

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2010

## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Spring has arrived at Rapid River Public Schools. You can see it in our beautiful, natural school setting and you can see it on our school calendar – track, golf, softball, spring program, games at recess, and end of the year field trips. For our seniors, graduation is the final event of their school lives. We not only say good bye to our seniors at this time and wish them well, but this year we say good-bye to two of our outstanding educators – Mrs. Shireen McLaughlin and Mrs. Mary Knoch.

Mrs. McLaughlin has taught special education at Rapid for the past 34 years (37 years total in education). She has been a leader and advocate for special education programming during her long, memorable career. Mrs. Mary Knoch has taught all areas of science for the past 31 years. She has dedicated her time after school to Science Olympiad and been a great mentor to our elementary, middle school, and high school teachers to align our science curriculum. Both teachers are life-long learners and have been great role models for our younger staff members.

I have known both Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Knoch since we were young teachers back in the 1970's when the high school building was the "new school on the hill". I have the utmost respect for both women as educators and for all

the wonderful things they have done for kids during their long careers in education.

Our new superintendent beginning July 1 will be Mr. Henry Knoch. Mr. Knoch is a familiar face. He's spent most of his career at Rapid as a classroom teacher and, for the past five years, as our district's technology director. Henry will do a great job. I have every confidence that he will continue to help Rapid River Public Schools move forward during these tough economic times.

Please join me in congratulating our seniors on their graduation. I am very proud of their wonderful accomplishment. Also, please find the time to thank Mrs. Knoch and Mrs. McLaughlin for their years of dedication to the students in our district. We wish them well on their retirement.

Best wishes to Mr. Henry Knoch as superintendent for 2010-2011. Please make him feel welcome in his new role and offer him the same support and friendship you have shown me over the past five years.

Terri Mileski

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### High School Track

#### May

3	Mid Pen CUP	2:00
5	Bark River	4:00
7	Stephenson	TBA
13	Rapid River Invite	2:00
20	Rapid River Regionals	2:00
26	Bark River Frosh-Soph	2:00
28	Rapid River Skyline	2:00

#### June

1	Gladstone	6:30
5	UP Finals – Kingsford	TBA

### Junior High Track

#### May

4	Mid Pen	4:00
6	Rapid River	4:00
10	Mid Pen Class D Invite	1:30
17	Rapid River CUP	1:30

### Girls' Softball

#### May

6	Manistique	Away	4:00
10	Sup. Central	Away	4:00
11	Gladstone	Away	4:00
14	Stephenson	Away	4:00
17	Manistique	Home	4:00
21	Houghton	Home	4:00
24	Marquette	Away	4:00
25	Negaunee	Away	4:00

### Golf

#### May

5	Gladstone		10:00
10	Highland	Boys	10:00
10	Wild Pines	Girls	10:30
14	Tri-Valley		11:00
17	Highland		10:00
24	George Young		10:00
	Cup/Skyline		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 3** - PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**May 5** – Sports Physicals, Gladstone

**May 5** – Fan Club mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary office.

**May 7** – Elementary Music Program, 1:45 p.m. in the elementary gym.

**May 17** - School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

**May 18** – Spring Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

**May 31** – **NO SCHOOL** – Memorial Day

**June 2** – Freshman Orientation mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

**June 2** – Parent Athletic mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the H.S. cafeteria.

## **SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Regular Mtg., April 19, 2010**

Superintendent Terri Mileski updated board members on the following:

- The Region I Superintendent's meeting. A letter is being drafted to explain to Senator Carl Levin the critical issues at the federal level which impact K-12 schools.
- Policy & Personnel Committee will meet in May to review the updated Athletic Handbook/Policy that the coaches revised.
- Special Education teacher Shireen McLaughlin will receive the MEA Outstanding Person in Education award at a banquet in May.
- The Delta Schoolcraft I.S.D. Technical Center Banquet will be May 4 at Café Bay at 6:00 p.m.

Fifth grade teacher Beth Larson and students Brooke Harris, Jared Anderson, Caitlyn Gimler, & Carolyn Hamill provided information regarding a proposed trip to the Clear Lake Education Center.

Senior Class Advisor Dodie Micheau updated board members on the financial status of the senior class trip.

President Kate Ignat explained that bus driver Vicki Cartwright has requested a one year leave of absence per the terms of the Non-Instructional Staff Contract.

### **Motion made and approved:**

- to hire Henry Knoch as part time Superintendent for the 2010/11 school year.
- to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to the Clear Lake Education Center May 6-7, 2010.
- to approve the bid of \$4,250 from Carl Sorensen to perform the 2009/10 financial audit.
- to hire Lisa Kanyuh as Varsity Volleyball Coach and BreAnne

Gendron as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach.

-to accept the \$500 donation from American Legion Post #301 to be used for the library.

For complete minutes go to our website at [www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us](http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us).

## **BOOSTER BUCKS WINNERS**

### **April 7, 2010**

\$100-Pat Pryal, Rapid River  
\$50-Haley Gould, Rapid River  
\$25-Fran Headington, Rapid River  
\$25-Sally Constantino, Rapid River

### **April 21, 2010**

\$100-Brian Poitevint, Escanaba  
\$50-Ruth Schwartz, Rapid River  
\$25-Ray Hagman, Rapid River  
\$25-Sharon LaBuhn, Rapid River

## **YEARBOOK**

Last month to order 2009-2010 yearbooks! All orders must be turned in by May 28<sup>th</sup>. Price is \$40.00. Order forms can be found in the high school office. All books must be pre-paid or they will not be ordered. Any questions call Chelsea Dalgord, Yearbook Adviser, at (906)399-3170.

## **INDIAN EDUCATION**

It's never too late to get extra help with your studies. Please contact our office at 474-3572 or have your son/daughter stop in to talk to either Mr. Pilon or me if they'd like some tutorial assistance. Our program will run through the end of the school year.

We will be finishing up the cultural end of our program with the annual fifth grade Spring Ceremony scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Outdoor Classroom (weather permitting). The cultural program is completely funded by the Sault Tribe of Chippewas 2% gaming monies, as well as part of our tutorial program.

Students who received summer camp info in the mail should pay attention to application deadlines.

## **SPORTS PHYSICALS**

Annual sports examinations will be May 5 at 5:00 p.m. for girls and 7:00 p.m. for boys at the Gladstone High School.

The bus for the girls will leave the school at 4:40 p.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. The boys will leave at 6:40 p.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Proper attire **MUST** be worn. This consists of a loose fitting short sleeve t-shirt/tank top, loose gym shorts and gym shoes (**absolutely NO sandals**). The examiners have to be able to easily see the upper and lower arms, the shoulders, the knees, and the ankles.

**REMINDER:** Any student who will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010/2011 school year will be required to have an office-based physical exam by their family physician in order to participate in athletics and school physical examinations in future years.

Any questions contact Rick Pepin (ext. 514) or Kristie Stenlund (ext. 515) at 474-6411.

## **SENIOR NEWS**

Seniors who are receiving a scholarship or an award from colleges or universities or military, and would like to be recognized at the Senior Awards Night program (May 24) please contact the high school office by Friday, May 21.

A graduation information packet will be mailed to all seniors/parents the first week of May. Contact the high school office if you have any questions.

Seniors, turn a vertical, wallet size picture in to the office for the class composite by May 21.

## **RAPID RIVER DANCE**

On May 8, Rapid River Dance will have their dance show in the elementary gym at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. The public is welcome. Tickets will be sold at the door or for advance tickets contact Linda Froberg, at (906) 399-1794 or (906) 446-3148.

Flowers will be sold by Beth Larson with proceeds going to the Relay for Life. Snacks and water will be sold by the Rapid River Key Club to help defray costs for next year's convention.

## **STUDENT OF THE QUARTER**

The School Improvement Team is announcing the "Student of the Quarter" for 9-12 graders. Each quarter, teachers from each department select a student to be their "Student of the Quarter". The teachers use the following criteria to make their selections: grades, attitude, participation, and improvement.

**Here are the students selected for the 4th Quarter of the 2008-2009 school year: Rikki Prescott (Science), Heidi Pfiester (English), Taylor Hileman (Fine Arts), Shannon Wolf (Physical Education), Noah Hagman (Math), and Derek Pistulka (Social Studies). Teacher of the Quarter is Mr. Rubick.**

**Here are the students selected for the 1st Quarter of the 2009-2010 school year: Kayla Shope (Science), Mia Hill (English), Ken Thompson (Fine Arts), Michael Boyer (Physical Education), Katrina Pavlat (Math), Darrell Kohli (Social Studies). Teacher of the Quarter is Mr. Paul Brunngraeber.**

**Here are the students selected for the 2nd Quarter of the**

**2009-2010 school year: Brandi Norman (Science), Taylor Hileman (English), Allie Williams (Fine Arts), Averl Kanyuh (Physical Education), Kayla Shope (Math), and Ashley Hough (Social Studies). Teacher of the Quarter is Mrs. Knoch.**

**Here are the students selected for the 3rd Quarter of the 2009-2010 school year: Noah Hagman (Science), Panyapat Nitikitpaiboon (English), Lexie Schroeder (Fine Arts), Emma Hagman (Physical Education), Peter Behnke (Math), and Jordan Dalgord (Social Studies). Teacher of the Quarter is Mrs. Miller.**

## **4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACADMEIC AWARDS 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER**

**4<sup>th</sup> grade – A-B's – Luke Gustafson, Jarrett LaCasse, Daren Landis, Cassidy Micheau, Levi Miller, Aleece Paulin, Joseph Pilon, Sydney Siirila; Bug Award (Improved one grade without dropping in any other area) Mirielle Hill, David Johnson, Jarrett LaCasse, Cassidy Micheau, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon, Khody Smith; Perfect Attendance – Julia Breault, Clay Cole, Lauren Norberg, Kailey Vietzke; 5<sup>th</sup> grade - All A's - Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Caitlyn Gimler, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal, and Alexandria Viau; A-B's - Adrianna Breault, Maggie Cox, Chad Doneau, Sean Harris, Maddy Moss, Erica Rubick, and Nicholas Zar; Bug Award - Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Adrianna Breault, Caitlyn Gimler, and Ashlynn Pryal; Perfect Attendance - Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Adrianna Breault, Conner Bryant, Carolyn Hamill, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick, Alexandria Viau, and Nicholas Zar**

## **"YEAR END SCHEDULE"**

**June 8 & 9 – Final Exams for grades 6-11.**

**June 9 – 11:30 a.m. dismissal; Breakfast will be served, No Lunch**

## **SENIOR EVENTS**

**May 11– Senior Parent mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.**

**May 24 – Last day of class for Seniors - remember to clean out lockers, pay bills, turn in picture for composite & turn in locks.**

**May 24 – Senior Awards night, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym (all Seniors who applied for scholarships MUST ATTEND!!)**

**May 25 & 26 – Senior Trip**

**May 28 – Senior Breakfast 8:00 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal & decoration to follow.**

**May 29 - Graduation, 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. gym.**

## **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards for grades 6-12 will be issued June 16 in the H.S. office. Any fines attached will need to be paid in order to pick up your report card/ diploma. Hours are 7:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

## **DIPLOMA INFORMATION**

Graduates may pick up their diplomas beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>. **If you are wearing a National honor Society collar to graduation, you must return it to the high school office before you can pick up your diploma.**

## **VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM**

We have volleyball open gym on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is a fun, recreational night open to adults, alumni, and co-ed. Come have some fun!

## GOLF TEAM

The Rapid River Golf Team would like to thank Mr. Jim Cannon for the donation of golf balls. The team will put them to good use.

## PISTON CAMP

There will be a Piston's basketball training camp for boys and girls. The camp will run June 14 - 17, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. grades 1 - 6; 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. grades 7 - 12. Brochures are in the offices.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our three students who were recent winners in the New Page Science Essay Contest. At the awards banquet Miranda Kohli won second place in Chemistry for her essay entitled "Solubility of Sodium Phosphate in Total Parenteral Solutions", Kayla Shope won third place in chemistry for her essay entitled "Cold Pack Chemistry: Where Does the Heat Go", and Jordan Dalgord won third place in physics for her essay entitled "Factors Affecting Windmill Efficiency". We are very proud to have our students win in this prestigious local contest.

Rapid River Schools is proud to announce that several groups of students have been recognized for their outstanding moviemaking abilities and imagination. Recently, the ISD sponsored a movie/poster contest encouraging local youth to emphasize the negative effects of prescription drug abuse and under-aged drinking. The Computer Applications I & II classes took on this challenge, entering a number of quality videos. The following students were recognized for their movies: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Zach Pavlat, Kyle Williams, & Colton Gimler; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tyler McGuigan, Jordon Tackman, &

Tyler Culliton; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tyler Wicklund, Andy Wilson, & Darrell Kohli; Honorable Mention- Zachary Anderson, Cole Calouette, & Dylan Holzenkamp, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade - 4<sup>th</sup> place - Whitney Thull, Amber Froberg, Jordan Dalgord, & Kelsey Gustafson. The following students were selected for their posters: Jarrett LaCasse, Richelle Vandeville, Alexandria Viau, Austin Wicklund, & Erika Schwartz.

## PTC NEWS

We had a lot of fun during March Reading Month. We kicked off a successful book fair with an ice cream social. Mason Berglund and Alexandria Viau won our 50's dress up contest and the kids enjoyed watching Mr. Warning and Mr. Beaver have pie-in-the-face for meeting our goal of books sold.

A big thank you to Lisa Anderson for 11 years of dedication and hard work with the PTC. She will be leaving us at the end of this year and will be greatly missed. We need more parent participation with PTC so we can continue to provide many extra valuable resources and experiences our children need to grow & learn.

Rocket apparel will be available during home track meets. We are currently having a sale on a set that includes sweatpants, hoodie, and t-shirt for \$40.00. Contact Lisa at 474-6209 with questions or special orders.

## THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

12<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Peter Behnke, Jordan Dalgord, Miranda Kohli, Kayla Shope; 3.69 to 3.30 - Derek Berglund, Amber Froberg, Kelsey Gustafson, Cassidy Larsen, Caitlin Moberg, Rikki Prescott; 3.29 to 3.00 - Keefe Ignat, Alex Pajnich,

Heidi Pfiester; 11<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Noah Hagman, Vincent Hagman, Derek Pistulka; 3.69 to 3.30 - Christian Harris; Travis Hebert; 3.29 to 3.00 - Cassandra Martin, Whitney Thull; 10<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Taylor Hileman, Ashley Hough, Darrell Kohli, Panyapat Nitikitpaiboon, Brandi Norman, Jordan Schwartz; 3.69 to 3.30 - Zachary Anderson, Travis Froberg, Haley Gustafson, Audrey Larsen, Zachary Pavlat, Heather Sanderson, Kyra Wallace, Shannon Wolf; 3.29 to 3.00 - Brett Bryant, Dylan Holzenkamp, Kaylee Judson, Danyelle Keenan, Tyler Wicklund; 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Neena Brockway, Emma Hagman, Mia Hill, Kristy Kerstner, Rikki Stropich; 3.69 to 3.30 - Heathar Keenan, Tyler McGuigan, Katrina Pavlat, Sidonie Scizak; 3.29 to 3.00 - Averl Kanyuh, Robert Metter, Riley Pajnich, Alex Person, Heather Pfiester; 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Victoria Brunette, Cassidy Gould, Rachel Hileman, Cheyene Linder, Josephine Miller; 3.69 to 3.30 - Michael Boyer, Hayden Hardwick; 3.29 to 3.00 - Steven Lippold; 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Lucas Bero, Aslynn Brockway, Chloe Cox, Taylor Hedges, Kendyl Miller, Benjamin Rubick, Valerie Viau, Laurel Zar; 3.69 to 3.30 - Halie Hardwick, David Hough, Caitlin LaRock, Alexandra Williams; 3.29 to 3.00 - Michael Casey, Lydia Froberg, Rachel LaCasse, Joshua Parrett, Faith Triest, Paige Vietzke; 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 4.00 to 3.70 - Zoie Berg, Daniel Blair, Reinna Blair, Shannon Gould, Alec Miller, Dominique Pavlat, Brody Schroeder, Erika Schwartz, Paige Schwartz, Brandon Sundstrom; 3.69 to 3.30 - Victoria Hagman, Hannah Kanyuh, Michael Larsen, Craig Martin, James Moore, John Stropich; 3.29 to 3.00 - Hayley Brockway, Riley Gustafson, Shane Norberg, Tessa Sundling

