

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

April 2011

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

The school district needs to revise the school calendar for the current school year. As required by the State of Michigan the district is short one instructional day this school year. To correct the situation we are revising the school calendar so that we have a half day of student attendance on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The middle and high school students will have final exams scheduled for those three days. A copy of the revised calendar has been posted on the school web site at <http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us>. Just click on the What's New in Rapid River link.

GO ROCKETS!
Henry Knoch
Superintendent

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

April

21	Marquette (Dome)	12:00
26	Rapid River	4:00
28	Delta Co. Invite Gladstone	2:00

Junior High Track

April

25	Rapid River	4:00
27	Bark River	4:00

May

2	Mid Pen	4:00
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Girls' Softball

April

15	Manistique	Away	4:00
19	Munising	Home	4:00
20	Sup. Central	Home	4:00
22	Spring Swing Tournament	Marquette	TBA
23	Spring Swing	Marquette	TBA
26	Stephenson	Home	4:00
29	Boyne Falls	Away	TBA
30	Boyne Falls	Away	TBA

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for children who will be 5 by December 1, 2011 will be held on April 8, from 8:00 – 3:00. New Young 5's should also register. The screening process will take approximately one hour.

Parents need to bring their child, legal birth certificate, and shot record. To make an appointment call 474-6411, ext. 507.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 – PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

April 6 – Fan Club mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary office.

April 18 – School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

April 22 – No School – Good Friday

April 25 – No School – Easter Monday

BOOSTER BUCKS WINNERS

March 2, 2011

\$75.00-Krista Pascoe, Escanaba

\$50.00-Penny Pavlat, Rapid River

\$25.00-Carol Steinhoff, Rapid River

\$25.00-Lisa Hough, Rapid River

March 16, 2011

\$75.00-Cindy Brannstrom, Rapid River

\$50.00-Save Martin, Rapid River

\$25.00-Carol Steinhoff, Rapid River

\$25.00-Cindy Anderson, Rapid River

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.

APRIL FUNDRAISERS

Class of 2012-Saykly's Easter Eggs

March 28 – April 8

REPORT CARDS

Third quarter report cards for grades 6 – 12 will be given out on Thursday, April 7th.

FOSTER PARENTS

Foster Care is a program designed to provide a family life experience for a child at a time of crisis or need in their life. Foster Care is time limited. Foster families make a commitment to provide substitute parental care and supervision, and nurture while working with the agency staff to assure a child's well being and safety until permanency can be accomplished for the child. Foster parents come from all different walks of life. There are many rewards of Foster Care such as an enhanced family life, seeing a child succeed and grow with your care, the fulfillment of motivating and readying a child for the future, knowing that you are sharing your blessings, and also knowing that you are responding to the needs of a child in your community. Foster families are needed in all school districts. If interested in providing foster care services please contact Alicia at the Delta County DHS (906) 789-7299.

FUZZBUSTER GAME

Rapid River Senior class will take on local law enforcement for the annual Fuzzbuster Game, April 12th. The program will start with 5th and 6th grade at 6:00 p.m. and the seniors at 7:00 p.m. We will have raffles, 50/50, half time entertainment, and kid games. All proceeds go to the Senior Non-Alcohol Graduation Party. We encourage everyone to attend.

INDIAN ED

Please encourage your son or daughter to seek out tutorial help from our program if they are struggling with some of their classes. We're here to help them improve their grades.

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION

Kindergarten visitation will be held on Friday, April 15th. New kindergarten students will be contacted as to times.

LIBRARY

The library is still in need of current issues of ATV, Motocross, Hot Rod, Ranger Rick, and Time magazines. If you have any you'd like to donate they can be dropped off in either office or the library.

SPRING PLAY

The Drama Club will be presenting the 2010 award-winning comedy, "Pistols and Posies" on Saturday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the elementary gym. The play takes place during prohibition in 1920's Chicago. If you like to laugh, this is the play to see!

We are in need of an era-piece, elegant-style sofa and 2 chairs, old looking lamps, coffee table, and a large, period-style area rug. Please call Lollie at 474-3572 or 474-9365 if you might have something you could loan us.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society Banquet will be Sunday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. We will formally induct new members into the National Honor Society at this time.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., March 21, 2011

Superintendent Henry Knoch updated the board members on the following:

- the 2010/11 school calendar has been adjusted.
- the Hannahville Indian Community 2% grant requesting funding for a new elementary reading series has been drafted. It will be reviewed, revised if necessary, and submitted prior to the March 31, 2011 deadline.
- the Michigan Association of School Administrators has launched an 11 week, "Stop the Raid" campaign to provide members with information, specific action items and tools they can use to engage their communities and legislators in opposing the proposed raid on the School Aid Fund. The

association agrees in principle with the shared sacrifice model, but the current raid on the School Aid Fund will unfairly burden school districts and will harm their ability to educate children well.

Andy and Cathy Claes, of the Delta Schoolcraft I.S.D., presented information regarding the Response to Intervention Program. There was lengthy discussion between the presenters, board members and audience.

Senior Katy Michaelson, along with Senior Class Advisor Roxann Hebert, presented the itinerary for the proposed senior class trip to Kalahari Resort located in the Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Board members requested that all funding for the proposed trip be collected and further details regarding the itinerary be provided at the April regular board meeting.

During audience communications Kim Viau told board members that the "Sock Hop" sponsored by the Rapid River Lions' Club was well received by the students. Others present mentioned that their children had enjoyed the event as well. Jenny Ware inquired whether any progress had been made regarding co-oping of academics with neighboring schools. There was further discussion regarding this, particularly in the area of foreign language which will be a required course for the current 6th or 7th graders.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the 2010/11 General Fund and Food Service budget revisions.
- to table the Senior Class Trip request until the April 2011 regular board meeting.
- to regretfully accept the resignation of Kurt Almonroeder as Girls' Junior High Track Coach.
- to hire Kim Viau as Girls' Junior High Track Coach.

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

PROM 2011

The 2011 Prom will be Saturday, April 9, at the House of Ludington. The grand march will be at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$45.00 per couple and \$25.00 single. Tickets can be purchased in the high school office.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship packets will be distributed to seniors on April 6 and need to be returned to the high school office by April 27. **Please make sure to read through each scholarship carefully as they have different criteria and instructions.**

Seniors who are receiving a scholarship or an award from colleges or universities or military, and would like to be recognized for it at the Senior Awards Night program please contact the high school office by May 20. **Senior Awards Night is May 23 and Graduation is May 28.**

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

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale in the high school office for \$40.00 each. All 12th grade students will receive an order form. Included on the order form is an opportunity for friends and family to let their graduate know how proud they are of them. Quarter page ads are available for \$25.00. These ads will be included within the senior section of the yearbook.

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

Senior photos are due as soon as possible. Seniors are requested to provide (1) baby photo, (1) "fun" school appropriate photo, and (3) "professional" photos. One for the yearbook, composite, and U.P. Action – the last 3 may be the same photo or 3 different photos/poses. **The yearbook is also in desperate need of any photos you may have from sporting events, school activities, dances, etc.** You may send them on a disc, flash drive, e-mail, or the photo itself. We will return all originals if requested.

GOLF TEAM

The Rapid River Golf Team will be selling tickets to attend the LPGA Futures Tour "Island Resort Championship at Sweetgrass" event on June 24-26. Tickets are \$10.00 for a 3 day tournament pass. Proceeds will be used to fund Rapid River athletic programs.