

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8 – Sports Physical

May 13 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

May 13– School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

May 27 – No School – Memorial Day

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

June 24 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

The last day of school is TBA. Watch for updates on the website.

SENIOR EVENTS

May 16 – Last day of classes for seniors; any fines and lunch accounts need to be paid by this day. Textbooks and library books must be turned in.

May 20 – Senior Awards Program, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym

May 17 - 20 – Senior Class Trip

May 24 – Senior breakfast at 8:30 a.m.;

Graduation rehearsal and decorating to follow

May 25 – Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

PTC NEWS

The 3rd annual Ladies Gala will be held on Saturday, May 4th at the Lions Club from 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Tickets are still available at the door for just \$35.00. We have thousands of dollars in bucket raffles prizes to give away, great music and minute-to-win-it games with Mitch of Taylored Entertainment, a full bar, free carriage rides and hors d'oeuvres. All money raised will be used to purchase a Zip Krooze for our playground!

Little Rocket Yearbooks are available for pre-sale from now until May 15th. Cost is \$18 each and will feature each class roster plus lots of fun activities throughout the year. There will not be extras ordered, so please return the form that was sent home with your child or contact Brooke @ 280-7875 to place an order.

As always, thank you for your continued support! We are finally close to reaching our goal for new playground equipment and hope to have that installed before students come back next fall! Our next meeting is Monday, May 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the PTC Room.

TITLE I NEWS

State testing has started for grades 3rd – 8th. Please help your child be ready for these important assessments by making sure they get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast, and taking a break from screen watching and gaming during this time. Classes are setting goals to show improvement on the M-Step and we are all working together to make this time a more positive experience.

March Reading Month wrapped up before Spring Break with the Reading Olympics. It's always fun to watch them burn off some steam with class games that go along with our "Erupt into Reading" theme. The hallways were decorated wonderfully and each day brought a new reading experience, such as teacher swap, high school students reading to them, dress-up days, flashlight Friday, and Kindness Day. There were also wonderful programs for kids such as Operation Lifesaver, Representative Beau LaFave, Credit Union, and Rock and Roll Reading.

This is the 21st year the fourth grade has celebrated Rapid River's History with a "Lumberjack Breakfast." This was the culminating activity after studying primary sources of pictures and written accounts of Rapid River in the 1800's and into the 20th century. The students also watched a movie of our town from the year 1937. They dressed as lumberjacks and had a great day!

With summer break approaching, be on the lookout for news about Summer School. We recommend all students with individual reading plans (IRIPS) attend.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be Wednesday, May 8th, at 5:30 p.m. for girls and 6:45 p.m. for boys at the Gladstone High School.

The bus for the girls will leave the school at 5:00 p.m. and return at approximately 6:45 p.m. The boys will leave at 6:15 p.m. and return at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Proper attire **MUST** be worn. This consists of a loose fitting short sleeve t-shirt/tank top, loose gym shorts and gym shoes (absolutely NO sandals). The examiners have to be able to easily see the upper and lower arms, the shoulders, the knees, and the ankles.

REMINDER: Any student who has not had an office-based physical by his/her physician for the first time must do so in order to participate in future school physical examinations.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Indian Education Program and Sports Boosters for their financial contribution to the Rapid River Reach Out.

INDIAN ED

Our Indian Ed program sponsored a World of Music presentation for grades K-5. This was made possible by the Sault Tribe's 2% grant.

The Public Hearing for our Title VI grant will be at our annual Spring Feast, which is Sunday May 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the HS cafeteria. We will be honoring our graduating Indian Ed seniors at this time: Christopher Hardwick, Leonard Menary, Patsy Parrett, Erica Proehl, Brittany Schwartz, and Jaden Schwartz, all Sault Tribe members and wonderful young people. We're very proud of them! The Sally Constantino Memorial Scholarships(s) will also be awarded at the Feast. All are welcome.

If you're visiting our school, check out the Indian Ed's showcase on Nibi/Water by the library. Cultural advisor Mrs. Cutter did an awesome job on this!

The cultural year will end with our annual 5th grade Native Plant Walk/Sacred Fire at the Outdoor Classroom. Mrs. Cutter and her husband, Don, along with guest presenters Rick Bricker and Tom and Kim Roman put a lot of time and physical work into this wonderful experience. Chi-miigwetch to them for their generosity and knowledge of the Indian education program. Thank you also to Ms. Beth Larson, 5th grade teacher, for her participation in this each year. All of you are greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much to our wonderful tutor, Mr. Mike Pilon, who has helped so many of our students throughout the school year! His patience, knowledge, and ability to impart it to the kids make him a valuable asset to our program. We're very fortunate to have him.

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.

ROCKET RACK

The Rocket Rack located on the HS side has many slightly used clothing free to students. Items include jeans, tennis shoes, Rocket apparel and other name brand items. It is open Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Rocket Rack located on the elementary side is open upon request. Please contact that office.

PROM

The Prom was held on April 27 at the Rapid River Lions Club. The theme was Southern Comfort.

Thank You to The Rapid River Lions Club for donating the Clubhouse for our dance and the chaperones that helped. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Ryan Boston-Marsh, Ava Damon, Mason Johnson, Madison LaCrosse; 3.69 to 3.30 – Clay Christoff, Karley Hardwick, Emma Sundling; 3.29 to 3.00 – Adam Frappier, Hailey Paquette, Karsyn Willour

7th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Erin Dedic, Kayla Farnes; 3.69 to 3.30 – Everett Belanger, Emma Bowden, Tucker Carlson, Conner Kee, Peyton McKeage; 3.29 to 3.00 – Nathan Moore, Kayleigh Nance, Amber Proehl, Bradley Taylor

8th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Megan Dausey; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Axtell, Shaun Nelson, Ian Sundling, Savannah Youngs; 3.29 to 3.00 – Megan Allsworth, Maizie Nelson, Lee Parrett, Aiyana Shiverdecker, Kylie Wils

9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Madilynne LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Kyra Stumpf; 3.69 to 3.30 – Addie Christoff, James Gillmer, Maddison Kee

10th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Madison Axtell, Ismael Hernandez, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Hannah Casey, Kathleen Hickman, Shania Poore, Quenna Spriks; 3.29 to 3.00 – Natalie Belanger, Jacqueline Gillman

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

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Cassidy Berg, Gunnar Larson, Philip Monticello, Audrey Naeyaert, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Nathaniel Olson, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Brittany Schwartz, Emily Thibault, Sherry Vandeville; 3.69 to 3.30 – Riley Christanson, Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Christopher Hardwick, Elizabeth Moberg, Zachery Narkooli, Jaden Schwartz, William Shope; 3.29 to 3.00 – Nathan Sundling

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service program was created to ensure that children in lower-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. To find the nearest Summer Food Service program go to the following website:

<http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>.

WELLNESS POLICY

As required by law, the Board of Education established a wellness policy for the Rapid River Public Schools. Goals are set to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits.

To review this policy, please go to our website www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us. Click on Board of Education Bylaws & Policies & you will find it under Operations in the Table of Contents.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

The Rapid River Sports Booster are having a Cash Raffle Fundraiser. Proceeds will be used for busing, uniforms, equipment, etc.

The tickets are \$10.00 each. First prize \$3000.00, second prize \$300.00 & third prize \$100.00. Six hundred tickets must be sold or a 50/50 drawing will be held.

This drawing will be held May 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rapid River High School. Please contact a student athletic, coach, or sports booster officer for your tickets. Thank you for your support and good luck!

SCHOOLBOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., February 11, 2019

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

Motion made and approved:

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

-to approve the Key Club district convention trip request to Green Bay, March 15th.

-to approve the letter of resignation from Beth Larson as junior high track coach.

-to approve the hire of Anthony Perino as junior high track coach.

Regular Mtg., March 11, 2019

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren discussed air handler repairs and bus problems with 2008 busses. Principal Bill Warning updated board members on school events – upcoming half days, Randi Ahmndt was guest speaker covering 3rd grade reading law, working on master schedule for 2019-2020.

Michelle Denkins discussed district and board goals for 2019.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve budget amendment 2.

-to nominate Karen Lundquist to the 2019 Scholarship Committee.

-to approve the overnight senior class trip.

Regular Mtg., April 8, 2019

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren discussed thermostats, air handlers and Spring Break cleaning. Principal Bill Warning updated board members on school events – 8th grade Bay College/ISD visit, met with the seniors on scholarships, looking at Jr High/HS course selections for next year, PSAT/SAT testing starts 4/6 and kindergarten registration was 4/12.

The board thanked Rapid River Relic Riders (library) and the Gladstone/Rapid River Kiwanis (defibrillators) for their monetary donations.

Rachal Gustafson was named Region 1 Teacher of the Year and will interview for Michigan Teacher of the Year later this month.

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

REPORT CARDS/ DIPLOMAS

Report cards for grades 6 -12 and senior diplomas will be ready Monday, June 17. They will not be mailed but can be picked up by either a parent or the student.

THIRD QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – All A – Jon Denkins, Jae Poma

B or Better – Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson, Kinsley Damon, Rowen Flath, Alivia Frappier, Kellyn Gustafson, Kamden Holmio, Lane Olson, Samantha Quinn, Alex Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn, Trenton Warner

Bug Award – Rowen Flath, Alex Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn

Perfect Attendance – Evan Closs, Jon Denkins, Kellyn Gustafson, Lane Olson, Alex Shiverdecker

Achievement Award – Kenzy Taylor

5th grade – All-A – Jacie Tuljus

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

Perfect Attendance – Elizabeth Swayer

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

9	Rapid River	1:30
10	Bark River	3:00
15	Rapid River	1:30
21	Bark River	1:00

June

1	Kingsford UP Finals	TBA
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Junior High Track

May

7	Munising	4:00
13	Munising	1:30

Girls' Softball

May

6	Marquette	Away	4:00
7	Gladstone	Home	4:00
10	Escanaba	Away	TBD
11	Escanaba	Away	TBD
13	Munising	Away	4:00
15	Marquette	Home	4:00
23	Sup Central	Home	4:00
24	Sault	Home	2:30
28	Calumet	Home	2:30

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the Rapid River Relic Riders, American Legion Post 301, the late Joan Sundstrom's card group, Gladstone/RR Kiwanis, Perry Peterson Endowment Fund, and other memorial donations for their generosity to the library. We had received an appreciated check from the Memorial Day Parade Committee last year, too. Our library has been very fortunate to have received all these wonderful donations from the above mentioned organizations/people. We were able to add some wonderful titles to our school library which are already being enjoyed by our students. Thank you so very much for your generosity!

Note to parents: As the school year winds down, please help your child look for any library books that may be "hiding" at home. They have been found in some pretty unusual places in past years. Call the library at 474-3512 with any concerns.