

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2009

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Congratulations to the following young women on their outstanding contributions in art, science, and working toward helping young people stay away from drugs and alcohol.

-Eighth Graders Haley Lucier and Andrea Starr who recently took third place in the Delta/Schoolcraft Drug Abuse Awareness Video and Poster Contest for their video.
-Senior Serena Cobb for representing our school in the **1st Congressional District's High School Art Competition** held at the Bonifas Center where Bart Stupak presided. Continued success to Serena as she pursues a career in art.

-Junior Miranda Kohli for placing third (biology) in the New Page 43rd Annual Delta County Essay contest for her essay titled "The Effect of Food on Blood Glucose".

These young women represent the opportunities that Rapid River Public Schools offers to *all* students - thanks to the community for supporting education; parents for encouraging their children to do more outside of school to enhance their education; and for the teachers, support staff, and administration for going the extra mile to help our students achieve their goals - in and out of the classroom.

Terri Mileski, Superintendent

ATHLETIC NEWS

There will be a parent mandatory athletic meeting May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This meeting is for all students who will be participating in any sport for the 2009-10 school year. We will go over the Rapid River Athletic and MHSAA handbooks. In order to participate in athletics you need a current physical and must have attended the spring athletic meeting.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

5	Mid Pen CUP	2:30
7	Rapid River Invite	2:30
14	Rapid River/Regionals	2:30
20	Mid Pen Frosh/Soph	2:30
22	N. Dickinson Skyline	2:00
26	Gladstone	6:30
30	UP Finals-Kingsford	TBA

Junior High Track

May

4	Mid Pen Invite	1:30
11	Rapid River CUP	1:30

Girls' Softball

May

4	Gladstone	Home	4:00
6	Manistique	Home	4:00
11	Escanaba	Away	4:00
13	Sup. Central	Away	4:00
15	Stephenson	Home	4:00
18	Munising	Away	4:00
19	Negaunee	Away	4:00

Golf

May

4	Highland	Boys	10:00
4	Wild Pines	Girls	10:30
8	George Young		10:00
11	Highland		10:00
15	Tri-Valley		11:00
19	Indian Hills		11:00
29	UP Finals		TBA

INDIAN EDUCATION

We will be ending our cultural portion of Indian Education with a 5th grade field trip to the school's Outdoor Classroom in May.

Tutoring will continue thru mid-May for most students, so please tell your son/daughter to take advantage of this valuable service if they're struggling in any area.

Many students have said they're "Indian" but are not in our program. Please, if you know you have Native American ancestry and are not in our program; get a 506 form from either office. It costs absolutely nothing, but we do need signed 506 forms to fund the program. Chi-mii-gwetch!

SCREEN TURN-OFF

In April our elementary kicked off a week of the "Screen Free Challenge". Families were encouraged to be screen-free (T.V., computers, video games, movies) for a week to give our brains a rest. Research has found that even small breaks from the screens help students to concentrate in school and to have fewer behavior problems. We supported the students with rewards and prizes. We also had a free Family Fun Night with activities and games.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 - PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

May 13 - Fan Club mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary office.

May 18 - School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

May 25 – **NO SCHOOL** – Memorial Day
May 27 – Freshman Orientation mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

May 27 – Parent Athletic mtg., 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. cafeteria.

June 3 – Sports Physicals, Gladstone

SENIOR EVENTS

May 6 – All Night Graduation Party mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

May 6 – Senior Parent mtg., 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

May 13 – All Night Graduation Party mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

May 18 – Last day of class for Seniors – remember to clean out lockers, pay bills, turn in picture for composite & turn in locks.

May 18 – Senior Awards Night, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym (**all Seniors who applied for scholarships MUST ATTEND!!**)

May 19 & 20 – Senior Trip

May 22 – Senior Breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal & decorating to follow.

May 23 – Graduation, 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. gym.

4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS THIRD QUARTER

4th grade - All A's - Jared Anderson, Caitlyn Gimler, Ashlynn Pryal;
A/B's - Adrianna Breault, Rhiley Hubert, Erica Rubick, Robert Salka, Alexandria Viau; **Bug Award** - Jared Anderson, Conner Bryant, Caitlyn Gimler, Rhiley Hubert, Madelyn Moss, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick, Nicholas Zar; **Perfect Attendance** - Sean Harris, Carolyn Hamill, Austin Wicklund
5th grade - All A's - Daniel Blair, Reina Blair, Shannon Gould, Dominique Pavlat, Brody Schroeder, Erika Schwartz, and Paige Schwartz;
A/B's - Vicky Hagman, George Kanyuh, Craig Martin, Alec Miller, Shane Norberg, John Stropich, and Brandon Sundstrom; **Bug Award** - James Ayotte, Shannon Gould, George Kanyuh, Craig Martin, Shane Norberg, and Paige Schwartz; **Perfect Attendance** - Hannah Kanyuh, Michael Larsen, Craig Martin, and Erika Schwartz

MARCH READING MONTH

The Elementary was busy last month celebrating March Reading Month. Our theme was "Reading Takes You Out of This World". Our activities blasted off with families reading to their children during breakfast. We had special days where the students could dress like aliens, or wear funny hats, crazy socks, or their clothes inside-out.

One day author Ann Margaret Lewis met with our students and encouraged them to use their imaginations to write books. We also had MSU students teach our students about electricity and safety. Another day grandparents and loved ones came for an afternoon of reading.

We made one week special by having our elementary teachers read Ann Margaret Lewis's books to various classes. During another week we had "Mystery Readers" read silly poems during the announcements.

We concluded our month with Space Olympics, where classes competed in theme-based races. It was close this year, but 4th grade won at the end with 5th grade taking the spirit award.

SENIOR PARENTS

To put a congratulatory ad in the yearbook along with a picture of your choice, call 474-3572. Deadline is May 29th and costs \$5.00. Also, senior pictures must be *VERTICAL* and turned in *before* graduation. Thank You!

YEARBOOK

The deadline for ordering a 2009 yearbook has been extended to June 30th. Order forms are available in the High School office, the Indian Ed/Yearbook office, and most classrooms.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be June 3 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 7th grade for the 2009/2010 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.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Joanna Cunningham; 3.69 to 3.30 – Brianna Anderson, Aleshia Boye, Kelsey Ignat, Trevor Lovell, Jake Nicholson, Kirsten Peterson, Richard Wilson; 3.29 to 3.00 – Serena Cobb, Angelena Maggart, Brandon Olson, Joshua Person, Justin Plimpton, Moriah Schimke, Christina Scovill, Jake Stenlund, Brendon Wolf;
11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Jordan Dalgord, Miranda Kohli, Kayla Shope; 3.69 to 3.30 – Peter Behnke, Derek Berglund, Kathleen Lang, Cassidy Larsen, Elisabeth Matthes, Amanda

Olson, Alex Pajnich, Amber Pigott, Rikki Prescott, Justina Seaton; 3.29 to 3.00 – Keefe Ignat, Ken Thompson, Caitlin Trotter; **10th grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Noah Hagman, Vincent Hagman; 3.69 to 3.30 – John Geils, Derek Pistulka; 3.29 to 3.00 – Christian Harris, Cassandra Martin, Whitney Thull; **9th grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Taylor Hileman, Dylan Holzenkamp, Ashley Hough, Travis Pigott, Heather Sanderson, Jordan Schwartz; 3.69 to 3.30 Zachary Anderson, Jacob Berglund, Tyler Gauthier, Darrell Kohli, Brandi Norman, Zachary Pavlat, Shannon Wolf; 3.29 to 3.00 – Brett Bryant, Haley Gustafson, Danyelle Keenan, Audrey Larsen, Janelle Roberts, Kyra Wallace; **8th grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Neena Brockway, Emma Hagman, Mia Hill, Emily Lucier, Haley Lucier, Tyler McGuigan, Katrina Pavlat, Andrea Starr, Rikki Stropich; 3.69 to 3.30 – Averil Kanyah, Kristy Kerstner, Sidonie Scizak; 3.29 to 3.00 – Geno Constantino, Paige Jensen, Heathar Keenan, Robert Metter, Riley Pajnich, Alexis Richway; **7th grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Victoria Brunette, Cassidy Gould, Josephine Miller; 3.69 to 3.30 – Michael Boyer, Hayden Hardwick, Rachel Hileman, Cheyenne Linder; 3.29 to 3.00 – Sara Bedient, Steven Lippold, Jacob Pearson, Lydia Person, Kelsey Shope, Ryan Sundstrom; **6th grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 Lucas Bero, Aslynn Brockway, Taylor Hedges, Kendyl Miller, Valerie Viau, Lauren Zar; 3.69 to 3.00 – Trey Branstrom, Lydia Froberg, Halie Hardwick, David Hough, Sawyer Johnson, Caitlin LaRock, Benjamin Rubick, Faith Triest, Paige Vietzke, Alexandra Williams; 3.29 to 3.00 – Vittorio Di Stefano, Rachel LaCosse, Joshua Parrett

"YEAR END SCHEDULE"

June 4 & 5 – Final Exams for grades 6-11.
June 5 – Last Day of Classes – Full Day

SENIORS

Seniors who have received any scholarships or awards from colleges or universities or the military, and would like to be recognized at the Senior Awards ceremony, please make sure the high school office has your information by May 15.

Please remember to hand in a wallet size, **vertical**, senior picture for the class composite as soon as you can to the high school office.