

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

August 2010

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome Back! As your new part time superintendent I am looking forward to working with the staff and community to make Rapid River the best possible school system we can. We are excited to start the new school year and extend a welcome to all the new students.

Please join me in welcoming our new teacher: Mr. Matt Spreitzer who will be teaching Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science.

We hope to see you at our athletic events and other activities this coming school year.

GO ROCKETS!!

Henry Knoch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7 - School starts at 8:00 a.m.

Sept. 13 - P.T.C. mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Sept. 20 - School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

FAN CLUB

The Fan Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the elementary office.

Tickets are now on sale for the Booster Bucks Raffle. They can be purchased from any Fan Club member or at any athletic event. Beginning in September you can also purchase them from student athletes/parents. For more information contact Lori Shope 474-6374 or 280-1827, Jenny Ware 399-8214, or Loreen Harris 399-4921.

P.T.C.

P.T.C. meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates are listed in the Reach Out Rapid River and on the school website.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 7

September 7th will be a full school day. Students will report to their classes by 8:00 a.m. School will be dismissed at 2:54 p.m.

Students in grades 6-12 should go to their 1st hour class (check posting in hall). Schedules and other pertinent information will be distributed at these locations. Please do not call the office for your schedule.

Delta Schoolcraft ISD

Vocational Programs will begin on Tuesday, September 7th.

Handbooks and other pertinent information were included in the summer mailing that was sent out on August 20th. Please review this information carefully and return all forms that need to be completed. If you have any questions call the principal or the superintendent.

Lunch and Breakfast Program will begin on Tuesday, September 7. Lunch prices are: K-5 \$2.00, 6-12 \$2.25, Adults \$3.50. Breakfast prices are: Students \$.75 and Adults \$1.50.

Busing schedules are included in the summer mailing. Please contact Kevin Beaver at 474-6411 if you have questions regarding busing.

If you are new in the district, please register your child as soon as possible.

ELEMENTARY PARKING AND DROP OFF INFORMATION

Please use the circle drive in the front of the building to drop off or pick up your students. For safety reasons, please do not drop off your students in the back of the building. This is for staff parking and bus drop offs/pick ups only. All parking in front of the elementary side of the building is to be done in the visitor parking. **Once again, the circle drive is for dropping off and picking up students, not for parking. Thank you.**

SCHOOL PICTURES

LaPorte's Studio will be here September 14th and 15th to take student pictures.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

The regular Board of Education meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The dates follow: in 2010 September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20; in 2011 January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Rapid River School's website contains classroom pages, athletic schedules, lunch/breakfast menus, a PowerSchool link, Reach Out Rapid River, School Board meeting minutes, and much more. It also has a "What's New" section that will be updated regularly with the newest information for Rapid River. Check it out at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

August

27 Pickford Home 7:00

September

2 N. Central Away 6:00*

10 N. Dickinson Home 7:00

17 Ewen Trout Away 7:00

24 Cedarville Away 7:00

Junior Varsity Football

August

27 Pickford Home 4:00

September

1 Gladstone Away 6:30

8 Bark River Home 6:00

13 N. Central Away 6:00*

20 N. Dickinson Home 6:00

October

4 N. Dickinson Away 6:00*

Girls' Volleyball

September

2 N. Central Home 6:00

7 Engadine Home 6:00

11 Gladstone Away 9:30 am

14 MidPen/
Big Bay (Tri) Home 5:30

16 Bark River Home 6:00

20 Crystal Falls Away 5:00*

23 N. Dickinson Home 6:00

30 Bark River Away 6:00

October

2 NMU Invite NMU 9:00 am

Girls' Junior High Basketball

September

9 Big Bay Away 6:00

13 Mid Pen Away 6:00

16 Escanaba Away 4:00

20 Manistique Home 6:00

23 Gladstone Away 6:00

27 Sup. Central Away 6:00

October

4 Big Bay Home 6:00

Cross Country

August

30 Norway Invite
Strawberry Lake 3:00*

September

8 N. Central Invite
Wilson 3:00*

11 Newberry Kiwanis
Canada Lakes Ski 11:00 am

22 N. Central Invite
Gorzinski Farm 1:00*

25 Stephenson Invite
Koller Banat Farm 9:00 am*

28 Munising Invite
Pictured Rocks 4:00

October

3 Escanaba Invite
Ludington Park 10:30 am

*Indicates Central Standard Time

READING BUDDIES

Our Rapid River Reading Buddies program is just around the corner. This program offers the opportunity for you to work with children and other people from the community. There are 30 second grade children waiting for an adult to help them read for one hour on Thursdays from 1 – 2.

The goal is to have one volunteer for each student in the second grade. Please consider volunteering for this program that has proven to have a direct positive impact on the children's interest in and ability to read.

To volunteer or for additional information, please call Christine Lundin at 474-6378.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Our tutoring program will commence in October. If you have a child you feel could use some extra help, please talk to your child's teacher or call our office at 474-3572.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., June 21, 2010

Superintendent Terri Mileski informed board members of the Intent to Retire notifications from David Hebert effective September 1, 2010, Beverly Plimpton effective June 1, 2011 and Kay Goymerac effective June 1, 2011.

Motion made and approved:

-to hire Matthew Spreitzer as the new science teacher.

-to approve the staff reduction resolution which reduces two instructional aide positions.

-to accept the donation of \$300 to purchase videos for the library from Richard and Edie Spriks.

Regular Mtg., July 26, 2010

Motion made and approved:

-to accept the resignation of Library Clerk from Janet Lundin.

-to hire Lollie Eskofski as the Library Clerk.

-to accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Edward J. Sackerson Charitable Foundation for the Reading Buddies Program and \$1,000 from the U.P. Football All-Star game and Xcel Sports Training for the football program.

Regular Mtg., August 16, 2010

Motion made and approved:

-to accept the resignation of Rodney Schwartz as J.V. Girls' Basketball Coach, Darryl Lindquist as 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach and Jean Nicholson as Play Director.

-to hire Darryl Lindquist as 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach.

-to approve changes to the Athletic Transportation Policy - parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from athletic events that are less than 50 miles away or constitute one hour or less travel time.

-to approve the purchase of a Dodge Caravan from Riverside Auto in Escanaba for school transportation purposes.

-to accept the donation of \$3,000 from the Memorial Day Parade Committee with \$1,000 toward the principal of their scholarship, \$400 each to the band program, Reading Buddies, Fan Club, Key Club and Library; \$100 from the TOPS#MI 1791 Rapid River to be used for school supplies for students.

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



