

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

February 2011

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

I would like to thank Dawn Gustafson, Kate Ignat and Debbie Pajnich for their years of dedicated service as members of the Rapid River Public Schools Board of Education. At the same time I would like to welcome three new members to the Board of Education: Ryan Bruursema, Sally Guay and Edwin LaCosse.

In recognition of all the board member's dedicated service, January is designated School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local members work together to provide a better future for our children. Please join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools.

Henry Knoch
Superintendent

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, social security card, and shot record. To make an appointment call 474-6411, ext. 507.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 – PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

February 18 – No School – Teacher In-Service

February 21 – School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

BOOSTER BUCKS WINNERS

December 1, 2010

\$75.00-Pat Parrett, Rapid River

\$50.00-Steve Godlewski

\$25.00-Linda Wicklund, Rapid River

\$25.00-Jacob Berglund, Rapid River

December 15, 2010

\$75.00-Mike Parrett, Rapid River

\$50.00-Janet Aper, Rapid River

\$25.00-Robert Berbohm, Escanaba

\$25.00-Joe Hough, Rapid River

Christmas Drawing

\$100.00-Esther Davis, Rapid River

\$100.00-Liz Schlenvogf, Escanaba

January 5, 2011

\$75.00-Rob Grzyb, Bark River

\$50.00-Jim Hardwick, Rapid River

\$25.00-Mike Quinn, Escanaba

\$25.00-Naomi Pratt, Rapid River

January 19, 2011

\$75.00-Al Soyring, Rock

\$50.00-Rick Kholman, Gladstone

\$25.00-Jeannie Pearson, Rapid River

\$25.00-Sarah Unger, Cooks

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.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

February

7 Big Bay Home 6:00

14 Mid Pen Away 6:00

17 N. Central Home 6:00

21 N. Dickinson Home 6:00

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

February

8 Sup. Central Away 6:00

11 Crystal Falls Away *5:30

18 Mid Pen Home 6:00

22 Big Bay Home 6:00

25 N. Dickinson Away *5:30

March

1 Republic Away 6:00

4 Carney Home 6:00

*Central Time

LIBRARY

Thank you to Rapid River School's Support Staff and RREA for their donation of books in recognition of the Board of Education. The books are beautiful and fun to read, so please encourage your children to bring one home!

The library is in need of current issues of ATV, Motocross, Hot Rod, Ranger Rick, Newsweek, and Time magazines. If you have any you'd like to donate please drop them off in either the high school or elementary office. Thank you.

LIBRARY MEMORIALS

In memory of Pearl Larsen:

Richard & Edie Spriks

Herb & Janet Lundin

Henry & Mary Knoch

Bruce & Sandy Deneau

Glenn & Linda Erickson

INDIAN EDUCATION TUBING PARTY!

Gladstone and Rapid River Indian Ed programs are having their annual tubing party at the Sports Park on Wednesday, February 16, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided. This is a FREE fun family activity. We hope to have a good turnout. If transportation is a problem please call our office at 474-3572 to work something out.

Since report cards just came out, you might feel your child needs to bring a grade up. Please remember tutoring is available to all students. Scheduled tutoring is done with K-5 and 6-12 is done on a drop-in basis. Call our office for more information or talk to his/her teacher.

SPRING PLAY

The High School Drama group will perform the comedy “Pistols & Posies”, a 2010 Playwriting Winner. The performances will be Saturday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 20, 2:00 p.m. The play takes place during Prohibition in 1920’s Chicago.

SOFTBALL

The Rockets Varsity Softball program would like to thank all friends, family, staff, members of the community, and local businesses that took part in the sale or purchase of tickets to support their annual fall gun raffle fundraiser. A record number of tickets were sold. All proceeds go back into the program for umpire fees, tournament entry fees, equipment needs, and other related purchases to sustain the program. Rapid River Softball is a self funded program. Thank you for your support of Rocket Softball!

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., Dec. 20, 2010

Motion made and approved:

-to accept the resignation of Kristie Stenlund as Freshman Class Co-Advisor.

-to hire Dodie Micheau and Michelle Anderson as Freshman Class Co-Advisors along with Alison Warn; George Kanyuh as Softball Coach; and Rich Moberg as the Junior Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach.

Regular Mtg., Jan. 17, 2011

The following officers were elected: President-Larry Sundling, Vice President-Roxanne Soderstrom, Secretary-Karen Lundquist, Treasurer-Cara Brockway.

Motion made and approved:

-to hold the regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Tri-Township Library.

-to regretfully accept board member Dawn Gustafson’s resignation effective January 31, 2011.

-to appoint Sally Guay and Ryan Bruursema to the school board until the 2011 election and Edwin LaCosse to the school board effective February 1, 2011 until the 2011 election.

-to grant permission for the Key Club to attend the Key Club Convention in Green Bay, WI provided all school policies, with regard to chaperones, are met.

President Sundling appointed the following committees-

Transportation-Edwin LaCosse, Roxanne Soderstrom, Ryan Bruursema

Finance-Ryan Bruursema, Karen Lundquist, Larry Sundling

Building & Grounds-Edwin LaCosse, Roxanne Soderstrom, Larry Sundling

Policy & Personnel-Karen Lundquist, Sally Guay, Cara Brockway

Ralph Lundquist of the Rapid River Lions’ Club presented board members with fundraising projects the club would like to perform, with school staff and organizations, to raise money for the school. Some ideas were an old fashion sock hop and a community activities dinner with raffles and 50/50. They also offered their help with any other event when needed.

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

PTC FUNDRAISER

Elementary students are working on art projects for the PTC’s upcoming fundraiser in March. This art can be transferred on to shirts, mugs, magnets, puzzles, key chains, pillows, water bottles, aprons, pot holders, etc. The possibilities are endless. Visit the website at www.square1art.com for more possibilities.

You can purchase your child’s art for birthdays, mother’s day, father’s day, anniversaries, and keepsakes. All proceeds from this fundraiser help to fund our elementary field trips and student needs.

HEALTH FAIR

The Rapid River School Key Club/Student Council will hold their 3rd Annual Health Fair on Wednesday, March 2, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students, staff, and the community are invited to attend.

New to the health fair is the Marquette General Blood Mobile. This year they will be at the health fair accepting blood donations instead of at Calvary Lutheran Church. Several other health agencies will be present to provide health education and screening.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the health fair, please contact Linda Froberg or Kristie Stenlund at 474-6411.