season is here! Here are some important dates to remember-

Dec. 3rd: Saykly's fundraiser forms & money due back.

Dec. 13th: 6-8p.m.: We will be having another Rocket Room Shopping Night- shop Rocket apparel & gifts for your Rocket fans!

Dec. 17th & 18th: Students can do Christmas shopping for their friends & family in Santa's Secret Shop during the school day.

Dec. 19th: Saykly's fundraiser orders come in & can be picked up after the Christmas program.

Jan. 19th: Our Annual Soup-er Bowl is fast approaching! If you would like to enter this friendly competition, please call Brooke at 280-7875. You can enter as an individual or as a business and get FREE advertising!

Trophies awarded for winners. Fun for all ages!

Warmest wishes for a Merry Holiday season! We hope you all enjoy this special time making memories!

ROCKET RACK IS OPEN

The Rocket Rack contains "gently" used clothing that is available at no cost to our students. The room is located close to the HS office and will be open every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you are in need of clothing, would like to donate or just have a question, please contact Becky Calouette (school nurse) or Bill Warning.

The elementary side has some gently used clothing, if needed. For access to those items please contact the teacher, or administration.

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS 1ST QUARTER

4th grade – All A – Lane Olson and Jae Poma;
B or Better – Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson, Kinsley Damon, Jon Denkins, Kaden Duerson, Alivia Frappier, Kellyn Gustafson, Kamden Holmio, Samantha Quinn, Alexander Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn; **Perfect Attendance** – Evan Closs, Jon Denkins, Joseph Snyder, Jr., Kenzy Taylor, Joseph Thorbahn, Trenon Warner, Christina Williams; **5th grade – All A** – Jacie Tuljus;
B or Better – Angelina Goodman, Aubrey Olson; **Perfect Attendance** – Liz Swayer

ACADEMIC LETTERS

These outstanding scholars have earned an award in recognition of their academic accomplishments. The students have met the criteria below:

-3.7 or above Semester GPA for 3 consecutive semesters.

-3.3 or above Semester GPA for 5 consecutive semesters or 6 non-consecutive semesters.

The following students have met the above criteria and were awarded their **academic letter**: **Class of 2020**: Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Garrett Novak, Brooke Landis and Aerianna Spriks; **Class of 2019**: Audrey Naeyaert, Gwen Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault, Riley Christianson, and Sherry Vanderville

The following students have met the above criteria for a second time to earn their **academic pin**: **Class of 2019**: Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, and Emily Thibault; **Class of 2018**: Joseph Pilon has met the above requirement for a second time earning his academic pin.

Way to go kids! We are proud of your accomplishments!

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM

The Rapid River School is participating once again in the SIC (Salmon in the Classroom) Program. We received our eyed eggs from the Thompson Fish Hatchery in November. The kids enjoy watching our Chinook salmon go through each stage of development: eyed egg to sac fry to swim up fry. We will start feeding the salmon in January when 80% are swimming up looking for food. The 5th and 6th graders work together to feed the fish and check water quality with weekly testing. We also have high school students that help with cleaning the tank and removing the eggs or fish that have died. We start each year with approximately 200 eyed eggs.

Mr. Ostrenga and Ms. Larson work together to teach our students about this process as the fish develop. In the spring, we will release our fish into the Whitefish River. The UP Sport Fisherman Group has been vital in sponsoring us with this program. They helped fund our very expensive chiller unit and other tools to help us maintain our tank to approximately 50 degrees F. The tank is in the high school biology lab if you are interested in stopping by.

UP HEALTH PROJECT

Our school is currently working with the UP Health Project. This project is designed to improve the overall health of our students, staff and community. We are currently working to write a grant to purchase two water refill stations for our building. These stations will help reduce plastic waste in our landfills and increase water consumption of all in our building.

We are also writing a grant to get students more active in and out of the classrooms. It is proven that increased heart rate activities improve academic performance. If you are interested in joining our UP Health Project team as a community member, contact Beth Larson at 474-3542. You can also help our team with ideas and monetary donations. Activities that are a part of this project are; Take the Challenge curriculum, new cell phone policies, nutrition classes, go noodle, brain gym and the Playworks program in our P.E. classes and on our playground.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting, October 8, 2018

Motion made and approved:

-to tentatively approve the senior class trip provided the terms of the school bi-laws are met.

-to approve the 2017-2018 financial audit.

-to sign a 4 year contract with TKL Towing for snowplowing services at \$12,000 per year.

Rapid River School Board thanked Gladstone and Rapid River Kiwanis for a donation (\$400) to the library; and various donations that were received in memory of Darlene Sauve.

Audience member Larry Sundling commented on the excellent conduct of our players and students at the Cedarville football game.

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren discussed snowplow bid, parking lot reseal coating, bus garage building, and busing for athletic trips.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis reviewed Principal Bill Warning's notes on Playworks at recess, fire safety training for students on October 12th, homecoming and career day October 17th at Gladstone High School.

For complete minutes go to our website at: www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

4	Norway	Away	6:00
7	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
14	Bark River	Away	6:00

January

4	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
7	Stephenson	Home	6:00
11	Big Bay	Home	6:00
15	Carney	Home	6:00
18	Munising	Away	6:00
21	Bark River	Home	6:00
28	Stephenson	Away	5:00*
31	Carney	Away	5:15*

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

3	Carney	Away	5:15*
6	N. Central	Away	5:15*
10	Bark River	Home	6:00
13	CFFP	Home	6:00
28	Mid Pen	Away	6:00

January

2	Munising	Away	6:00
14	N. Central	Home	6:00
17	Bark River	Away	6:00
21	Stephenson	Away	6:00
25	Sup. Central	Home	6:00

Boys' Junior High Basketball

December

3	Munising	Home	6:00
10	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
11	Gladstone	Home	6:00

* Central Time

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.0 to 3.70- Colton Beauchamp, Ava Damon, Madison LaCrosse; **3.69 to 3.30** –Ryan Boston-Marsh, Clay Christoff, Adam Frappier, Karley Hardwick, Ethan Harrison, Mason Johnson, Hailey Paquette, Emma Sundling; **3.29 to 3.00** – Edward Forslund, Preston Peters, Georgia Richmond; **7th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** – Everett Belanger, Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic; **3.69 to 3.30** – Myles Anderson, Emma Bowden, Conner Kee, Blake Lundquist, Peyton McKeage, Amber Proehl; **3.29 to 3.00** – Morgan Dawley, Ava McCarty, Nathan Moore, Ethan Wennesheimer; **8th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** – Megan Dausey; **3.69 to 3.30** – Madison Couillard, Aiyana Shiverdecker, Ian Sundling, Kylie Wils; **3.29 to 3.00** – Maizie Nelson, Shaun Nelson, Lexie VanOss; **9th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** – Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Kyra Stump; **3.29 to 3.00** – Addie Christoff, Logan Lancour, Mason Lippold; **10th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** – Madison Axtell, Hannah Casey, Kathleen Hickman, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor VanOss; **3.69 to 3.30** – Jaqueline Gillman, Myah Pearson, Quenna Spriks; **3.29 to 3.00** – Griffin Flath, Emily Goodacre, Ismael

Hernandez, Shania Poore; **11th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** – Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Brooke Landis, Garrett Novak, Aerianna Spriks; **3.69 to 3.30** – Avery Closs, Braydon Moss, Mya Paulin; **3.29 to 3.00** – Cierra Carignan, Azariah Hernandez, Justin Holland, Juan Isaac, Gavin Stumpf; **12th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Noah Gustafson, Philip Monticello, Audrey Naeyaert, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Brittany Schwartz, Emily Thibault, Sherry Vandeville; **3.69 to 3.30** – Christopher Hardwick, Gunnar Larson, Elizabeth Moberg, Nathaniel Olson, Jaden Schwartz; **3.29 to 3.00** – Payten Berg, Mason Kennedy, Leonard Menary, Zachery Narkooli, Christina Olson, Samuel Orth, William Shope, Nathan Sundling

LIBRARY

We need mats for our younger children to sit on during story time. The ones we have are 16" square, of all colors. Any mat donations of this size will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Gladstone/Rapid River Kiwanis Club for its generous donation to our library! The money is being used to add new fiction and non-fiction titles to our elementary section. Also thank you to everyone who has been donating magazines. The middle school students especially enjoy them!

RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

If you are a Thrivent member, it may be even easier than you think to support the Rapid River Rockets!

The Rapid River School Foundation is a charitable 501©(3) organization that is listed as an option for directing Thrivent choice Dollars. For those Thrivent members who earn Choice Dollars, it is possible to direct those dollars to the Rapid River School foundation, to support the classrooms of the Rapid River schools. Just go to Thrivent.com/Thrivent choice to direct your choice dollars. After logging in to your account, just search for the Rapid River School Foundation [by ZIP code is easiest]. You then choose to "direct ALL" or any specific amount, then click "Direct Now" and follow the prompts.

If you have ANY questions, or if you are interested in supporting the foundation and are not a Thrivent member, we are eager to help you out. Contact Jay Kulbertis at 474-6411 or jkulbertis@rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 21st with an early dismissal. Classes resume on January 2, 2018.