

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools Newsletter – April - May 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 11:45am Dismissal
(Lunch is served)
March 27 – 31 Spring Break
April 7 No School (Good Friday)
April 10 No School (Easter Monday)
April 10 School Board Meeting, 6pm
April 24 Guy Louis show, 9:45am
April 29 Prom, 7-11pm
May 3 Science Fair, 6-7:30pm
May 8 School Board Mtg., 6pm
May 13 Color Fun 5K
May 22 Senior Awards Night
May 27 Graduation
May 29 No School (Memorial Day)
June 1st 11:45am Dismissal (Lunch served)
June 2nd Last Day for Students
11:45am Dismissal (Lunch served)



SPRING SPORTS 2023

Attention! Track and Softball will be starting soon.

Please check with the school office for details on signing up.

Junior High TRACK sign-up lists are in the office.

Check with our school's Facebook page and website for confirmed dates and locations.

RAPID RIVER SPORTS BOOSTERS

Basketball Blitz (3-8th



grade boys/girls) was the weekend of **February**

17th. We had a successful Basketball Blitz with 35 teams in participation. We would like to thank all of the players, coaches, parents, our Athletic Directors, and other volunteers who dedicated so much time to making this a success!



We sponsored our first dance this year! Grades 7-9 were invited and the theme was *Neon Nights*. It was a fun night for our middle school and freshman to "GLOW"!



The **7th Annual Ladies Gala** will be Saturday, **May 6th** at the Rapid River Lions Club. Watch our social media pages for more info!



Track and Softball season are just around the corner! If you would like to help out in

concessions, please contact:

Brooke at 906-280-7875.

Thank you for the continued support! Every purchase from our concessions helps to buy new uniforms, sporting equipment & more! *Go Rockets!*



Softball Team's
Color Fun 5K (Run & Walk)

Saturday, **May 13, 2023**

Start Time: **11:00 AM**

\$25 Registration

Includes: Color Blast, T-shirts, Swag Bags

For info: visit Rapid River Schools website or Facebook pages

Contact: shardwick@rapidriver.k12.mi.us



The **Rapid River National Honor Society**, Maddison Coulliard, Megan Dausey, Autumn Hull, Eric Lutz, Aiyana Semear, and Ms. Larson, would

like to announce our new members: Ava Damon, Madison LaCrosse, Hailey Paquette, and Emma Sundling. Your attention to academics, your service to others and the community, your positive influence and attitude, and your principles of morality have won you this selection! **Congratulations** to all the National Honor Society members!



2022-23 2nd Quarter Academic Successes

* **Mrs. Meyer's 4th Grade Academic Awards**
All A Report Card: Raylan Coppock, Adria Douville; **A-B Report Card**: Izak Wennesheimer; **BUG Award***: Martin Edwards, Mason Parsons

Perfect Attendance: Terrell Harris
* **Ms. Larson's 5th Grade Academic Awards**
All A: James Beauchaine, Charlotte Carter-Jaeger, Brody Denkins, Karlee Kuehl, Connor Sexton; **A-B**: Cordelia Busick, Kaleb Kuehl, Anabel Osterhout, Temily Roberts, Kelsey Wicklund; **BUG Award**: Brody Denkins, Connor Sexton;

Perfect Attendance: Cyanna Carignan, Blake Cunningham

***BUG** = Improved one letter grade without dropping in other areas.

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: Derek Closs, Julia Poma, Coen Smith, Aaliyah Steffen;

3.69-3.3: Colton Chmurnyski, Caden Closs, Owen Truitt, Trenton Wennesheimer;

3.29-3.0: Corey Boston-Marsh, Brennen Hardwick, Breanna Kelly, Lily Schwalm

7th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Victoria Coppock, Nunshu De Lorie Jr., Meghan Proehl, Olivia Quinn, Myah Saez

3.69-3.3: Trisha Beauchamp, Kamden Chmurnyski, Emma Hardy, Brennen Kee, Natalie Paquette, Katherine Thibault, Kaylee Tyler;

3.29-3.0: Ashton Fletcher, Hayden Kee, Brady Schram, Ashlynn Thompson, MaKayla Williams

8th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Sarah Beauchaine, Saylor Carlson, Jon Denkins, Kaden Duerson, Alivia Frappier, Jeb Green, Kellyn Gustafson, Kamden Holmio, Lane Olson, Jae Poma, Samantha Quinn, Alexander Shiverdecker, Joseph Thorbahn, Trenton Warner, Liveah Wils, Kaitlin Young;

3.69-3.3: Rowen Flath;

3.29-3.0: Evan Closs, Kinsely Damon, Summer LaJoie

9th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Phoebe Fletcher, Angelina Goodman, Jared Huskey, Aubrey Olson;

3.69-3.3: Elizabeth Swayer, Hannah Yates;

3.29-3.0: Ella Cody, Christian Luhm, Ava Peck, Joseph Weis

10th Grade: 3.69-3.3: Ava Damon, Madison LaCrosse, Luiz Zanin;

3.29-3.0: Emma Sundling

11th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Erin Dedic, Manon Feltrin, Teresa Lopez-Rico;

3.69-3.3: Nathan Moore;

11th Grade: 3.29-3.0: Ava Beauchamp, Everett Belanger, Emma Bowden, Tucker Carlson, Carrigen Flath, Violet Hull, Tessa Larson, Brad Taylor

12th Grade: 4.0-3.7: Rafe Cambron, Madison Couillard, Megan Dausey, Charles Hickman, Autumn Hull, Eric Lutz, *continued*

Alysha Olsen, Austin Rafuse, Karmyn Schwartz, Aiyana Semear, Breanna Sowards, Ian Sundling
3.69-3.3: Marcus Bourbeau, Maizie Nelson, Shaun Nelson, Creighton Smith, Sam Taylor, Kylie Wils;
3.29-3.0: Imara DeGrand, Kodey Goldi, Jordan Huskey, Carter Johnson, Lee Parrett, Lexie VanOss, Savannah Youngs

LIBRARY

May 8th through 11th will be the last week of library time so we are able to focus on getting books back. The kids have really been great about returning their books, and it's very appreciated!

INDIAN EDUCATION

Monday April 17th there will be a **Parent Committee meeting** at 6 p.m. in the library. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please come! Monday April 24th **Guy Louis** will be doing his **Worlds of Music/Native American Music Show** in the *HS gym for grades K-8*. The show will run from 9:45-11 and the public is welcome to attend! This very special program is made possible by the Sault Tribe's 2% grant.
 Sunday May 7th will be **Indian Ed's Senior Recognition** dinner at 5 p.m. in the HS cafeteria. We will be honoring our 3 seniors: Lee Parrett, Aiyana Semear, and Kyle Wils. Monetary scholarships will be going out to these young people along with Award Feathers and Dreamcatchers. Miigwetch to April Eskofski and Janine Adams, respectively, for making them. ☺ Any questions about our program, please email either leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us or mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us



POPCORN FRIDAYS!

April 14th and 28th;
 May 5th and 19th.

\$1 per bag, all grades.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Organizational / Regular Meeting January 8, 2022

^ Oath of Office recited by: *Jake Denkins, Matt Holmio, Lisa Hough, and James Olson.*
 ^ **Motions** made, seconded, and carried to nominate the following into **Board positions:** *Brooke Johnson* as President; *James Olson* as Vice President; *April Proehl* as Secretary; and *Travis Gustafson* as Treasurer.
 ^ Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Marty Collier updated board members on the water

test results, icy roads and lack of having to snow plow.
 ^ Principal Rachal Gustafson updated board members on semester 2 dual enrollment, upcoming field trips for 8th and 10th graders, and benchmark assessments.
 ^ Superintendent Dr. Jay Kulbertis updated board members on the water test results and bond construction.

Donations:

Brooke Johnson thanked **Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis** for a \$400 library donation, **Diane Kuchan** for a \$15 library donation in memory of Jean Peterson, **Linda Erickson** for a \$15 library donation in memory of Jean Peterson, and **Jim and Jodi Johnson** for a \$40 robotics donation. Teacher Karen Wolf presented the school board with books donated to the library on behalf of the **Rapid River Educational Association** for school board recognition month.

Regular Meeting, February 13, 2022

^ Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation Manager Marty Collier updated board members on water testing, fire alarm system, bus radios, bus routing software, and maintenance software
 ^ Principal Rachal Gustafson reviewed Section 98b (re: academic goals).
 ^ Business Manager Lisa Boudreau reviewed budget amendment 1, of which a **motion** to approve was made and carried.
 ^ Superintendent Dr. Jay Kulbertis updated board members on the Governor's executive budget.
 ^ Key Club Advisor Kim Biehl reviewed details of the overnight trip to *DCON* (District Convention). A **motion** was made and carried to approve the trip.
 ^ A curriculum approval committee was discussed. A committee meeting will be held prior to the next board meeting.

March Reading

Month by Mrs. Wolf

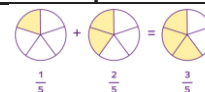


March Reading Month was upon us with Dr. Seuss as the headliner! Thank you to the families who attended the games at the Book Fair and the *Green Eggs and Ham* breakfast with books. Students showed their reading spirit by reading tons of books, decorating our hallways to match the theme, and dressing up or doing activities that would make Dr. Seuss proud! We've had special readers come into the classrooms and do lots of fun activities each day. Ms. Larson's 5th grade class put on *The Lorax* play which was a hit. We wrapped up the month just before going on Spring Break, with our annual Reading Olympics.
Way to go, Wacky Readers!

🎻 **PROM** 🎻 Saturday, April 29th
 7-11pm @ The Lions Club
 Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors
 Tickets are \$15 each.



From Mrs. Wolf's Special Ed classes:



Mrs. Wolf's classes have been working hard on fractions, so to wrap up, they've used that knowledge, using a recipe, to make some tasty Protein Ball Snacks. Students are also getting into the reading spirit by playing Dr. Seuss Jeopardy.

From Art Teacher Mrs. Pilon:

*Congratulations to All our art students who had their artwork selected for the annual **Youth in Art** show at the *Bonifas Fine Arts Center*. Among the amazing artwork being exhibited at the *Bonifas*, Rapid River had several award winners from many grade levels.
 The award winners are as follows:*

Grade 1	Olivia Barbeau & Ava Constantino
Grade 2	Stella Klusmeyer
Grade 3	Tristen Leadman (2 ribbons)
Grade 4	Amy Beauchamp (2 ribbons)
Grade 5	Karlee Kuehl & Temily Roberts
Grade 7	<u>Class Group piece</u> (clay chocolates, 2 ribbons)
Grade 8	Darien DeGrand, Jon Denkins, Jae Poma, Sam Quinn <u>Group Project</u> (hand drawings, 2 ribbons)
Grade 11	Violet Hull & Leondrea Vietzke (3 ribbons)
Grade 12	Alysha Olsen

Congratulations to All !



We are still looking for someone to lead for *next school year's elementary Christmas 2023 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.