

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2009

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

First, I want to thank those of you who contacted Governor Granholm and our legislators to let them know how important education is to the children of our State and especially to our community. Please continue to let them know that we need equitable and adequate funding in order to give our kids the education and future they deserve.

Second, I want to thank Mr. Jeff Ingraham, our new music teacher, and Mr. Richard Spriks, American Legion Post 301 (and dedicated library volunteer) for putting on the best Veterans' Day program I have ever had the privilege of attending. I think our librarian, Janet Lundin, summed it up best when she told me about a comment she heard as she was leaving the program. She overheard a grandmother say, "Oh, it was wonderful! I didn't think I would ever hear school kids sing those songs again!" The participation we had from veterans, parents, grandparents, extended family, and our staff was wonderful.

Finally, please try to attend our Christmas concert on December 11. It promises to put everyone in a great holiday mood. I hope it also reminds all of us to be thankful for what we have and to share what we can with our less fortunate neighbors. Kids learn from our example. Let's make this holiday season about sharing and working together to accomplish our goals.

Have a happy, safe holiday season and, as always, GO Rockets!

Terri Mileski

SUPER ONE SLIPS

Please save your Super One slips for the Senior Class All Night Graduation Party. Slips can be dropped off in either office.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., November 16, 2009

Superintendent Mileski updated board members on the following:

- Administration will meet with Mid Pen School administration to discuss possible ways to consolidate services.
- The Delta Schoolcraft I.S.D. superintendents will be meeting to discuss I.S.D. wide budget cuts.

Work Sessions to consider budgetary reductions for the 2010/2011 school year were scheduled for January 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m. and January 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m. in the Tri-Township School Library.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the Resolution Considering November Annual School Board Elections.
- to accept the resignation of Varsity Volleyball Coach Jackie Augustine.
- to accept the donation of emergency response service for the home football games from the Masonville Township Emergency Response Personnel.
- to approve the 2009/2010 Rapid River Education Association Contract.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 - PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

December 11 – Elementary Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. in the H.S.gym; Middle School/High School Band Concert will immediately follow the Elementary Program.

December 21 - School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, & January 1 –No School – Christmas Break

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas Vacation will begin on December 21st. Classes resume on January 4, 2010.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, January 28 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Notes will be sent home with 1-5 students. Grades 6-12 parents may pick up their student's report card in the high school office. Lunch will be served prior to a noon dismissal.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

8	Engadine	Away	7:30
11	Sup. Central	Home	7:30
15	Republic	Away	7:30
18	Bark River	Home	7:30

January

5	C.F.F.P.	Home	7:30
8	Sup. Central	Away	7:30
12	Engadine	Home	7:30
15	Big Bay	Home	7:30
19	Carney	Away	*7:00
25	Bark River	Away	7:30

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

7	Carney	Home	7:30
10	N. Central	Home	7:30
14	Bark River	Away	7:30
17	C.F.F.P.	Away	*7:00
21	Engadine	Away	7:30
29	Mid Pen	Home	7:30

January

4	Sup. Central	Away	7:30
9	N. Central	Away	4:30
18	Engadine	Home	7:30
21	Bark River	Home	7:30
26	Big Bay	Home	7:30
29	Republic	Away	7:30

Boys' Junior High Basketball

December

12	Gladstone	Away	1:00
14	Escanaba	Home	6:00
17	Mid Pen	Home	6:00

*Central Time

NOON DISMISSAL

School will be dismissed at noon on January 28 for conferences. Lunch will be served prior to dismissal.

BOOSTER BUCKS WINNERS

November 4, 2009

\$100.00-Robert Barto, Gwinn

\$50.00-Glenn Erickson, Jr., Rapid River

\$25.00-Kathy Wolak, Escanaba

\$25.00-Joe Hough, Rapid River

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\$100.00-Brian Botruff, Gladstone

\$50.00-Dick Pepin, Gladstone

\$25.00-Cindy Constantino, Rapid River

\$25.00-Becky Nadeau, Garden

The Fan Club is looking for volunteers to work the concession stand please stop by and sign up! If you have any questions please contact Jenny Ware, Lori Shope, Loreen Harris, or Dodie Micheau.

PTC NEWS

We would like to thank Michelle Anderson for her many years of service as the PTC Treasurer.

We will be selling Rocket apparel during home athletic events. The Rocket Room will be open from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. We also have gift certificates available. Rocket apparel makes great Christmas gifts!

Our next meeting is December 7, 6:30 p.m. in the library. We are in need of more parent involvement, so please join us.

ATTENTION SENIORS

Seniors applying to Bay College will not have to pay the \$25 application fee. Bay College Board of Trustees has rescinded the fee effective immediately. Students who have already paid the application fee for upcoming semesters will have their Bay account credited.

KEY CLUB NEWS

Key Club has been very busy this year. Our membership has increased greatly, which is wonderful.

The Halloween Carnival was a big success. Numbers were down slightly, but with the flu and the cold weather we did great. The kids worked really hard and pulled off a great Carnival. Thank you to all the local businesses that donated food, materials or money for our Carnival. Without your help the carnival would not have been such a success.

Our yearly can food drive will run from December 1 – 17. The food will be donated to St. Vincent in Gladstone. We are asking the public to help make this a great success. Please send your canned goods with students or drop them off in the office. This year the incentive for the class K-5 and 6-12 with the most cans is a pizza party and kickball with Mr. Warning. Let's make this year the best year ever.

2ND ANNUAL RAPID RIVER SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

The Rapid River School – Key Club/Student Council will hold their 2nd Annual Health Fair on Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Students, staff and the community are invited to attend. If needed, a bus will be made available to pick up at the Rapid River Senior Center at 5:00 p.m. and drop off at approximately 7:00 p.m. Please call 474-6411 to reserve a seat. Several health agencies are participating providing health education and screening. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions or would like to participate in the health fair, please contact Linda Froberg or Kristie Stenlund at 474-6411.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Tutoring: Please contact our office at 474-3572 if you'd like your son/daughter to receive some extra help.

Parents: When you're in our school, please check out Indian Ed's showcase by the library. Cultural advisor Mrs. Flo Cutter did a beautiful job on this!

2009 YEARBOOKS

Extra copies are available at \$40 each. Books can be picked up in either the High School Office or Room 525.

2009 graduates: Please pick your books up soon!

SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class would like thank everyone who donated items for the Senior Homecoming Raffle! The Raffle was a great success and we appreciated everyone's hard work and support!

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be Friday, December 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. gym.

H1N1 VACCINE CLINIC

Public Health, Delta County will hold a H1N1 vaccination clinic at Rapid River High School on December 7th, 2009 in the High School Library. All parents/guardians of children in grades K-12 were mailed information and consent forms. Grades 6-12 will be scheduled from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Grades K-5 and eligible community residents are scheduled from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Consent forms MUST be turned in to the high school office by Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009. A parent or guardian will have to accompany any child in grade K-5 receiving the vaccine. Please watch for posted flyers in the community. Please call Mrs. Stenlund at 474-6411 if you have any questions.

4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS 1ST QUARTER

4th grade – A-B's – Clay Cole, Luke Gustafson, Gavin Harris, Daren Landis, Cassidy Micheau, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon; **Perfect Attendance** – Clay Cole, Luke Gustafson, Takoda Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Rease Hubert, Jarrett LaCasse, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon; **5th grade -All A's** - Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Caitlyn Gimler, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal, and Alexandria Viau; **A-B's** - Adrianna Breault, Chad Doneau, Sean Harris, Greg Johnston, Maddy Moss, and Erica Rubick; **Perfect Attendance** - Jared Anderson, Sean Harris, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick, and Nicholas Zar

ATHLETIC FOCUS GROUP

The Athletic Focus Group has been meeting for the past several months (last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the library – everyone welcome) to discuss ways to help keep our athletic programs, given the tough economic times we are experiencing. One of the ideas discussed was to have a community fundraiser. If you have any ideas for a fundraiser for athletics, please contact Rick Pepin at 474-3513 or rpepin@rapidriver.k12.mi.us. Our next meeting will be in January (date/time to be determined).