

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2016 / January 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5 – PTC mtg., 3:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

December 12 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

December 14 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

December 20 – Elementary Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. Gym

December 22 – 11:00 a.m. dismissal.

December 23– January 2 –

No School – Christmas Break

January 9– PTC mtg., 3:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

January 9– School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

January 11 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

January 20 – Teacher In-Service, 11:30 a.m. dismissal.

PTC NEWS

We would like to thank the families who sold Little Caesar's Pizza to raise money for our school. The PTC worked hard organizing this fundraiser. The money raised goes to field trips, special programs, books for our AR library, incentives for each classroom, and many other worthwhile items.

Sayklys candy is currently being sold by K-5 and due back December 7th.

The 2nd Annual Souper-Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st.

THANK YOU

Rapid River students and staff would like to thank American Legion Post 301 for their Veterans Day ceremonies on November 11. Students and staff were moved by the heartfelt and humble words of our local brave Veterans. Students will not forget the stories and lessons learned. Rapid River School looks forward to future presentations to honor our dedicated and hardworking Veterans.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Thanks to parent involvement, we had an excellent turn-out for parent-teacher conferences. We had several classes with 100% representation! This is a wonderful way to show kids that school is a priority in all of our lives. It's always great to see their positive attitudes and determination after conferences.

Our school is blessed to have motivated Parent Teacher Club members! One of their new projects to improve our school is to add much-needed playground equipment. The first item to be added will be a Gaga Ball Pit, which sounds like a lot of fun. They can always use extra help with fund raising and activities, so please think about joining.

Recently our PTC funded "Animals around the World," a program with real live animals. Our students learned about some exotic animals from other countries and even got to feel a huge boa constrictor! Check out the pictures in the hallway by the gym.

Third grade has been enjoying their new hands-on science curriculum this year. They are doing many more experiments that are fun to do.

Mr. Ostrenga and Ms. Larson will be once again raising Chinook Salmon. We will get our eyed eggs from the Thompson Fish Hatchery in December. The students learn how to care for the fish and tank throughout each stage of their development. Our main Sponsor is the UP Sportsfisherman Group from Escanaba. They purchased our chiller unit a couple of years ago. The tank needs to be kept cool so that the Salmon do not develop too quickly. We are excited to get started. We have had great survival rate the past two years! If you are ever in our building, you will have to stop and see them during the different stages of development.

The 5th grade students are busy researching Explorers for their research reports. We had great success with our Native American Projects and are excited

to see the completed Explorer Reports in December.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be held Friday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. Gym. Parents are welcome to pick up their child in their classroom after the program. The public is also welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

We are pleased that Linda Frisk is back at the piano, teaching our students their songs, so it's sure to be a wonderful program. A few of our classes will also perform beforehand at the Omni Center.

LIBRARY

Our library received a monetary donation in Memory of Lois Lundberg and the Class of 61 gave a monetary donation in memory of Ray Malnor. These donations are very much appreciated and are used to purchase books for our young readers. This is a wonderful way to honor a passed loved one.

Students have been good about bringing their books back on time, but there is always a few who just can't remember. Please remind them!

Library times are: Monday – 6th grade; Tuesday – Mrs. Kirby's Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, and 7th grades; Wednesday – Mrs. DeGrave's Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 8th grades; Friday – 5th grade. Call the library at 474-3512 with any questions, or leave a message.

INDIAN ED

Mr. Pilon has been very busy with students, and it was great to see the improvement in their grades! If anyone feels their son/daughter needs some extra help, call Mr. Pilon at 474-3572. Please leave a message with name and phone number.

I hope our families checked out our cultural showcase by the library. Mr. Keller did a great job!

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE

ACADEMIC AWARDS

1ST QUARTER

4th grade - B or Better - Clay Christoff, Madison LaCrosse, Mason Johnson

Perfect Attendance-Emma Sundling, Mason Johnson

5th grade - B or Better - Everett

Belanger, Tucker Carlson, Morgan Dawley, Erin Dedic, Kayla Farnes, Evan Horwitz, Blake Lundquist, Ava McCarty, Amber Proehl, Samantha Simmons, Leondrea Vietzke

Perfect Attendance - Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic, Evan Horwitz, Rachel Johnson, Nathan Moore, Amber Proehl, Colton Stemick, Tyler Trombley, Leondrea Vietzke, Ethan Wennesheimer

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade - 4.0 to 3.70 - Megan Dausey, Eliana Junttila; **3.69 to 3.30** -Madison Couillard, Zachariah McNally, Austin Rafuse, Karmyn Schwartz, Ian Sundling, Lexie Van Oss; **3.29 to 3.00** - Cydnie Carignan, Shaun Nelson, Kylie Wils;

7th grade - 4.0 to 3.70 - Addie Christoff, Rease Dawley, Jace Holmio, Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance, Logan Lancour, Jaiden McCarty, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Jersie Segerstrom, Gracie Stemick; **3.69 to 3.30** - Bryce Buchbinder, Brooke Kelly, Mason Lippold, Brady Proehl; **3.29 to 3.00** - Nickolas Bruursema, Soren Gustafson, Kyra Stumpf, Trey Sundstrom, Gunner Wicklund;

8th grade- 4.0 to 3.70 - Hannah Casey, Ahna Larson, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor Van Oss; **3.69 to 3.30** - Morgan Anderson, Madison Axtell, Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Griffin Flath, Ismael Hernandez, Shania Poore; **3.29 to 3.00** - Vanessa Deneau, Maxwell Lenaker, Bryce Lundquist;

9th grade - 4.0 to 3.70 - Avery Closs, Collin Farnes, Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Garrett Novak; **3.69 to 3.30** - Azariah Hernandez, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss; **3.29 to 3.00** - Mya Paulin;

10th grade - 4.0 to 3.70 - Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault; **3.69 to 3.30** - Cassidy

Berg, Riley Christianson, Mason Kennedy, Elizabeth Moberg, Philip Monticello, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Brittany Schwartz, Sherry Vanderville; **3.29 to 3.00** - Joseph Davis- Holzenkamp, Gunnar Larson, Nathan Olson, Jaden Schwartz, Alexis Trombley;

11th grade - 4.0 to 3.70 - Luke Gustafson, Logan Hardwick, Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon; **3.69 to 3.30** - Takoda Hardwick, Emily Johnson, Jarrett LaCasse, Aleece Paulin, Richelle Vandeville, Cameron Willemsen; **3.29 to 3.00** - David Alvarado, Julia Breault, Elizabeth Goodacre, Kailey Vietzke; **12th grade - 4.0 to 3.70** - Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Adrianna Breault, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick; **3.69 to 3.30** - Madison Bagwell, Conner Bryant, Chad Doneau, Carolyn Hamill, Samantha Hickman, Madelyn Moss, Hana Vanlerberghe; **3.29 to 3.00** - Bryce Lippold, Austin Wicklund

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

2	N. Central	Away	5:15*
9	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
12	Engadine	Away	6:00
16	Bark River	Away	6:00

January

6	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
9	Stephenson	Home	6:00
13	Big Bay	Home	6:00
17	Carney	Home	6:00
20	Munising	Away	6:00
23	Bark River	Home	6:00
26	Gladstone	Away	5:45

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

5	Carney	Away	*5:15
8	N. Central	Away	*5:00
12	Bark River	Home	6:00
15	CFFP	Home	5:30
29	Mid Pen	Away	6:00

January

3	Munising	Away	6:00
10	Gladstone	Home	6:00
16	N. Central	Home	6:00
19	Bark River	Away	6:00
23	Stephenson	Away	6:00
27	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
30	Engadine	Home	6:00

Boys' Junior High Basketball

December

1	Big Bay	Home	6:00
5	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
6	Munising	Away	6:00
13	Gladstone	Home	6:00
* Central Time			

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting, October 10, 2016

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the 2015-2016 financial audit report.

-to approve Mike Bach as the new math tutor.

-to accept a \$500 donation from GFWC-Escanaba's Club for the fine arts program

-to accept library donations in memory of Arlene Kline - \$25 Jake & Michelle Denkins, \$25 Wayne & Joanne Christoff, \$50 Beverly Warren.

Regular Meeting, November 7, 2016

Motion made and approved:

-to accept letter of retirement from Flo Anderson.

-to approve budget amendment 1.

-to approve Neola and senior class trip policies.

-to accept \$25 library donation from Wayne & Joanne Christoff in memory of Lois Lundberg.

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

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Classes resume on January 3, 2017.

