

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

August 2016

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 6

September 6th will be a full school day. Students will report to their classes by 8:00 a.m. School will be dismissed at 2:54 p.m.

Rapid River's School Improvement plan has been submitted to the state. Thank you to everyone for the collaborative effort to improve our school and help our students to be successful.

Students in grades 6-12 should go to their 1st hour class (check posting in hall). Schedules and other pertinent information will be distributed at these locations. Please do not call the office for your schedule.

Delta Schoolcraft ISD Vocational Programs will begin on Tuesday, September 6th.

Handbooks and other pertinent information will be included in the summer mailing that is being sent out on August 19th. Please review this information carefully and return all forms that need to be completed. If you have any questions call Mr. Warning at 474-6411.

The Lunch and Breakfast Program will begin on Tuesday, September 6. Lunch prices are: K-5 \$3.00, 6-12 \$3.25, Adults \$4.75. Breakfast prices are: Students \$1.50 and Adults \$2.50.

Busing schedules are included in the summer mailing. Please contact Kevin Beaver at 474-3510 if you have questions regarding busing.

If you are new in the district, please register your child as soon as possible.

FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

The Rapid River football teams will have cards available for \$10. These cards can be purchased from any football player and used at local businesses. All proceeds will go

towards the football and cross country programs. Any questions please call 474-6411 ext. 506. Thank you.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

For the most current athletic schedules and planned events along with school news check out the schools website at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

ELEMENTARY PARKING AND DROP OFF

Please use the circle drive in the front of the building to drop off or pick up your students. For safety reasons, please do not drop off your students in the back of the building. This is for staff parking and bus drop offs/pick-ups only. All parking in front of the elementary side of the building is to be done in the visitor parking. **Once again, the circle drive is for dropping off and picking up students, not for parking. Thank you.**

SPORTS BOOSTERS

The Sports Boosters is seeking people to donate to our organization. Club members will be listed in our school athletic programs. You can donate in four categories - Platinum \$500 or more, Gold \$100 or more, Silver \$50 or more and Bronze \$25 or more. Platinum will receive a family athletic pass.

The Sports Boosters support our athletes, school, and local community. Club members will be helping to fund uniforms for high school athletic teams, sports banquets, equipment purchases, bussing, etc. Our most recent expenditure was the resurfacing of the weight room with new equipment. Last year we purchased a new ticket booth and generator for our football/ track area.

If you are interested in joining, contact Martha Beaver in the H.S. office at 906-474-6411.

The Sports Boosters will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 in the Library. The next meeting will be September 7th. We encourage all parents of athletes to attend.

We need volunteers for concession stand duties for all athletic events. Parents of athletes are strongly encouraged to volunteer in the concession stand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7 - Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

September 12 - Board of Education mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

September 12 - PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

PTC NEWS

The PTC is looking for members! We meet the first Monday, of each month. We are a group of parents and teachers that meet to discuss the K-5th student/teacher's needs.

Our first meeting is September 12, 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge to discuss our first fundraisers of the year. Please join us!

PRESCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Head Start is a federally funded preschool program free to families who qualify from our community. A class is held in the Rapid River School. Interested families need to complete an application with Cyndi Lundquist at 474-3538 or 474-6411.

Little Light of Mine Preschool and the after school care do not have enough children registered at this time to hold a class this fall. This could change if we get enough registered.

LIBRARY

The library will be open September 12th. Please encourage your child(ren) to read for fun, and if they're not old enough to read for themselves, please read to them. Little ones especially enjoy having books read to them, and it's so much fun to watch their eager expressions with a good story!

SCHOOL PICTURES

LaPorte's will be here Wednesday, September 14th to take student pictures.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

August

26 C.F.F.P. Home 7:00

September

1 Sup. Central Away 6:00

9 Webberville Away 7:00

16 Ontonagon Away 7:00

23 Carney Home 7:00

30 Baraga Home 7:00

Homecoming Game

Junior Varsity Football

August

26 C.F.F.P. Home 4:00

31 Stephenson Home 6:00

September

8 N. Dickinson Away 6:30

23 N. Dickinson Home 4:00

29 C.F.F.P. Away 6:30

Junior High Football

September

8 Sup. Central Away 6:00

15 Holy Name Away 6:00

22 Sup. Central Home 6:00

29 Holy Name Home 6:00

Girls' Volleyball

September

1 Big Bay Away 6:00

8 Mid Pen Home 6:00

10 Gladstone Away 9:30*

15 Carney Away 5:30**

20 Munising Home 6:00

22 N. Central Home 6:00

24 Escanaba Away 9:00*

JV Invite

29 Bark River Away 6:00

Girls' Junior High Basketball

September

7 Manistique Home 6:00

8 Big Bay Away 6:00

12 Mid Pen Away 6:00

15 Gladstone Away 6:00

20 Munising Away 6:00

26 Sup. Central Away 6:00

29 Munising Home 6:00

* A.M. ** Central Time

SCHOOL BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., June 13, 2016

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the hire of Jay Jurkovich as Varsity Volleyball Coach.

-to accept letters of resignation from JoJean Miller and Paula Schwartz as sophomore class advisors and Lisa Kanyuh as varsity volleyball coach.

-to accept library donations from

Rapid River Smear League (\$500) in honor of Janet Lundin.

Special Mtg., June 27, 2016

Motion made and approved:

-to ratify contract agreement with Rapid River Support Staff.

-to approve Budget Amendment 3.

-to adopt 2016-2017 General, Food Service, Debt Retirement and Capital

Projects (Energy Bond) Fund budgets.

-to adopt State Aid Note resolution.

Regular Mtg., July 11, 2016

Motion made and approved:

-to approve Schools of Choice 105 and 105c resolutions.

-to approve Days and Hours resolution.

-to ratify contract agreement with Rapid River Education Association.

-to accept a \$50 library donation from Ralph and Karen Lundquist and \$45 from Denny and Jody Harrison in memory of Bob Plimpton.

For complete minutes go to our website at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

INDIAN ED

Mr. Pilon and Lollie wish to welcome back all of our students. Our tutorial program will begin September 12th. Grades 6-12 students may stop by our room anytime during the school day if they wish to talk to us or parents of K-12 may call 474-3572. Please leave a message with your phone number if we are unavailable.

Parents/guardians of students new to our district who have Native American ancestry are encouraged to fill out and sign a 506 form, available in both offices.

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

I am reaching out to you to provide some information about an exciting opportunity that is available to our students who plan to attend a Michigan College, especially Bay College. We have received approval from the Michigan Department of Education to offer an "Early College" experience. Because of our district's participation in the dual enrollment program with Bay College, we successfully launched the Early College as a pilot program two years ago. All of the student participants were able to benefit academically and financially. Now, we are continuing to expand the program, and increase the enrollment, to the benefit of our students at Rapid River.

The Early College program is an effort by the State to support students and families in their struggle to meet the financial challenge of higher education. Here at Rapid River, we built a partnership with Bay College to offer dual enrollment with the same overall goal in mind. Now, with an Early College, we can enhance the dual enrollment program and expand the reach to more students.

The headline reads that the Rapid River Schools will pay the tuition for the first year of attendance at Bay College. Of course, it is a bit more complicated than that.

In essence, the Early College program involves a commitment by participants to fulfill an additional requirement to include an equivalent of a high school course credit during the first year of full-time college attendance. The participants are technically fifth-year high school students AND first-year college students. The trade-off is that we, as a district, will pay the college tuition, but we will also hold on to the high school diploma until the end of the 'extra' year. Nothing changes in regard to Commencement and graduation parties. Our Seniors will still celebrate the end of high school, like every other year.

I am sure that you have questions. If this sounds like something that you may be interested in learning more about, let's get together and discuss it. Bill Warning and I will be scheduling a meeting in the Fall with all interested parents of high school students. Since it is beneficial for our students and their families to begin planning early for college, we would like the parents of our underclassmen to consider attending. Please contact me via email jkulbertis@rapidriver.k12.mi.us or my office phone 906-474-6411.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis, Superintendent

READING BUDDIES

Our Rapid River Reading Buddies program is just around the corner. The program is held on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00. The Reading Buddies Program arranges for adult volunteers to read with second grade students. Reading Buddies has proven to have a direct positive impact on the children's interest in and ability to read. **We are in need of volunteers.** Please call Chris Lundin at 474-6378.