

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

August 2019

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 3rd

September 3rd will be a full school day. Students will report to their classes by 8:00 a.m. School will be dismissed at 2:54 p.m.

Rapid River's School Improvement plan has been submitted to the state. Thank you to everyone for the collaborative effort to improve our school and help our students to be successful.

Students in grades 6-12 should go to their 1st hour class (check posting in hall). Schedules and other pertinent information will be distributed at these locations. Please do not call the office for your schedule.

Delta Schoolcraft ISD Vocational Programs will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Pertinent information will be included in the summer mailing that is being sent out on August 16th. Please review this information carefully and return all forms that need to be completed. If you have any questions call Mr. Warning at 474-6411.

The Lunch and Breakfast Program will begin on Tuesday, September 3. Lunch prices are: K-5 \$3.00, 6-12 \$3.25, Adults \$4.75. Breakfast prices are: Students \$1.50 and Adults \$2.50. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Busing schedules are included in the summer mailing. Please contact Matt Scheuren at 474-3510 if you have questions regarding busing.

If you are new in the district, please register your child as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PICTURES

BEL Photography will be here Thursday, September 18th to take student pictures.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

For the most current athletic schedules and planned events along with school news check out our website at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

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.**

LIBRARY

The library will be open for business on Monday, September 16th.

There are many new titles we've added to our school library over the summer which we are sure the students will love. Please encourage your child/ren to read BOOKS and also be responsible in returning them. We're looking forward to another wonderful year in the library as we enjoy the students so much! Please call 474-3512 with any question pertaining to the library.

Welcome back to the awesome library volunteers: Mrs. Janet Lundin, Mrs. Karen Lundquist, and Mrs. Julie Olson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 9 - PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

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OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at our open house on Wednesday, August 28th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and meet your teacher.

READING BUDDIES

Our Reading Buddies program is just around the corner. The program is held on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00. The Reading Buddies Program arranges for adult volunteers to read with second grade students. Reading Buddies has proven to have a direct positive impact on the children's interest in and ability to read. **We are in need of volunteers.** Please call Lori Giuliani, RSVP Coordinator, at 786-7080 ext. 112.

PTC NEWS

Welcome back! We are excited to kick off a new school year and meet some new parents! If you would like to help out with PTC events (fundraising deliveries, event volunteering, etc.) please let us know. Follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RapidRiverPTC/ to stay updated on our latest events. Our first fundraisers will be the Little Caesar's Pizza & Homecoming apparel sales. (We are looking for people to help sell at the football games) We are working hard towards our goal of a Zip Krooze for our playground, so we hope to have a successful year! Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give! For information: Brooke 906-280-7875 or brookes.prints@yahoo.com.

INDIAN ED

Our tutorial program starts the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3rd. Welcome back Mr. Pilon! All students are able to receive tutorial services through our program.

Chi-Miigwetch to Mrs. Flo Cutter for doing another wonderful job on our Indian Ed showcase by the library. Please check it out if you're in our school.

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.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

August

29 Brimley Home 7:00

September

6 N Central Home 7:00

13 Rudyard Away 7:00

20 Cedarville Home 7:00

Homecoming Game

27 Newberry Away 7:00

Junior Varsity Football

August

29 Brimley Home 4:00

September

6 N. Central Home 4:00

13 Rudyard Away 4:00

20 Cedarville Home 4:00

27 Newberry Away 4:00

Junior High Football

September

17 Sup. Central Away 6:00

24 Holy Name Home 6:00

Girls' Volleyball

August

27 N. Dickinson Home 7:00

September

12 Mid Pen Away 6:00

14 Gladstone Away 8:00

16 Stephenson Away 6:00

17 Norway Away 6:00

19 Carney Home 6:00

24 Munising Away 6:00

26 N. Central Away 6:00

Girls' Junior High Basketball

September

5 Big Bay Home 6:00

12 Gladstone Away 6:00

17 Munising Home 6:00

19 Mid Pen Home 6:00

23 Sup. Central Away 6:00

24 Munising Away 6:00

26 Manistique Away 6:00

Cross Country

August

27 Jeffers Invite 3:00

September

4 N. Central Invite TBA

7 Esky Invite 11:00

14 Holly Invite TBA

19 Stephenson Invite TBA

24 Munising Invite TBA

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., June 14, 2019

Dr. Jay Kulbertis updated board members on State budget talks, energy performance grant, APA, labor negotiations and attorney talks.

The board thanked Hannahville Indian Community (2% grant), Sault Ste. Marie Tribe (2% Grant), SetSeg (Safety Grant), Allen and Kim Viau (Library) and the American Legion (Library) for their monetary donations.

Vicki Kirby shared results with board members on the end of year Dibels testing and M-Step testing.

Michelle Denkins discussed the Superintendent evaluation changes that were made due to State regulations.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve 2018-2019 Budget

Amendment 3.

-to adopt 2019-2020 General Fund, Food Service Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Student Activities Fund Budgets.

- to adopt State Aid Note Resolution.

-to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar.

-to adopt the 2019-2020 Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution.

-to approve the recommendation of Rachal Gustafson as the Student Council Advisor.

-to go into closed session to discuss attorney-client privilege communication and negotiations strategy.

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

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 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The room can be opened before and after school on a prearranged basis for Elementary too.

Please contact Becky Calouette (school nurse) or Bill Warning with any questions you may have. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations.

ATHLETICS

GO ROCKETS! The first football practice is on August 11th at Midnight. All interested football players in 8th-11th grade must have a physical to play. Football pictures will be August 23rd at 8:00 a.m.

Once again we will be selling RR Football cards for \$20.00. All the proceeds from these cards will benefit the football team. And you get to take advantage of discounts from local merchants.

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.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

At the current time we are in need of sub bus drivers. Competitive wage and elective 401K are available. Send resume to: Matt Scheuren, Transportation Manager, 10070 US Hwy 2, Rapid River, MI 49878. Or call 906-474-3510.

Janitorial subs needed for evening cleaning and after sporting events.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Please donate your items containing scrap metal. The dumpster is here until August 30th. It is in the corner of the student parking lot.

All donations help the Rocket Varsity Softball Team.