

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

March/April 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library

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

March 23 – March 27

No School – Spring Break

April 7 – PTC mtg., 3:30 p.m. in the PTC room.

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

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.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

The Rapid River Sports Booster Club would like to thank the community, athletes, coaches, and parents that supported our cash raffle. This is a nice way to raise the needed funds to support us in our venture to purchase uniforms, provide busing, replace equipment, and support our high school groups like the, Key Club Convention, National Honor Society, Cross Country, players in the UP All-star game. The winners of the cash raffle will be in the next edition of Reach Out and on Facebook.

Winners will be contacted by phone. We would also like to thank those that help in our concession stand. The booster members could not do it without your help. Stop in the concession and give us your name and number if you would like to volunteer with us.

LIBRARY

The library would like to thank the following for their monetary donations to the library:

Gladstone/RR Kiwanis Club, Four Township Senior Citizens, Julie and Gary Olson in memory of Ruth

Petrie, Penny Pratt in memory of Gail Maloney, Linda Erickson, Penny Pratt and Diane Kuchan in memory of Janice Hallett. Thank you to the RREA for the donation of books in honor of our School Board, and to Brandy and Aubrey Olson for the donation of many gently used books which is perfect for grades 3-6. We have also had many magazines donated to the library by Mike Mohler, Michelle Denkins, and Traci Tardiff which are much appreciated.

KEY CLUB

The winter months have kept the Key Club members busy. The club was involved with the craft show during Christmas in Rapid River, offering kids activities at different locations around town. In the evening, you could find us at the tree lighting and caroling at Lakeview Assisted Living. We also helped out at Gladstone's Old Fashioned Christmas and sold Lights of Memorial and Remembrance for the Kiwanis Club Christmas Tree in VanCleve Park.

We have been making and selling popcorn along with the PTC each Friday at the school. With money earned, we were able to purchase gifts from the Community Angel Tree. The Key Club and the PTC are helping the 5th grade sell popcorn for the month of February to help them raise money for their Clear Lake trip.

January found the members at the Rapid River Relic Riders Snowmobile show helping with activities for the youth. In February we helped out at the Blitz Basketball Tournament.

We are preparing for the highlight of the year – DCON! Each year our members have to earn a minimum number of service hours to attend the District Convention in Green Bay by volunteering at the many events and projects around the community. Our club accumulated over 1,000 hours last year. We have received some very generous donations so far! Thank you to those who have donated! We have 26 members attending this year and every bit helps. If you haven't had an

opportunity to donate, you can send your donation to Rapid River School, 10070 US Hwy 2, Rapid River, MI 49878, Attn: Key Club.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for children who will be five by September 1, 2020 will be held on Friday, April 17th from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

New Young 5's should also register if 5 by December 1, 2020 and will be required to sign a waiver. Parents need to bring their child, legal birth certificate with the seal, and shot record.

To make an appointment, call 474-6411, ext 507. The screening process takes approximately an hour.

INDIAN ED

Thanks to the Sault Tribe's 2% gaming monies we were able to have Guy Louis come and do his Worlds of Music show. This presentation is always well-received by both K-7 students and staff alike. Guy will come back in May to do his brand new show, "Relaxation, Mindfulness, and Resilience". Please watch for date/time on our school's website and join us.

It's been very gratifying to see students come to Mr. Pilon for help. Too often students wait until they're failing which makes it difficult to crawl to passing. Please call, email, or see him if you want extra help.

Indian Ed's annual Spring Feast will be Sunday May 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will honor our Indian Ed graduates and award the Sally Constantino Memorial Scholarship. The public is welcome to attend.

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.

PTC NEWS

This was our first year running the concessions for the Basketball Blitz. With everyone's help, it ran very smoothly. We learned new things and had fun during this crazy weekend!

Our Book Fair kickoff night was a blast! We also had a deluxe breakfast with our parents on March 3rd. We are able to order lots of new books.

Our 4th annual Ladies Gala will be held at the Lions Club on Saturday, May 2nd from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance. See Facebook and Eventbrite.com for more details. If you would like to donate to our basket raffles, please let us know.

The PTC along with the Key Club is working together and has brought back "Popcorn Friday". It's a nice snack for a \$1.00 on Friday's. We also did our first "After-School Movie" last month and it was a hit!

Anyone interested in becoming more involved with our PTC, we will have chairperson openings available for the next scheduled school year. Anyone who is interested in being a chairperson is asked to contact Brooke at 906-280-7875 or message the [www.facebook.com/Rapid River PTC Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/RapidRiverPTC). Thank you to everyone for your support!

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Girls Varsity Softball

April

9	S. Central	Home	4:00
13	Stephenson	Away	4:00
15	Munising	Home	4:00
20	Negaunee	Away	4:00
22	Escanaba	Home	4:00
27	Munising	Away	4:00
29	Gladstone	Home	4:00
30	Bark River	Home	4:00

HELP WANTED – CAFETERIA SUBSTITUTES

Rapid River is looking for substitutes to fill in for Breakfast (7:15-8:30) and Lunch (10:00-1:30). If interested, please sign up with EduStaff.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Organizational Mtg.,

January 13, 2020

Motion made and approved:

-to elect George Kanyuh as President; Michelle Denkins as Vice President; Brooke Lindbert as Secretary; Karen Lundquist as Treasurer.
-to designate Baybank as depository for the general fund, payroll account, food service, athletic fund, activities, energy bond and the 2012, 2013, and 2017 debt retirement accounts.

George Kanyuh appointed members to various committees:

Transportation: Lisa Kanyuh, Steven Lenaker, Brooke Lindbert

Finance: Karen Lundquist, Michelle Denkins, Edwin LaCrosse

Building & Grounds: Edwin LaCrosse, Steven Lenaker, Brooke Lindbert (Lisa Kanyuh-alternate)

Policy & Personnel: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh, Michelle Denkins (Brooke Lindbert-alternate)

Dual Superintendency: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh (Michelle Denkins-alternate)

-to hold regular 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.

Regular Mtg., January 13, 2020

Facilities, Ground, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren updated board members on upcoming bus inspections and plow truck purchase. Principal Bill Warning updated board members on Dibels testing, semester one end, open enrollment, 8th grade career exploration day, early dismissal, and Souper Bowl fundraiser.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members on supplemental budget, federal application for federal funds and Schneider Electric project.

Rapid River Board of Education thanked EMP for a \$1,250 donation to Lego Robotics.

Beth Larson presented the school board with a thank you note and books donated to the library on behalf of the RREA for school board recognition month.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve first reading of Neola Policy change to Policy 144.1, removing first

sentence (board member pay).

Regular Mtg., February 10, 2020

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Matt Scheuren updated board members on playground equipment and plow truck search. Principal Bill Warning updated board members on schools events- 8th, 9th and 10th grade career day at the ISD, next year courses, early release, Middle School leap year dance, after school elementary movie, March reading month and parent breakfast.

Senior class advisor Joanna Thorbahn provided an update on the senior class trip. She will return next meeting with a complete itinerary, cost analysis and request permission for an overnight trip.
-to approve the 5th grade Clear Lake overnight (2 nights) trip request for May 11th through 13th provided enough money is fundraised.

-to approve the Key Club district convention trip request to Green Bay.

Board of Education thanked Boy Scouts of America for a \$100 donation, American Legion Post 301 for \$100 library donation.

Karen Wolf reviewed Dibels testing results and MStep results.

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

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.

