

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools Newsletter – December 2022-January 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 12, 13, 14 – Smiles on Wheels,
K-8th Grades (Mobile Dental Hygiene)
Dec. 20 @ 1:00pm – Christmas Program
Dec. 22 – Early Dismissal @ 11:45am
Dec. 23 – Jan. 2, 2023 – No School
Winter Break
Jan. 19 – Last Day of Qtr. 2 / Sem. 1
Jan. 20 – No School (Professional
Development for Teachers)
Feb. 17, 18, 19 Basketball Blitz



The Elementary

Christmas Program will
be Dec. 20 at 1:00 p.m. in
the High School Gym.

The public is welcome to attend.
If they wish, parents may pick up
their child in their classroom after the
program. We are so pleased that
Steve Gauger is again playing the
piano and teaching our students their
wonderful songs. Hope to see you
there!



Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule

December / January

Starts @ 7:00 except on Dec. 19 & Jan. 12

01 Dec.	N. Central	Away
06	Norway	Home
09	Superior Central	Away
12	Mid Pen	Home
19	Big Bay *starts @ 6:00	Home
02 Jan.	Mid Pen	Away
06	Superior Central	Home
09	Stephenson	Home
12	Big Bay *starts @ 6:00	Away
17	Carney-Nadeau	Home
20	Munising	Away
23	Bark R.-Harris	Home
26	Forest Park	Home
30	Stephenson	Away

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball Schedule

December / January

Starts @ 6:00/7:30 except as noted*

05 Dec.	Carney-Nadeau *6:15/7:45	Away
08	N. Central *6:15/7:45	Away
13	Bark R.-Harris	Home
15	Forest Park	Home
19	Big Bay *Varsity only 7:30	Home
20	Engadine	Away
27	Mid Pen	Home
04 Jan.	Munising	Away
10	Manistique	Home
12	Big Bay *Varsity only 7:30	Away
16	North Central	Home
19	Bark R.-Harris	Away
24	Stephenson	Away
27	Superior Ctr. *Varsity only 6:00	Home
31	North Dickinson	Home

RAPID RIVER SPORTS BOOSTERS

Our **Soup-er Bowl** will be held Sunday, January 22nd from 2-6pm in the elementary gymnasium. Suggested donation of \$8 per person (kids 4-9: \$4; 3 & under: free) for *all-u-can-eat soup, rolls, dessert and drinks!* Entering your soup in the challenge is **FREE!** Winners receive a trophy in 3 categories.

Basketball Blitz (3-8th grade boys/girls) is the weekend of **February 17th**. If you would like to volunteer to help for this or any event, please contact Brooke @ 280-7875.

Students of the Quarter

School Improvement Team



Each quarter, teachers from each department in the high school (Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Fine Arts) select one student to be their *Student of the Quarter*. The teachers use the following criteria to make their selections: *grades, attitude, participation, and improvement*. Here are the selected students for 1st Quarter, 2022-23 school year: Phoebe Fletcher (Science), Everette Belanger (English), Aiyana Semear (Fine Arts), Jonah Frizzell-Brown (P.E.), Madison LaCrosse (Math), and Teresa Lopez-Rico (Social Studies).



2022-23 1st Quarter Academic Successes

Mrs. Meyer's 4th Grade Academic Awards

All A Report Card: Raylan Coppock, Adria Douville; **A-B Report Card:** Amy Beauchamp, Olivia Leadman, Dominick Nuernberg; **Perfect Attendance:** Amy

Beauchamp, Martin Edwards, Zane Nedeau

Ms. Larson's 5th Grade Academic Awards

All A: James Beauchaine, Charlotte Carter-Jaeger, Brody Denkins, Kaleb Kuehl, Karlee Kuehl; **A-B:** Evan Brown, Cordelia Busick, Anabel Osterhout, Connor Sexton, Kelsey Wicklund; **Perfect Attendance:** Cordelia Busick, Cyanna Carignan, Kaleb Kuehl, Jasper Schultz, Kelsey Wicklund

Junior/Senior High Honor Roll

Highest Honors: 4.0 – 3.70 GPA

High Honors: 3.69 – 3.30

Honors: 3.29 – 3.00

6th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Julia Poma, Aaliyah Steffen; **3.69-3.3:** Derek Closs, Coen Smith, Trenton Wennesheimer;

3.29-3.0: Corey Boston-Marsh, Colton Chmurynski, Caden Closs, Brennen Hardwick, Lily Schwalm, Ariya Shiverdecker, Owen Truitt, Audrey Warner

7th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Trisha Beauchamp, Victoria Coppock, Nunshu De Lorie Jr., Emma Hardy, Brennen Kee, Hayden Kee, Meghan Proehl, Olivia Quinn, Myah Saez

3.69-3.3: Kamden Chmurynski Natalie Paquette, Matthew Parsons, Brady Schram, Katherine Thibault, Kaylee Tyler; **3.29-3.0:** Ashton Fletcher, Zoey Fuller, Ashlynn Thompson, MaKayla Williams, Jaeger Wills

8th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson, Evan Closs, Jon Denkins, Kaden Duerson, Rowen Flath, Alivia Frappier, Kellyn Gustafson, Kamden Holmio, Lane Olson, Jae Poma, Samantha Quinn, Alex Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn, Trenton Warner, Christina Williams, Liveah Wils; **3.69-3.3:** Kinsley Damon, Jeb Green, Kaitlyn Young; **3.29-3.0:** Summer LaJoie

9th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Phoebe Fletcher, Angelina Goodman, Jared Huskey, Aubrey Olson; **3.69-3.3:** Ava Peck, Elizabeth Swayer, Hannah Yates; **3.29-3.0:** Lily Kwak

10th Grade: 3.69-3.3: Ava Damon, Madison LaCrosse, Emma Sundling, Luiz Zanin; **3.29-3.0:** Ethan Harrison, Hailey Paquette

11th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Erin Dedic, Manon Feltrin, Teresa Lopez-Rico; **3.69-3.3:** Everett Belanger, Carrigen Flath, Violet Hull, Tessa Larson **3.29-3.0:** Myles Anderson, Ava Beauchamp, Emma Bowden, Nathan Moore

12th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Marcus Bourbeau, Rafe Cambron, Madison Couillard, Megan Dausey, Autumn Hull, Eric Lutz, Alysha Olsen, Aiyana Sear, Breanna Sowards, Monica Thibault, Kylie Wils **3.69-3.3:** Taj Cavanaugh, Charles Hickman, Jordyn Huskey, Maizie Nelson, Shaun Nelson, Karmyn Schwartz, Creighton Smith; **3.29-3.0:** Imara DeGrand, Kodey Goldi, Carter Johnson, Lee Parrett, Austin Rafuse, Ian Sundling, Savannah Youngs

LIBRARY

THANK YOUs go out to **Ron and Penny Pratt** (in memory of *Cindy Brock and Virginia Pajnich*) and **Diane Kuchan** (in memory of *Todd Green*). We've been able to order a lot of new titles from Canterbury Book Store with all of these generous donations and are very excited to add them to our library!

Please know that *the RR community is welcome to check out books from our library* during school hours.

To check out books after school hours, call (906)399-8287 or email leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us for more information.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Remember Mr. Pilon is available for tutoring. If you feel your student could use some extra help, please contact him to schedule a time.

Any questions about our program, please email either leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us or mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us

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POPCORN FRIDAYS!

December 2nd and 9th; January 6th and 13th; February 3rd and

17th; March 3rd and 17th; April 14th and 28th; May 5th and 19th.

\$1 per bag, all grades.

RAPID RIVER HISTORY

We are working on a new section in our school library that will be dedicated to Rapid River's history which is very rich and extremely interesting! If anyone has old pictures or newspaper clippings from

the past, old yearbooks, etc. that you're willing to donate, please email Lollie at leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

Any and everything will be appreciated!

DRAMA CLUB

Rapid River Re-ACTORS



The drama club kids have begun production on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Groovy). Our version of this show will be set in 1969 Woodstock. We are looking for hippie clothing, jewelry, shoes and other accessories. Please dig around in your closets and basements. We are also looking for fake trees, greenery and flowers to "build" our forest. Please drop off any donations at the school or you can contact Ms. Biehl at kbiehl@rapidriver.k12.mi.us

The Re-Actors are also looking for "**Woodstock**" **music acts** for after intermission. If you are a local adult or student and would like to play guitar, piano, other instruments or sing (lip sync or the real thing), contact Ms. Biehl.



ROCKET RACK

A big THANK YOU to the **Kiwanis** for the fantastic *backpack donations*!!

The Rocket Rack, is currently in need of gently used snow pants, boots, or any winter gear for the elementary closet. These are provided at no cost to students. Thank you so much!

Please contact School Nurse Christa Sherman @ (906) 474-6411 ext. 6528 with any questions.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting, October 10, 2022

^ Transportation Manager Marty Collier noted that bldg. maintenance is progressing and that 2 buses have been ordered with expected delivery in 8-10 months.

^ Marty Collier shared Principal Rachal Gustafson's report: Traci Tardiff received the *Excellence in Education* award, 6 students signed up for Early Middle College, and high school students visited Bay College in October.

^ Superintendent Jay Kulbertis provided information on the bond sale, in that the notice of sale is scheduled for October 11, 2022.

Motions made and approved:

^ To approve a letter of intent to retire from Traci Tardiff.

^ **Informational items:** Hirings of Lexie Schroeder as health care aide, Sheryl Schultz and Robert Willyard as bus drivers, and Todd Gustafson as 6th-7th grade basketball coach.

^ **Brooke Johnson thanked English Teacher Kim Biehl** for all the extracurricular activities that she is involved with, specifically starting a drama club.



The **5th grade and Mr. Ostrenga's science classes** are proud to announce that we are once again raising **Chinook salmon**. We will pick up our 150 eyed eggs from the **Thompson Fish Hatchery** on November 29th. High school students will accompany **Ms. Larson** to the hatchery to pick up the eyed eggs. They will be given a tour of the hatchery. This gives the high school students an opportunity to look into possibly working in a fish hatchery someday. We have been busy learning about our salmon in the classroom. The students will be responsible for the tank care and the feeding of our salmon. Once the salmon are ready in the spring, we will be releasing them into the **Whitefish River**. **Mr. Muffler** lets us release from his beautiful property every spring. The **Great Lakes Sport Fishermen** are our SIC (Salmon in the Classroom) Program sponsors.

We are excited to watch them grow!



ROBOTICS

On December 3rd, the **4th and 5th grade First Lego League robotics teams** will be competing in Marquette at Northern Michigan University's Seaborg Center. Good luck and safe travels to our teams!



THANK YOU from 2nd Grade

Mrs. Viau's 2nd grade would like to thank the **Masonville Fire Department** for coming to school and going over fire safety rules. We loved being able to go through the 'Smokehouse' and then spray the water hose. We had the privilege of the **Guardian Flight** landing on the softball field for us. Thank you for coming. Also, thank you to **Brian Douville**, Volunteer firefighter for Ensign, for bringing over the Ensign pumper truck for the students that had missed our original program. The students loved climbing in and sitting in the backseat.