

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2020/January 2021

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy December Rockets! I wanted to reach out to our parents/guardians and students to offer support during these difficult and uncertain times. If you are in need of anything please reach out. If we can't help you directly we can certainly guide you in the right direction. We are hopeful to return to in person learning on December 9. Thank you Rapid River for your ongoing support to educate students! Go Rockets!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 14** – School board meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**December 23–Jan 1** – Winter Break

**January 22** – Teacher In-Service, No School

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will resume on January 2, 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

There will not be an Elementary Christmas Program this year. Our ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe. We understand this will be upsetting, especially to the children and so we have some special events planned to safely celebrate our holiday season and keep it special for them. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## KEY CLUB

Key Club sold lights for the 2020 Christmas Tree of Honor and Remembrance. The tree will be lit from December 6<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>. Tree lighting ceremony is at 5:30 on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Van Cleve Park beach house. Names will be posted at the lighting ceremony, at City Hall and the [gladstonekiwanis.weebly.com](http://gladstonekiwanis.weebly.com) website.

Our club will be bell ringing December 19<sup>th</sup> at Pat's Foods in Gladstone for the Salvation Army Red Kettle effort.

Our Outdoor Halloween Carnival was a fun and safe event put on for our community.

Our members assisted the Omni Center after Election Day with take-down of tables, etc.

We continue to have Popcorn Fridays in Elementary and Jr. high/High School.

We are looking forward to details concerning our annual District Convention in February. This year, due to the pandemic, it will be held virtually.

We'd like to thank the following businesses and individuals that helped make our events a success:

Masonville Township Park, Lollie Eskofski, Gwen Christiansen, Cindy Anderson, Cindie Johnston, Angie Lenaker, Tim Belanger, Jessica and Brian VanOss, Dairy Flo, Swallow Inn, BEL Photography, Rapid River Pub, Jack's Restaurant, Rapid River Knifeworks, and Rapid River Mini Mart.



## LIBRARY

We're very proud of our K-5 students being so good about bringing their library books back. Thank you to the kids and parents who work so hard to return the books. It's very much appreciated!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 474-3512 and leave a message with your name and number. Thank You.

## INDIAN EDUCATION

Report cards are out so if you feel your son/daughter could use some extra help, please remember our tutorial program is here for all students. Call 474-3572 and leave a message with your name and number. – Mii-gwetch

## FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade – All A Report Card** – Julia Poma, Coen Smith; **A-B Report Card** – Corey Boston-Marsh, Caden Closs, Derek Closs, Ariya Shiverdecker, Owen Truitt; **Perfect Attendance** – Stephanie Appleman, Corey Boston-Marsh, Bailee Dawley, Keerstyn Eskofski, Brennen Hardwick, Coen Smith, Owen Truitt; **5<sup>th</sup> Grade – All A Report Card** – Meghan Proehl, Natalie Paquette; **A-B Report Card** – Victoria Coppock, Brennen Kee, Hayden Kee, Olivia Quinn, Myah Saez, Brady Schram, Kate Thibault; **Perfect Attendance** – Kamden Chmurynski, Victoria Coppock, Hayden Kee, Nunshu DeLorie, Khloe Medwayosh, Nick Proehl, Olivia Quinn, Kate Thibault, Ashlynn Thompson, Jaeger Wils.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR HONOR ROLL

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Highest Honors – 4.0

to 3.70 Jon Denkins, Kaden

Duerson, Kamden Holmio, Lane

Olson, Jae Poma, Alexander

Shiverdecker; **Highest Honors – 3.69**

**to 3.30** Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor

Carlson, Kinsley Damon, Rowan

Flath, Alivia Frappier, Kellyn

Gustafson, Samantha Quinn, Joseph

Thorbahn, Trenton Warner, Liveah

Wils; **Honors – 3.29 to 3.00** Evan

Closs, Madelyn Lindbert, Peyton

Williams; **7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Highest**

**Honors – 4.0 to 3.70** Phoebe

Fletcher, Angelina Goodman, Jared

Huskey, Aubrey Olson, Ava Peck;

**Highest Honors – 3.69 to 3.30** Claire

Reed, Elizabeth Swayer, Hannah

Yates; **Honors – 3.29 to 3.00** Ella

Cody, Gabriel Edwardsen;

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Highest Honors – 3.69 to**

**3.30** Ryan Boston-Marsh, Ava

Damon, Madison LaCrosse, Hailey

Paquette, Emma Sundling; **Honors**

**– 3.29 to 3.00** Ethan Harrison;

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade – High Honors – 3.69 to**

**3.30** Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic,

Bradley Taylor; **Honors – 3.29 to**

**3.00** Everett Belanger, Emma

Bowden, Conner Kee, Leondria

Vietzke; **10<sup>th</sup> Grade – High Honors**

**– 3.69 to 3.30** Madison Couillard,

Megan Dausey, Monica Thibault;

**Honors – 3.29 to 3.00** Aiyana

Semear, Kylie Wils; **11<sup>th</sup> Grade –**

**Highest Honors – 4.0 to 3.70**

Maddison Kee, Madilynne

LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey

Novak; **Highest Honors – 3.69 to 3.30**

Addie Christoff, Rease Dawley, Jace

Holmio, Brooke Kelly, Logan

Lancour, Madilyn Porter, Kayley

Saez, Damyn Smith, Gracie

Stemick, Kyra Stumpf, Thomas

Vietzke; **Honors – 3.29 to 3.00**

Nickolas Bruursema, Paige

Christianson, Mason Lippold;

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Highest Honors –**

**4.0 to 3.70** Hannah Casey, Griffin

Flath, Ismael Hernandez, Kathleen

Hickman, Myah Pearson, Cecilia

Pilon, Quenna Spriks, Taylor VanOss;

**High Honors – 3.69 to 3.30** Emma

Lambert, Maxwell Lenaker; **Honors –**

**3.29 to 3.00** Madison Axtell, Gavin

Berg, Miranda Byas, Parker Dausey,

Riley Edwardsen, Zeta Keys,

Benjamin Lenaker.

## SCHOOL BOARD

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Regular Meeting, November 9, 2020

Principal Bill Warning noted that staff is working hard to keep doors open, PTC will be virtually or phone calls, and the ZipKrooz installed on the playground is a big hit with students.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis provided information and update on face-to-face, hybrid, and 100% virtual instruction and reviewed the district preparedness plan.

#### **Motion made and approved:**

-to accept the 2019-2020 financial audit.

-to approve the RREA Agreement.

-to approve the RRESP Agreement.

-to approve the hire of Tina Gendron as math interventionist.

The Rapid River Board of Education thanked Larry and Chris Lundin for a \$500 donation to the library in memory of Glen and Mildred Lundin.

Michelle Denkins noted Hayden Hardwick will be the JV Boys' Basketball Coach.

## 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 give 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.

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