

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

## Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

March/April 2021

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 5** – No School – Professional Development Day

**March 8** – School Board Mtg., 6:30 PM held virtually

**March 26** – Early Dismissal 11:45 End of Quarter 3

**March 29 – April 2** – No School – Spring Break

**April 5** – No School – Easter Monday

**April 12** – School Board Mtg., 6:30 PM held virtually



### Girls JV/Varsity Basketball Schedule

#### March

01	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
03	Stephenson	Home	6:00
08	Munising	Away	6:00
10	N. Central	Away	7:00
11	Bark River	Home	6:00
15	Stephenson	Away	6:00
17	Norway	Away	6:30

### JV/Varsity Boys Basketball Schedule

#### March

01	Bark River	Home	6:00
02	Stephenson	Home	6:00
05	Norway	Home	6:00
09	N. Central	Away	6:15
11	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
15	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
16	N. Dickinson	Home	6:00
18	Forest Park	Home	6:00

### FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE

#### ACADEMIC AWARDS 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All A – Julia Poma; B or Better – Corey Boston-Marsh, Derek Closs, Ariya Shiverdecker, Coen Smith, Owen Truitt, Brennen Hardwick; Perfect Attendance – Keerstyn Eskofski, Corey Boston-Marsh, Derek Closs, Brennen Hardwick, Julia Poma, Audrey Warner; **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** All A – Meghan Proehl; B or Better – Victoria Coppock, Nunshu De Lorie, Brennen

Kee, Hayden Kee, Natalie Paquette, Myah Saez, Kate Thibault; **BUG (Bring Up Grade) Award** – Cole Constantino, Nunshu De Lorie, Ashton Fletcher; **Perfect Attendance** – Victoria Coppock, Ashton Fletcher, Brennen Kee, Hayden Kee, Nunshu De Lorie, Logan Lawson, Natalie Paquette, Meghan Proehl, Olivia Quinn, Jaeger Wils

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR HONOR ROLL

##### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Highest Honors 4.0 – 3.70

Kinsley Damon, Jon Denkins, Kaden Duerson, Kellyn Gustafson, Lane Olson, Jae Poma, Alexander Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn, Trenton Warner; **High Honors 3.69 – 3.30** Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson, Rowen Flath, Alivia Frappier, Kamden Holmio, Liveah Wils; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Evan Closs, Madelyn Lindbert, Samantha Quinn, Lauren Schnurer, Kenzy Taylor, Peyton Williams

##### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Highest Honors 4.0 – 3.70

Angelina Goodman, Jared Huskey, Aubrey Olson, Ava Peck, Hannah Yates; **High Honors 3.69 – 3.30** Phoebe Fletcher, Elizabeth Swayer; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Ella Cody

##### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Highest Honors 4.0 – 3.70

Madison LaCrosse, Emma Sundling; **High Honors 3.69 – 3.30** Ava Damon, Hailey Paquette; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Ethan Harrison

##### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: High Honors 3.69 – 3.30

Conner Kee; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Everett Belanger

##### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: High Honors 3.69 – 3.30

Madison Couillard; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Aiyana Semear, Monica Thibault

##### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Highest Honors 4.0 – 3.70

Madilynne LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Gracie Stemick; **High Honors 3.69 – 3.30** Addie Christoff, Rease Dawley, Maddison Kee, Brooke Kelly, Madilyn Porter, Damyn Smith; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Jace Holmio, Logan Lancour, Jaiden McCarty, Ryder Soderman, Thomas Vietzke

##### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Highest Honors 4.0 – 3.70

Griffin Flath, Ismael Hernandez, Kathleen Hickman, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Quenna Spriks, Taylor VanOss; **High Honors 3.69 – 3.30** Hannah Casey; **Honors 3.29 – 3.00** Natalie Belanger, Miranda Byas, Parker Dausey, Riley Edwardsen, Zeta Keys, Emma Lambert, Benjamin Lenaker, Maxwell Lenaker

### LIBRARY

Thank you Glenn and Linda Erickson, and Travis and Rachal Gustafson for monetary donations in memory of Judy (Bjorman) Bernhardt, which will be used to purchase books.

Also, thank you to Mary Poma for the donation of many beautiful like-new books, which cover a variety of interest levels.

Another thank you goes out to our own RREA for the donation of enjoyable books in recognition of the School Board.

We now have a beautiful new book displayer that has caught the attention of everyone who enters the library. This was made possible by a donation in memory of Glen and Mildred Lundin (Larry and Chris Lundin), and from the Perry Peterson Endowment Fund (Calvary Church). Thank you so much!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 906-474-3512 and leave a message with your name and number.

### EXXON MOBIL GRANT

For the eighth year, Rapid River Public Schools received a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobil.

Exxon Mobil 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 Dittrich of the Rapid River Mini Mart for nominating our school to receive this grant. Their support is greatly appreciated.

## **KEY CLUB**

Key Club joined forces with Rapid River Business Association for the hugely successful Light Up the Park event in Rapid River during the Christmas season. Several of the students put in dozens of hours setting up and working during the event. We also collected non-perishables from attendees for the Calvary Lutheran Food Pantry, filling their pantry to the maximum capacity. Thank you to the organizers for letting us be a part of it. We can't wait for next year!

Our district convention was held virtually this year Feb 5-7. While we didn't have a great amount of participation during the Zoom meetings, our division and club did receive several awards for work accomplished over the past year. Members of Division 16 received the "Most Spirited Award." Out of the 5 awards given for "Over 75 Hour of Service," four went to Rapid River Key Club members. They were Natalie Belanger, Corey Novak, Lexie VanOss and Taylor VanOss. The Michael Burkwicki Scholarship went to our own Taylor VanOss. Congratulations to these outstanding students! We look forward to an in-person convention next year.

For Valentine's Day, our club purchased carnations from Student Council and presented them to all the teachers/support staff.

We've elected new club officers for next year and are working on a plan to gain new membership with the incoming freshmen.

## **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.

We are currently in need of gently used snow pants, mittens and clothing for the elementary closet.

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

## **SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Special Mtg., December 7, 2020**

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

-to have students in grades K through 8th return to face-to-face instruction.

### **Regular Mtg., December 14, 2020**

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

- to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

Brooke Lindbert thanked the Key Club for their hard work spent on the park Christmas lighting. Lisa Kanyuh thanked George Kanyuh, Edwin LaCosse and Michelle Denkins for their Board service.

### **Regular Mtg., January 11, 2021**

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

-to renew Thrun Law Firm as legal retainer.

Karen Wolf presented the School Board with books donated to the library on behalf of the RREA for School Board recognition month.

### **Organizational Mtg., January 11, 2021**

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

-to elect Brooke Lindbert-President; Betty Jo Proehl-Vice President; April Proehl-Secretary; Travis Gustafson-Treasurer.

-to designate BayBank as depository.  
-to authorize Jay Kulbertis or William Warning and Lisa Boudreau or Linda Erickson as signatories on all central office accounts with the district other than the general checking account and payroll account with BayBank that require the facsimile signatures of Jay Kulbertis and/or Lisa Boudreau as signatories, and authorizing William Warning or Jay Kulbertis and Martha Beaver or Linda Erickson as signatories on the high school activities and athletic fund account.

-to authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign contracts and agreements that do not require board action.

-to authorize William Warning, Matt Scheuren, Lisa Boudreau and Jay Kulbertis to sign purchase orders.

-to hold regular monthly meetings on specified Monday's of each month at 6:30 PM in the Tri-Township School Library.

-designated Lisa Boudreau or designee to assume specified responsibilities of treasurer and electronic transfer officer.

Brooke Lindbert appointed members to various sub-committees and other various committees: Building and Grounds - Travis Gustafson, Steven

Lenaker, Brooke Lindbert (alt-Lisa Kanyuh); Dual Superintendency - Betty Jo Proehl, April Proehl (alt-Lisa Kanyuh); Finance - Brooke Lindbert, Betty Jo Proehl, April Proehl (alt-Travis Gustafson); Policy and Personnel - Betty Jo Proehl, Steven Lenaker, Travis Gustafson (alt-Brooke Lindbert); Transportation - Lisa Kanyuh, Brooke Lindbert, Steven Lenaker (alt-Betty Jo Proehl).

### **Regular Mtg., February 8, 2021**

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

-approved budget amendment 1.

-appointed James Olson to the Board.

Brooke Lindbert volunteered to represent the district as the Delta Schoolcraft Association of Schools Board Representative.

Betty Jo Proehl volunteered to sit on the Scholarship Committee with administrators and teachers.

The Board of Education thanked Alger Delta Electric for a \$400 donation for Covid-19 expenses and Rapid River Exxon Mobil Mini Mart Educational Alliance for a \$500 donation for the math and science programs.

Brooke Lindbert discussed booster club fundraisers and Jay Kulbertis commented on the senior class trip dependent on pandemic regulations.

## **ONCE A ROCKET, ALWAYS A ROCKET!**

The Rapid River Public Schools are an academic institution to be proud of! 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 providing the quality educational experience that we have come to know and expect from the Rapid River school system.

Contributions can be made payable to:  
**Rapid River Schools Foundation**  
10070 US Highway 2, Rapid River, MI 49878