

From the Desk of Mrs. Gustafson

Principal @ Rapid River Public Schools

Parents of Middle School Students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

More than ever, schools in our local community and across the country have seen an uptick in mental health issues and bullying related to cell phone use. Today our School Resource Officer, Deputy VanDrese, gave a great presentation to our 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students about the safe use of the internet, cell phones, social media apps, & cyber bullying. To continue the promotion of safe phone & social media use, we have implemented a procedure to further reduce the use of cell phones during the school day. As is already in our handbook, student cell phones will not be used during class. Phones will be given to the teacher at the beginning of the 1st hour class and they will be safely kept by the teachers until lunchtime. Students will receive their phones for use during lunch. They will then be given to a teacher after lunch and returned at the end of the day. Additionally, students will be encouraged to participate in engaging activities (physical movement, games, art, discussions, etc) during class & lunch time to lessen the amount of time spent on their phones.

We appreciate your support in our cell phone policies and procedures. As always, if you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office at (906) 474-6411 ext. 6509 and we will relay any necessary messages to your child. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Gustafson



