

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2019/January 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library

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

December 18 – Elementary Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. Gym. Rocket Room will be open 12:00 – 1:00.

December 20 – Early Dismissal, Buses leave at 11:45 a.m.

December 23– January 1 – No School – Christmas Break

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

January 13– PTC mtg., 3:30 p.m. in the PTC room.

January 24 – Teacher In-Service, Early Dismissal. Buses leave at 11:45 a.m.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be held Wednesday, December 18th 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.

EXXON MOBIL GRANT

For the seventh 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 Ditrach of the Rapid River Mini Mart for nominating our school to receive this grant. Their support is greatly appreciated.

KEY CLUB

Key Club has been very active since the beginning of the school year. Members have provided helping hands at the St. Rita's Fall Harvest dinner, American Legion Breakfast, Turkey Dinner, School Store, Haunted Trail, and the Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis club annual Chicken Bar-B-Q, selling, making, and delivering delicious chicken dinners around the community.

Our Halloween Carnival was held on October 26th, cooperatively with Trick or Treating and Cross Country's first annual Haunted Trail. The events all had a great turnout from the Rapid River community and beyond. We received lots of great feedback. Thank you to all who helped and donated to make it successful!

Together with PTC, we are happy to offer Popcorn Fridays. Students K-5 has the opportunity to purchase popcorn (plain or "flavor of the week") each Friday for just \$1 (not including half days). With some of the proceeds, one of the causes Key Club will be participating in is the Rapid River Community Angel Tree project to help make Christmas a little brighter for local families.

We are currently selling lights for the Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance which will be located at Gladstone's Van Cleve Park. Lights are 3/\$10.00 or \$5.00 each. If you'd like to purchase lights, contact any Key Club member or call 906-420-3052 by December 2nd.

Some of the upcoming community events that you will see us serving at include: Old Fashioned Christmas in Gladstone, Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance, Christmas in Rapid River, Rapid River Tree Lighting, Christmas Caroling at Lakeview Assisted Living, Omni Center Christmas Luncheon, and Bell Ringing at Pat's Foods.

RREA

The Rapid River Education Association would like to thank support staff members for their hard work and dedication to our school. In recognition of National Education Support Professionals Day, the Rapid River teachers have donated books to the school library in honor of all our hard-working secretaries, food service workers, custodians, bus drivers, interventionists, instructional aides and school nurse.

TITLE I NEWS

Rapid River School has been working towards on-going school improvement goals. We have a team that gathers data from state testing, surveys, comprehensive needs assessments, and then that data is included in various reports. Conclusions are made about what actions, strategies, or initiatives need to be made and that becomes our school improvement plan. If parents or community members would like to learn more about the goals, last year's plan is on the RR website. If you are interested in joining our team, please call Karen Wolf at 474-3547.

One of the current goals for school improvement is to increase content area proficiency in our middle school. A team of our math teachers; Beth Larson, Julie Pilon, and Jay Jurkovich have been meeting with staff from the DSISD to align the math curriculum and look for ways to increase math skills. They've made great progress and soon we will be having our English Language teachers meet to do the same for our middle school.

For those who may not be aware, our school offers free after-school tutoring and homework time for grades 3 and up. Ms. Peck is available to help Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Rm 161 on the elementary side. Please take advantage of this opportunity if your child needs a quiet place to study.

Our students have been fortunate to attend some wonderful programs recently. Our PTC sponsored a chalk artist and ventriloquist, Rod Snow, who put on a funny and very interesting program. Indian Education sponsored another entertaining and educational program, World of Music. Students got to participate by using unusual instruments and even dancing! Cultural experiences like these are so important for the growth of our children. The staff of Rapid River would like to share their appreciation for the many people involved who make these kinds of events happen! Thank you.

LIBRARY

Thank you to the following for their monetary donations to the library: Gladstone/Rapid River Kiwanis Club, Julie and Gary Olson in memory of Ruth Petrie. These generous donations will help in the updating of our upper elementary books! We've also had many wonderful magazines donated to the library which are much appreciated.

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS 1ST QUARTER

4th grade – All A – Brennen Kee, Megan Proehl, Olivia Quinn, Katherine Thibault; **B or Better** – Victoria Coppock, Madison Landers, Hayden Kee, Bobby Micheau, Nick Proehl; **Perfect Attendance** – Victoria Coppock, Kamden Chmurny, Cole Constantino, Madison Landers, Brennen Kee, Hayden Kee, MaKayla Williams.; **5th grade – All A** – Kinsley Damon, Jon Denkins, Kellyn Gustafson, Kamden Holmio, Jae Poma, Alexander Shiverdecker, Samantha Quinn; **B or Better** – Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson, Evan Closs, Kaden Duerson, Alivia Frappier, Rowen Flath, Mady Lindbert, Lane Olson, Joseph Thorbahn, Trenton Warner, Liveah Wils; **Perfect Attendance** – Evan Closs, Alivia Frappier, Alexander Shiverdecker, Christina Williams.

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

7th grade - 4.00 to 3.70 – Ryan Boston-Marsh, Karley Hardwick, Madison LaCrosse, Emma Sundling; **3.69 to 3.30** – Ava Damon, Adam Frappier, Ethan Harrison, Mason Johnson, Hailey Paquette; **3.29 to 3.00** – Clay Christoff, Edward Forslund, Preston Peters; **8th grade - 4.00 to 3.70** – Erin Dedic; **3.69 to 3.30** – Myles Anderson, Everett Belanger, Emma Bowden, Tucker Carlson, Conner Kee, Blake Lundquist, Cassie Ostrander, Leondria Vietzke; **3.29 to 3.00** – Ava McCarty, Peyton McKeage, Nathan Moore, Amber Proehl, Abigail Skjolaas, Ethan Wennesheimer; **9th grade - 4.00 to 3.70** – Eric Lutz, Monica Thibault; **3.69 to 3.30** – Madison Couillard, Megan Dausey, Jordyn Huskey, Aiyna Shiverdecker, Kylie Wils; **3.29 to 3.00** - Imara DeGrand, Emma Kleiman, Maizie Nelson, Shaun Nelson, Ian Sundling, Lexie VanOss; **10th grade - 4.00 to 3.70** – Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance; **3.69 to 3.30** – Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Kyra Stumpf; **3.29 to 3.00** – Addie Christoff, James Gillmer; **11th grade - 4.00 to 3.70** – Madison Axtell, Kathleen Hickman, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor VanOss; **3.69 to 3.30** – Natalie Belanger, Hannah Casey, Riley Edwardsen, Ismael Hernandez, Benjamin Lenaker, Shania Poore, Quenna Spriks; **3.29 to 3.00** – Morgan Anderson, Griffin Flath, Maxwell Lenaker; **12th grade - 4.00 to 3.70** – Avery Closs, Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Azariah Hernandez, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak, Aerianna Spriks, Gavin Stumpf; **3.69 to 3.30** – Cierra Carignan, Brittney DeHaan, Juan Isaac,

Hayden LaCasse, Mya Paulin, Noah Sefcik, Tyler Sundling; **3.29 to 3.00** – Tony DeMars.

PTC NEWS

The Holiday season is here! Here are some important dates to remember-
Dec. 2nd : Saykly's fundraiser forms & money due back.
Dec. 12th: 6-8p.m.- We will be having another Rocket Room Shopping Night- shop Rocket apparel & gifts for your Rocket fans!
Dec. 11th & 12th: Students can do Christmas shopping for their friends & family in Santa's Secret Shop during the school day.
Dec. 18th: 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!

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting, November 11, 2019

Motion made and approved:

-to accept a 1 year contract with Tom & Nicole Landers of 45 Transport for snowplowing services.
-to accept second reading of Neola Policy update Volume 33 No. 2.

Rapid River School Board thanked Duane and Ruth Proehl for a \$25.00 library donation in memory of Margaret Soderberg, Gladstone/Rapid River Kiwanis for a \$400.00 library donation, Penny Pratt for a \$15.00 library donation in memory of Gail Maloney and EMP for a \$1,250.00 donation to Lego Robotics.

Michelle Denkins discussed acceptance of the Energy Efficiency projects.

Principal Bill Warning discussed district events – American Legion visit for Veteran's Day, elementary Christmas program, parent teacher conferences, and Saturday school.

Board member Edwin LaCosse inquired about snow storm decisions for athletic activities and Veteran's Without Diploma program. Brooke Lindbert mentioned a Nice Kid assembly for K-6 on December 2nd.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis discussed graduation rate and early middle college.

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

INDIAN EDUCATION

Our program sponsored an enjoyable musical show, "World of Music", for grades K-5 and 7. Mr. Guy Louis got the students involved in both the musical end and also dancing. We had lots of happy, smiling kids and adults as well! Thank you to the Sault Tribe's 2% gaming monies which help bring programs such as this to our school and its students.

Mr. Pilon has been busy helping students with their work but wishes more would come to him for help. Too often students wait until their grades are really low, or they're way behind on homework assignments. Please call, email, or see him if you want extra 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.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 20th with an early dismissal. Lunch will be served. Classes resume on January 2, 2020.

ATHLETE EVENTS

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

3	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
5	N. Central	Home	6:00
10	Norway	Home	6:00
13	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
19	Bark River	Home	6:00

January

10	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
13	Stephenson	Away	6:00
21	Carney	Away	6:00
24	Munising	Home	6:00
27	Bark River	Away	6:00

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

9	Carney	Home	6:00
12	N. Central	Home	6:00
19	Crystal Falls	Away	6:00
27	Mid Pen	Home	6:00

January

8	Munising	Home	6:00
14	Manistique	Away	6:00
20	N. Central	Away	6:00
28	Stephenson	Home	6:00
31	Sup. Central	Away	6:00

Boys' Junior High Basketball

December

2	Munising	Away	6:00
9	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
11	Gladstone	Home	6:00

* Central Time