

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2011

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

With the Governor's budget recommendations, the School Aid Fund takes the largest dollar amount cut of any state budget at roughly \$1 billion. This cut is accomplished by transferring the money out of the School Aid Fund to the state General Fund to help fill gaps in the General Fund. The School Aid Fund was created by Proposal A to fund K-12 education, not fill gaps in the state budget. What do these cuts mean to the Rapid River Schools? We are facing a \$400,000 budget deficit for the 2011-2012 school year. For students this means possible class size increases and reduced electives and programs. These cuts affect Rapid River and all other school districts across the state. I urge you to contact our State Representative Ed McBroom and Senator Tom Casperson and ask them to stop the raid on our School Aid Fund. Their contact information is on the school's web site under the *What's New in Rapid River* link.

Please join me in congratulating our graduating seniors. I am very proud of their wonderful accomplishment. Also, please find the time to thank Mrs. Beverly Plimpton, Mrs. Ann Johnson and Mrs. Kay Goymerac for their years of dedication to the students in our district. We wish them well on their retirement.

Henry Knoch

DRAMA CLUB

Thank you to everyone who came to see our play, "Pistols and Posies". We hope you enjoyed the performance and the original recordings from the 1920s.

Also, thank you to all the people who donated or loaned us props for the play. Props can be picked up in the Indian Ed office.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

3	Mid Pen Cup	1:30
6	Stephenson	*3:00
12	Rapid River Invite	1:30
19	Rapid River Regionals	1:30
25	Frosh-Soph Bark River	2:00
27	N. Dickinson Skyline	1:30

June

4	UP Finals	TBA
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Junior High Track

May

2	Mid Pen	4:00
5	Rapid River	4:00
9	Mid Pen Class D Invite	1:30
16	Rapid River Cup	1:30

Girls' Softball

May

3	Negaunee	Home	4:00
5	Manistique	Home	4:00
9	Marquette	Home	4:00
10	Gladstone	Home	4:00
16	Sup. Central	Away	4:00
18	Marquette	Away	4:00
21	Tawas	Away	TBA
24	Negaunee	Away	4:15
26	Munising	Away	4:00

Golf

May

4	Gladstone	10:00
9	Highland	10:00
10	Nahma	10:00
16	Highland	10:00
18	Stephenson	TBA
23	George Young CUP/Skyline	10:00

June

2	Western UP UP Finals	8:00
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*Central Time

BOOSTER BUCKS WINNERS

April 6, 2011

\$75.00-Dena Beaudoin, Rapid River
\$50.00-Janet Aper, Rapid River
\$25.00-Chris Leonard, Escanaba
\$25.00-Rose Roddy, Rapid River

April 20, 2011

\$75.00-Joanne Smith, Rapid River
\$50.00-Jim Pavlat, Rapid River
\$25.00-Dan Beggs, Rapid River
\$25.00-Lynn Larsen, Rapid River

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 – PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

May 4 – Fan Club mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary office.

May 9 – Special Board mtg., (Work Session) 6:00 p.m. in the elementary gym.

May 11 – Sports Physicals, Gladstone

May 16 – School Board mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

May 30 – **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.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be May 11 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 2011/2012 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.

SCHOOL BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

Special Mtg., April 11, 2011

Superintendent Knoch explained the projected 2011/12 budget shortfall of approximately \$400,000 based on Governor Snyder's proposed budget. Several questions were asked by board members regarding taxation, isolated districts funding, as well as the possible funding cut for half day kindergarten students. A list of possible budgetary cuts was discussed.

Regular Mtg., April 18, 2011

Superintendent Henry Knoch updated board members on the following:

- the per pupil funding cut could be eliminated if the legislature did not transfer School Aid Fund money to higher education.

- there is a legislative meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 26, 2011 at the Delta Schoolcraft I.S.D.

- at this time budgetary reductions are being considered district-wide.

Motion made and approved:

- the Senior Class Trip to Wisconsin Dells, WI on May 24-25, 2011 as presented subject to the parent/student contracts being executed by April 29, 2011.

- to accept the bid of \$4,250 from Carl Sorensen to perform the 2010/11 Financial Audit.

- the Resolution opposing the School Aid Fund Transfer to Higher Education.

- 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.

4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS 3RD QUARTER

4th grade - All A's – Jenna Rubick; **A-B's** – Riley Christianson, Nathan Olson, Patsy Parrett, Erica Proehl, Brittany Schwartz, Jaden Schwartz;

Perfect Attendance - Brianna Beauchaine, Christopher Hardwick, Brent Lundquist, Nathan Olson, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Gavin Scizak;

Bug Award - Brianna Beauchaine, Payten Berg, Andrew Meadors, Lenny

Menary, Philip Monticello, Nathan Olson, Erica Proehl, Jaden Schwartz, Nathan Schwartz; **5th grade – All A's** - Luke Gustafson; **A-B's** - Daren Landis, Levi Miller, and J.J. Pilon; **Perfect Attendance** - Clay Cole, Takoda Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Weston Hedges, Jarrett LaCasse, J.J. Pilon, Wyatt Schwartz, Khody Smith, and Kailey Vietzke; **Bug Award** - Luke Gustafson, Mirielle Hill, Wyatt Schwartz

INDIAN ED

We have applications for NMU/Hannahville Summer Youth Programs. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program (June 20-July 1) is for Indian Ed students going into the 7th, 8th and 9th grades and takes place at Nesbit Lake as well as on NMU's campus. The National Indian Youth Leadership Program/Onji-Akiing at Camp Nesbit (July 25-July 31) is for students going into the 5th and 6th grades. Hands-on activities include a group obstacle course, high ropes course, and cooperative games. Youth will work with staff from the GLIFWC, NMU, and the USFS. Please come to the Indian Education office for an application or call 474-3572 for more information.

LIBRARY

The Library sponsored a Reading Response Contest for the month of March. Juniors and Seniors were invited to read a brief selection from Greg Mortenson's books, "Three Cups of Tea" or "Stones for Schools". They were then asked to write a paragraph expressing their reaction to what they had read. Haley Gustafson and Taylor Hileman were the winners. Each received a \$40 gas card and tickets to the Drama Club's play. Thank you to volunteers Karen Lundquist and Janet Lundin for putting this together, along with congratulations to Haley and Taylor!

Thank you to American Legion Post #301 for its very generous donation to our library. Their donation makes it possible for us to purchase new books for our students along with audio visual materials for teachers when they make a request.

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE CHANGE

June 1 & 2 – Noon Dismissal; Breakfast and lunch will be served

June 3 – 11:30 Dismissal; Breakfast will be served; No lunch

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.

SENIOR EVENTS

May 23 – Last day of class for Seniors – remember to clean out lockers, turn your lock into the office, turn all books in, and pay all bills.

May 23 – Senior Awards Night, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym (**all Seniors who applied for scholarships MUST ATTEND**)

MAY 24 & 25 – Senior Trip

May 27 – Senior Breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal & decorating to follow

May 28 – Graduation, 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. gym

"THE UPSIDE"

Mr. Spriks was recently honored on TV 6, "The UPside". This is a program that recognizes individuals for making a positive influence in their community. Mr. Spriks is well deserving of this honor for his volunteer work in our school and our community. If you missed seeing him you can still see it on their website, www.uppermichiganssource.com. Thank you, Mr. Spriks, for all you do for our school.

REPORT CARDS/DIPLOMAS

Report cards for grades 6-12 along with diplomas may be picked up beginning June 15 in the H.S. office. Any fines attached will need to be paid in order to pick up your report card/diploma. **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.** Hours are 7:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.