

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

March/April 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

March 11 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

March 15 -11:45 a.m. Dismissal, Teacher In-service Day. Lunch will be served.

March 22 -11:45 a.m. Dismissal, End of Marking Period. Lunch will be served.

March 25 - 29 – NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK

April 8 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

April 8 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

April 12 – Kindergarten Registration, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

ROCKET RACK

The Rocket Rack containing “gently” used clothing has been a huge success. There is no cost to our students for the items they may find useful. The room is located close to the HS office and will be open Thursdays during Jr. High and High School lunches - 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The room can be opened before and after school on a prearranged basis.

Please contact Becky Calouette (school nurse) or Bill Warning with any questions you may have. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations. Please ask if you are interested in looking at the elementary items that are available.

SPRING PROM

Prom this year will be Saturday, April 27th at the Rapid River Lions Club from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The Prom is for students in the 9th – 12th grades to enjoy.

GOLDEN ROCKET AWARD

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

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

SECOND QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – All A – John Denkins, Kellyn Gustafson, Jae Poma, Alex Shiverdecker

A-B's – Sarah Beauchaine, Kinsley Damon, Alivia Frappier, Liveah Wils, Kamden Holmio, Lane Olson, Samantha Quinn.

Bug Award – Kellyn Gustafson, Alex Shiverdecker

Perfect Attendance – Saylor Carlson, Alivia Frappier

5th grade – All A – Jacie Tuljus

A-B's – Angelina Goodman, Aubrey Olson, Claire Reed

Perfect Attendance – Liz Swayer

KINDERGARTEN/YOUNG 5 REGISTRATIONS

Registration for children who will be five by September 1, 2019 will be held on Friday, April 12th from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

New Young 5's should also register if 5 by December 1, 2019 and will be required to sign a waiver.

Parents need to bring their child, legal birth certificate, and shot record. To make an appointment, call 474-6411, ext. 507. The screening process takes approximately an hour.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Rapid River High School will be hosting the District 100 Girls' Basketball Tournament with the first game on Monday March 4th as Munising takes on Superior Central at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday March 6th Mid Pen will take on Big Bay at 6:00 p.m. and the Rockets will take on the winner of Munising/S.C. at 7:30 p.m. The District 100 Girls' Basketball Final will be on Friday March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Rapid River High School. Winner advances to regionals. All tickets are \$6 per the MHSAA.

Boys' and Girls' Junior High and High School Track is just around the corner. Think spring.

GO ROCKETS



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the Calvary Church's Perry Peterson Endowment Fund for the generous grant award check! It will be used to expand our elementary AR and non-fiction domestic animal sections. We also received a generous check from the Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis Club which will be used for the K-5 chapter books in addition to the aforementioned AR books. We also received a donation from the American Legion Post 301. Our school library is very grateful for these donations as it enables us to offer a wonderful selection of up-to-date books for our students. Thank you all so much!

KEY CLUB

The Rapid River Key Club will be heading to District Convention in Green Bay on March 15th – 17th. Thank you to all the people and organizations that made it possible and great job to the Key Club students for their hard work this year!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Help us keep a preschool program in Rapid River by applying as soon as possible if you have a child who will be 3 or 4 by December 1, 2019. Please call Cyndi Lundquist at 906-474-3538 to set up an appointment to complete an application for the 2019-2020 school year.

SPRING BREAK

There will be no school beginning Monday, March 25th for Spring Break. School will resume Monday, April 1st.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

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.

Class of 2019: Cassidy Berg

Class of 2021: Hannah Casey, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, and Taylor VanOss.

These students were awarded their academic letter. Way to go kids! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

School Improvement Team

SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Colton Beauchamp; 3.69 to 3.30 – Ryan Boston-Marsh, Karley Hardwick, Madison LaCrosse, Emma Sundling; 3.29 to 3.00 – Clay Chrisoff, Ava Damon, Edward Forlund, Adam Frappier, Ethan Harrison, Hailey Paquette

7th grade – 3.69 to 3.30 – Everett Belanger, Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic; 3.29 to 3.00 – Emma Bowden, Conner Kee, Blake Lundquist, Peyton McKeage, Amber Proehl

8th grade – 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Couillard, Megan Dausey, Karmyn Schwartz; 3.29 to 3.00 – Maizie Nelson, Aiyana Shiverdecker, Kylie Wils

9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak; 3.29 to 3.00 – Addie Christoff, James Gillmer, Kyra Stumpf

10th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Madison Axtell, Hannah Casey, Kathleen Hickman, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Jaqueline Gillman, Ismael Hernandez,

Quenna Spriks; 3.29 to 3.00 – Natalie Belanger, Benjamin Lenaker, Maxwell Lenaker

11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Brooke Landis, Garrett Novak, Aerianna Spriks; 3.69 to 3.30 – Braydon Moss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Avery Closs, Azariah Hernandez, Juan Isaac, Gavin Stumpf

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Gunnar Larson, Philip Monticello, Audrey Naeyaert, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Brittany Schwartz, Emily Thibault, Sherry Vandeville; 3.69 to 3.30 – Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Nathaniel Olson, Samuel Orth, William Shope; 3.29 to 3.00 – Payten Berg, Noah Gustafson, Leonard Menary, Elizabeth Moberg, Zachery Narkooli, Jaden Schwartz

RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The objective of the Foundation is to provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable because of budget constraints public schools often face.

You can impact the educational experience of our next generation...contribute to the enhancement of our fine school system...and lend a helping hand to the long-term process of student education. Your contributions, both large and small, enable the Foundation to foster the district's educational efforts. Once again, we are asking for your support.

Contributions can be made payable to the Rapid River Schools Foundation. Mail your gift to: **Rapid River Schools Foundation**, 10070 US Highway 2, Rapid River, MI 49878.

Thank you to the ones that have made a donation to the foundation. The foundation is 501© (3) – tax exempt.

PTC NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Soup-er Bowl IV! We had fourteen soup entries! Mike with the Rapid River Pub took home trophies for both People's and Kid's Choice and Al with Anderson Lumber took home the trophy for Best Table Decor.

Our Book Fair Kickoff night was a blast! Our theme was Dino-Mite Reading! We had snacks and games. Thanks to our volunteers for helping make the night run smoothly as well as all the time spent before and after the events.

The third annual Ladies Gala will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Lions Club in Rapid River. Come and enjoy a night of spectacular raffles, games, snacks, drinks and dancing with Taylored Entertainment from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Purchase tickets at Eventbrite.com for \$25.00 or at the door for \$35.00.

INDIAN ED

With all the snow days we've had, some students need help to catch up on their studies. Please remind/encourage your student to seek help from Mr. Pilon if they seem to be struggling before they get too far behind. Students do not need to be in our program to receive tutorial help.

Our cultural advisor, Mrs. Flo Cutter, has presentations planned for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Our annual Spring Feast is planned for Sunday May 5th. We hope to have another good turnout.

If you have any questions or concern, please call our office at 474-3572 or email:

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

EXXON MOBIL GRANT

For the sixth year, Rapid River Public Schools received a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobil.

ExxonMobil became a founding sponsor of the National Math and Science Initiative in 2007 which focuses on dramatically improving math and science education in the U.S.

We would like to thank Shannon Edwardsen and Kelly Dittrich of the Rapid River Mini Mart for nominating our school to receive this grant. Their support is greatly appreciated.

BUILDING USE

I would like to remind parents that Rapid River does not have anyone to supervise students in our building after school. We encourage students and our community to utilize our facility but we are in need of parent volunteers to help make this happen. Students that are staying after school for an event need to be supervised by an adult. If you are able to supervise your son or daughter once in a while along with a small group of students, perhaps we can capture other volunteers to help. Some examples of exceptions after school include tutoring, building use permits for the weight room, or when it is supervised by a coach. I understand it is difficult to move students back and forth after school for evening events. That is one reason we are looking for parent volunteers to help supervise until an evening event starts. Please contact the school if you are interested in supervising students. Thank you, Mr. Warning.

READING MONTH

March is reading month. Our theme this year is Dino-Mite Book Fair. We'll have reading programs and extra activities all month.

ELEMENTARY PARKING AND DROP OFF

Please use the circle drive in the front of the building to drop off or pick up your students. For safety reasons, please do not drop off your students in the back of the building. This is for staff parking and bus drop offs/pick-ups only. All parking in front of the elementary side of the building is to be done in the visitor parking.

Once again, the circle drive is for dropping off and picking up students, not for parking. Thank you.

TITLE I NEWS

With all the recent snow days, we are asking families to help out by double-checking homework that's due, taking extra time to listen to your child read, and encouraging your children to be attentive and on time for school. Research shows that a child, who misses ten or more days of school, will never fully be able to understand the concepts that were taught during the time they missed.

March will be the usual flurry of March Reading Month activities! Look for notes and a calendar of the events. We will be encouraging the goal of turning our students into life-long readers, with many fun activities. Parents can support this by modeling reading at home themselves and having regular story time. Besides the PTC Book Fair kickoff, we plan on rescheduling the Family Health Night for Wednesday, March 20th. This is for elementary students and all parents, no matter the age of your student. Along with other fun activities, there will be a video, "Screenagers", for parents to watch, which shows some of the consequences of screen time.

Parents are invited to take an on-line survey on the Rapid River website. There are also paper copies in the elementary office.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., December 10, 2018

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation manager Matt Scheuren discussed heating problems, septic pumps and snow plowing.

Principal Bill Warning discussed Pearl Harbor presentation, Omni Center fieldtrip and the Christmas program.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the first reading of Neola Policy Volume 33 No1.
- to increase third party support staff wages.

Organizational Mtg., January 14, 2019

Board interviewed Judith Lauri and Brooke Lindbert for the vacant board seat.

Motion made and approved:

- to appoint Brooke Lindbert to the Board of Education.
- to elect Michelle Denkins as President; George Kanyuh as Vice President; Brooke Lindbert as Secretary; Karen Lundquist as Treasurer.
- to designate Baybank as depository for the general fund, general fund payroll account, food service fund, athletic fund, activities funds, energy bond fund and the 2007, 2012 and 2017 debt retirement accounts.
- to hold regular monthly meetings on specific Monday's of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tri-Township School Library. Please check the Rapid River School website for a listing of scheduled dates.

Michelle Denkins appointed members to various sub-committees and other various committees:
Transportation: Edwin LaCosse, Steven Lenaker, Brooke Lindbert.
Finance: Karen Lundquist, Michelle Denkins, Lisa Kanyuh. Building &

Grounds: Edwin LaCosse, Steven Lenaker, Lisa Kanyuh. Policy & Personnel: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh, Michelle Denkins. Dual Superintendency: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh (Michelle Denkins – alternate)

- to approve the 5th grade Clear Lake overnight trip request for May 16th-17th.

Audience member Pete Brock commented on the great sportsmanship that the Rapid River Football players showed the opposition before, during and after the championship game. He was impressed after the game as the team huddle showed guts and courage from the players and that the coaching staff taught other things than just football. Hope was that the team huddle would continue into the future.

Karen Wolf, representing the RREA, thanked board members for their service and presented the board with books donated to the library on their behalf.

Regular Mtg., January 14, 2018

Rapid River Board of Education thanked Exxon Mobil for a \$500 Math and Science Improvement Grant nominated by Shannon Edwardsen and Kelly Dittrich from Rapid River Mini Mart; and JM Builder Inc for a \$360 donation for the football championship game fan bus.

Mitch Hall is replacing Brian Haack as JV Boys Basketball Coach.

Karen Wolf handed out to the Board of Education a school improvement report summary and a reading and math status report by grade level.

Kim Viau introduced her student teacher Danielle Pederson.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the hire of Amber Marsh as math interventionist.
- to approve Thrun Law Firm as legal retainer for the district.

Regular Mtg., February 11, 2019

Principle Bill Warning updated board members on the schools events – 8th and 9th grade career day at the ISD, high school schedules, March reading month and spring break.

Audience member commented on the bus situation; Brooke Lindbert discussed upcoming PTC events.

Motion made and approved

- to approve the Key Club district convention trip request to Green Bay March 15th – 17th.
- to accept letter of resignation from Beth Larson as junior high track coach.
- to approve the hire of Anthony Perino as junior high track coach.

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

FUZZBUSTER GAME

Rapid River Senior class will take on local law enforcement for the annual Fuzzbuster game that will be held in April. Please watch for updated flyers for a fun-filled game.

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

The School Improvement Team is announcing this quarter's "Student of the Quarter" for the 9th – 12th graders. Each quarter, teachers from each department (Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education and Fine Arts) select a student to be their "Student of the Quarter".

Here are the students that were selected for the 2nd Quarter of the 2018-2019 school year: Braydon Moss (Physical Education), Brent Lundquist (English), Madilynne LaChance (Math), Garrett Novak (Social Studies), Lucas Gendron (Science), Madison Axtell (Fine Arts).