

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools Newsletter – February - March 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 17, 18, 19 Basketball Blitz
(Fri.) Feb. 24 No School
Professional Development Day
Feb. 13 – 17 Sign-up for:
 Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 16 4th graders to Pictured Rocks
March 17 Kindergarten Registration
March 24 11:45am Dismissal
March 27 – 31 Spring Break



Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule February

Starts @ 7:00

02	Carney-Nadeau	Away
14	Forest Park	Away
16	North Central	Home
20	N. Dickinson	Home
23	Munising	Home
24	Norway	Away

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball Schedule February

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

07	Superior Ctrl. Varsity Only @ 6:00	Away
14	Munising	Home
17	Mid Pen	Away
20	North Dickinson @ 6:30/8:00	Away
23	Norway @ 6:30/8:00	Away
28	Stephenson	Home

March 2	Norway	Home
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Kindergarten Registration

For the 2023-24 School Year

For children who will be 5 years old by
September 1, 2023 (or by December 1,
 2023 with a Waiver).



During the week of Feb. 13 – 17, call to
reserve your time for
 Registration on March 17th.

Kindergarten Registration is:

Friday, March 17, 2023.

8:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Last appointment at 1:45 p.m.

For an appointment time, call the
 Elementary Office:
906-474-6411.

RAPID RIVER SPORTS BOOSTERS



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.

Softball Team's **5K Run** will be:

Saturday, May 13, 2023 

The softball team is looking for monetary
 donations for this 5K run, in support of
 the team. Thank you!

Contact: shardwick@rapidriver.k12.mi.us

Girls' Jr. High VOLLEYBALL



Feb. 11	at Superior Central
Feb. 25	at Stephenson
March 4	at Holy Name
March 18	location to be determined

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,
 email leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us
 to set up a time that's convenient for you.
 We want our community to take
 advantage of the many wonderful books
 we have!

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!

February 3rd and 17th; **March** 3rd
 and 17th; **April** 14th and 28th;

May 5th and 19th. **\$1 per bag, all grades.**

DRAMA CLUB

Rapid River Re-ACTORS



Due to a lack of volunteers, we have had to
 table our Groovy Shakespeare endeavor
 until our fall production.

We have decided that we are instead doing:

The Perfumed Badge,
 a melodrama western.

Production dates are: **March 3rd and 4th**.
The public is invited.

We are looking for old suitcases – nothing
on wheels. A braided or otherwise
authentic looking western throw rug and a
wooden coat tree. (continued on back....)

(continued... Drama Club):

Please drop off any donations at the school contact English Teacher, Ms. Kim Biehl at kbiehl@rapidriver.k12.mi.us

Hello Freshman Parents! The **Morning Vibe Café** is up and running. This will be our constant fundraiser for the year. We are looking for the following donations to help defray the cost: chocolate or caramel sauce, large marshmallows, paper cups with lids, baked goods, and hot chocolate powder.

Thank you! Ms. Biehl



SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting, Nov. 14, 2022

^ Superintendent Jay Kulbertis and Principal Rachal Gustafson noted that Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Marty Collier's work ethic is a great asset to the district. He not only completes projects but looks at the long term of the completed project, not just the quick fix.

^ Principal Rachal Gustafson updated board members on girls and boys basketball practice, football field camera, adjustment of intervention groups, Christmas program, dual enrollment for semester 2, and the Early Middle College application.

^ Dr. Jay Kulbertis provided information on an ISD-wide resource room and lame duck legislation.

Motions made and approved:

^ To accept a letter of intent to retire from Teacher Karen Wolf, effective June 2, 2023, and Teacher Greg Rubick, effective May 31, 2023.

^ To approve the 4th and 5th grade robotic teams to travel to First Lego League State competition in December if they are invited.

^ To nominate Betty Jo Proehl as acting secretary.

^ To approve *Integrated Designs Inc.* as the architect and engineering company to oversee the bond project.

^ To award the site survey RFP to *TriMedia*.

^ To evenly exchange handicap accessible bus with Gladstone for their handicap accessible bus.

Donation Thanks:

To the **Class of 1966** for a \$185 library donation in memory of Cindy Brock; To **Ron and Penny Pratt** for a \$30 library donation in memory of Cindy Brock and Virginia Pajnich; To **Diane Kuchan** for a \$20 library donation in memory of Todd Green; To **National Energy Foundation** for a \$50 donation to the 4th grade class; to **EMP** for a \$1,500 donation to the 4th and 5th grades First Lego League teams; And to **Horse Crazy 4H** for a \$100 donation for building use.

Informational items:

^ Athletic Directors Steve Ostrenga and Kathryn Frisk recommended Sam Orth as JV boys' basketball coach.

^ Teacher Shelby Hardwick provided information to the board about a 2024 Washington DC trip for current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders.

Regular Meeting, December 12, 2022

^ Marty Collier discussed lack of snowplowing and building maintenance.

^ Rachal Gustafson discussed elementary Christmas program and Santa's Secret Workshop, Early Middle College program, and NMU mock teacher interviews.

^ Dr. Jay Kulbertis provided information on Lame Duck, retiree pension system, legislative assignments, and federal monies.

Motions made and approved:

^ To approve a five-year graduation plan that requires successful completion of a math or math-related course in the fifth year for Early Middle College students.

^ To go into closed session to discuss Superintendent's evaluation, and then to adjourn from closed session.

^ To approve Superintendent's evaluation in open session.

Informational Items:

Hiring of Mary Beindorf as health care aide to replace Lexie Schroeder.

Donations Thanks:

To the **Michigan Elementary/Middle School Principal Association** for a \$1,000 health grant; To the **Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians** for a \$3,000 Indian Education Program 2% grant.



The Elementary Christmas Program is but a sweet memory. We are so thankful to **Pastor Steve Gauger** for his beautiful piano

music and guiding the students in their songs for years. Pastor Steve will be moving on to a new home in Wisconsin. Best wishes!

We would like to get the word out there (if quite early) for next school year's concert. If you have any interest in **sharing your musical skills** with eager children, please let us know. Please consider helping us create wonderful holiday memories for the students and community.

🎫 **PROM** 🎫 – April 29th

Tickets will be sold closer to the event at \$15 each in the HS office. More information to follow.

PTC – ★★ Book Fair Coming Soon! ★★
More information coming soon~

Second Grade News



Mrs. Viau's 2nd grade will be celebrating the 100th Day of School on Monday, February 6th. Look for the photos of the "100-year-old" 2nd graders and their activities for that day on Facebook.

March is Reading Month



We will start the month out with a reading month breakfast on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:20 – 8 a.m. Parents *please join your child for breakfast and read a book.*

As March approaches there will be a calendar sent home with reading and fun activities for your child to participate in. We will end the month with our Reading Olympics.