

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

November 2019

LIBRARY

Thank you to the following for their monetary donations to the library: Karen and Ralph Lundquist in memory of Patricia Rudenberg; Diane Kuchan, Linda Erickson and Penny Pratt in memory of Ruth Petrie; and Duane and Ruth Proehl in memory of Margaret Soderberg, MD, who was valedictorian of the RR class of '66. The Gladstone and Rapid River Kiwanis also gave a generous gift. These generous donations will help in the updating of our upper elementary books!

PTC

We had great success with our Little Caesars Fundraiser! We would like to thank all who sold in helping us raise about \$2,500.00! December 12th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. we will be hosting a Rocket Room shopping night in the PTC room. Come and shop for Christmas gifts for your rocket fans! We will have free hot cocoa and treats to enjoy while you shop. We will also be doing our annual Saykly's chocolates fundraiser right in time for holiday stocking stuffers. Our 6th annual Soup-er Bowl is set for Sunday, January 19th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Watch for more information to come. We would also like to thank the Gail Hardwick memorial for their donation of \$500.00 and Jack's Restaurant for their donation of \$700.00. We live in a generous community and are so grateful to have the help to provide for our K-5 students.

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

Keith Knecht did a Living History presentation for our 3rd and 4th grade classes, including putting up an actual teepee and a wonderful display of artifacts. This, along with other cultural activities, is made possible by the Sault Tribe of Chippewas' 2% gaming monies which our school is fortunate to receive.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be soon, so please remember if your child is struggling to encourage them to get some extra help through our program. Mr. Pilon does an excellent job and relates well to kids!

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.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES –

BEL photography will be here on Nov 5th for any retakes

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Rapid River early dismissal days for the 2019/20 school year will be 11:45 with lunch being served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5 – PTC meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

November 7 – 11:45 a.m. Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conference 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

November 15 – No School – Deer Day.

November 27-29 – No School – Thanksgiving Break.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, November 7th 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.

TITLE I NEWS

Our school is in need of input! Please look for the Family Survey link on the Rapid River website and take the quick survey. Research tells us that family engagement is one of the strongest predictors of success in school. We want to include you in the decisions we make on your behalf. Teacher and staff hope, that as soon as you walk in our doors, you and your children feel welcome, respected, safe and an important partner in our school system.

Parent letters with Dibel's scores were sent home. From those scores, teachers and staff met to come up with Individual Reading Plans (IRIPS) to help support students reach grade level before the end of third grade. Classroom teachers will go over those plans at conference times. At that time parents will also receive resources and ideas to use at home for the parent part of the plan. Mrs. Wolf will be available then to help explain things further. If you feel you need books/materials at home or would like to try out some of the activities here first, then please see her.

Returning to our Title I staff this year are aides, Ms. Emily Peck, Mrs. Amber Marsh, and Mrs. Amy Schroeder. New to our staff, is Mrs. Pam Belanger. She is a welcome addition! The duties of each person vary from working with individual students, small group work, recess duties, and classroom help.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS **Regular Mtg., September 09, 2019**

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren provided information on back to school.

Principal Bill Warning discussed the first week of school, CTE student count and homecoming.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis provided an overview of the new hires and State of the State budget.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the hire of Cheri Robinson as secondary social studies and special education teacher.

-to approve the hire of Lucas Bero as athletic director.

-to approve the hire of Pam Belanger as instructional aide.

The Board thanked Ruth Short for a \$250.00 scholarship donation in memory of Dr. Margaret Soderberg, Ralph and Karen Lundquist for a \$25.00 library donation in memory of Patricia Rudenberg and Cynthia Johnson for a donation of \$50 to each K-5 classroom teacher and a library donation for a total of \$350.00.

The Board of Education thanked the Rapid River Memorial Day Parade committee for the donation of \$1,260.43 to be split as - \$100 to the Library, \$125.00 to 5th Grade Clear Lake trip, \$50 to the Reading Buddies, \$250 to Lions Club Fundraiser, \$100 to the Green House Project, \$175.00 to Science Olympiad, \$125.00 to National Honor Society, \$275.00 to Key Club and \$60.43 to the Scholarship fund.

Schedule B Coach Updates – Emily Thibault is the junior high girls' basketball coach, Dave Lundquist assistant varsity football coach, Jack Smith JV football coach and James Flath assistant JV football coach and Rich Poma tendered his resignation as Varsity basketball coach.

Regular Mtg., October 14, 2019

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren reviewed ongoing maintenance projects-heat, outside winterizing and outside light repairs.

Principal Bill Warning discussed district events-firefighter visit, Junior

Ducks Stamp, ventriloquist show, trick or treating and end of quarter.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis discussed State budget explanation and RREA contract extension.

Bay College President Laura Coleman provided a short presentation on the Bay College millage request.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the 2018-2019 financial audit report.

-to approve RREA contract extension.

-to approve High School students eligibility to take on-line virtual courses ELA 12 A/B and Personal Finance.

-to approve release of Energy Project FRP.

The Board of Education thanked American Legion Post 301 for a \$52.50 library donation, Bob Thibault for a \$52.50 library donation, and Linda Erickson, Penny Pratt and Diane Kuchan for library donations in memory of Ruth Petrie.

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

RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

What is the Rapid River Schools

Foundation? Your foundation is a charitable, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to support students of the Rapid River school system by funding programs aimed at providing an extra edge in today's competitive world. The Foundation encourages alumni, area residents and friends to help provide special benefits to our students.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Rapid River Schools Foundation is to provide an enhanced educational experience to every Rapid River student, which will empower them to reach their greatest potential, through the creation of an Endowment Fund, which will support educational programs and projects, year after year.

Once a Rocket, Always a Rocket!

The Rapid River Public Schools are an academic institution to be proud of! As a former student, it's where you learned to read and write, where you got your start in the life you lead today. Rapid River has a fine tradition of offering its graduates a firm foundation on which to build, and this tradition means the same thing to students of today, as it did when you were

enrolled.

The objective of the Foundation is to provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable because of budget constraints public schools often face. The Foundation is unique in that most of its resources will be used to fund projects proposed by innovative teachers who are in the classroom each and every day providing the quality educational experience that we have come to know and expect from the Rapid River school system.

It means something to be part of the Rapid River community. You can help ensure that this fine tradition continues by providing the resources our innovative teachers need to enhance the education of the next generation of Rapid River Rockets. Keep the tradition of a superior education alive--donate to the Rapid River Schools Foundation today! If you have any questions, please contact Jay Kulbertis at 906-474-6411.

Contribute to the Rapid River Schools Foundation

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

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 semesters.

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

Class of 2020: Braydon Moss met the above requirements to earn his academic letter. Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, and Aerianna Spriks all met the above criteria for a 2nd time and have earned their academic pin "Lamp of Knowledge". Congratulations!

Class of 2021: Kathleen Hickman and Madison Axtell both met the above requirements to earn their academic letter. Congratulations girls!

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

School Improvement Team