

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

October 2010

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

This school year is off to an excellent start. All the students are excited to be back in school and our teachers and staff are looking forward to a great year. We have many events scheduled throughout the school year so watch the electronic sign on the highway for further information.

GO ROCKETS!!!

Henry Knoch
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

October 8 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher In-Service

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

October 30 – Trick or Treat, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Halloween Carnival/Haunted House, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the H.S. cafeteria.

October 30 - Middle School Dance/Haunted House 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the H.S. cafeteria.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

October

8	Bark River	Away	7:00
15	Stephenson	Home	7:00
Homecoming			
22	L'anse	Away	7:00

Junior Varsity Football

October

4	N. Dickinson	Away	*6:00
11	Bark River	Away	6:00
18	N Central	Home	6:00

Girls' Volleyball

October

7	Sup. Central/Carney (Tri)	Home	5:15
12	Sup. Central Carney (Tri)	Away S. Central	5:00
14	Crystal Falls	Home	6:00
19	N. Dickinson	Away	*5:30
23	Menominee at Stephenson	Away	*9:00 am
25	Gladstone JV Only	Away	6:00
26	Mid Pen/Big Bay (Tri)	Home	5:15
28	N. Central	Away	*6:00

Girls' Junior High Basketball

October

4	Big Bay	Home	6:00
5	Escanaba	Home	6:00
11	Manistique	Away	6:00
18	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
19	Mid Pen	Home	6:00

Boys' Junior High Basketball

October

28	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
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November

1	Manistique	Away	6:00
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Cross Country

October

7	Gladstone-Barn Yard Run		
	Flat Rock		4:00
13	Skyline/Cup Gorzinski Farm (NC)		*1:00
18	Norway Meet		
	Strawberry Lake		*4:00
23	U.P. Finals	Escanaba	TBA

*Central Time

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school October 8 for a teacher in-service.

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating will be October 30 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Halloween Carnival will follow from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for children fifth grade and under. New this year will be a haunted house open to all who dare to enter.

After the carnival there will be a dance for grades 6th – 8th from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The haunted house will also be open during this time for middle school students.

This year we will be doing a general admission to the carnival - \$5.00 per child to enter and play all carnival games, \$2.00 to enter the Haunted House, and \$3.00 admission to the dance. Food will be provided at a reasonable cost. Please bring the family and help support the Rapid River Key Club and Rapid River Cheerleaders.



OCTOBER FUNDRAISERS

Rapid River Fan Club

Booster Bucks

Cheerleaders

Bake Sales – 2nd Tuesday of each month during lunch hour

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.

FAN CLUB NEWS

The Fan Club is currently selling Booster Bucks. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket contact the school, an athlete, or a Fan Club member. We would also like to remind parents/athletes to turn your raffle tickets into the high school office or Rick Pepin.

As the year comes into full swing, the Fan Club urges all parents with a student participating in the athletic program to volunteer at one of our concession stands. The Fan Club donates countless hours of volunteering for the sake of the Rapid River athletic program. We need everyone's support for our concession stands to continue. Please stop by and sign up. All help is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions please contact Jenny Ware, Lori Shope, Loreen Harris, or Dodie Micheau.

Remember to get out there and support our Rockets!!!

YEARBOOK

2010 yearbooks are in. Seniors can pick up their yearbooks from Michelle Hadel. Senior pictures and baby pictures are available to pick up in the high school office. 2011 yearbook orders can be placed with Michelle Hadel.

CUSHIONS NEEDED!

The library is in need of cushions for elementary students to sit on during storytelling time. If anyone has one or more cushions to donate, please drop them off in the high school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

Special Mtg., Sept. 15, 2010

Several members of the audience addressed the board in support of Andy Schwartz and asked the board to reverse Superintendent Knoch's decision to terminate Andy Schwartz as a coach. There were also several in attendance who spoke supporting Superintendent Knoch's decision to terminate Andy Schwartz as a coach.

Motion made and approved:

- to adjourn into executive session to hear Andy Schwartz's appeal.

- to reverse Mr. Knoch's decision to terminate Andy Schwartz from his coaching duties.

- to apply the following sanctions: Andy Schwartz will be suspended from Junior High Football this season (2010) and reinstated next season. Andy Schwartz will be barred from participating in thirty-five percent of the scheduled softball games.

Regular Mtg., September 20, 2010

Superintendent Knoch updated board members on the following:

- Educational Jobs Funding

- Students attending Gladstone High School

- Recommends Board not to grant credit to students attending Gladstone High School

- Policy and Personnel Committee to meet to devise clear guidelines for cooperative agreement between Rapid River and Gladstone Schools

Athletic Director Rick Pepin and Coach Steve Ostrenga presented information on eight man football format and the benefits for Rapid River.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the Van Financing Resolution as presented.

- to approve the 2009/2010 Annual Education Report as presented.

- to approve hiring Jeff Miller as 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach,

Kristie Stenlund and Alison Warn as dual advisors for the Class of 2014, Linda Froberg as Students Against Destructive Decisions Advisor, Matt Spreitzer as High School and Middle School Science Olympiad Advisor.

- to authorize the Finance Committee to make the decision regarding the instructional aide positions and to institute any changes immediately.

- to approve going to an eight man football format starting with the 2011/12 season.

- to accept the generous donation of \$286.12 from the American Legion Post #301 - \$25 for laminating film for the library, \$25 for school supplies for students, \$25 for Reading Buddies, and \$211.12 for the band program; \$106.00 from Richard & Edie Spriks for library purchases in memory of their daughter, Megan Marohnic; \$130 from the American Legion Auxiliary with \$100 for the band program and \$30 for school supplies for students; \$25 from Richard & Edie Spriks and \$25 from the Rapid River Lions Club for the library to be used for laminating film.

During audience communications Kim Viau gave an update on the Reading Buddies Program. Robin Schwartz, Jenny Ware, and Lisa Hough spoke as to why their students are attending Gladstone High School. Karen Wolf spoke regarding students in the mentor/online classes. Flo Kuehl stated the teachers support Mr. Knoch's decision regarding the students attending Gladstone High School. Robert Gifford questioned if Rapid River had any teachers who retired at the end of last year and did the district hire entry level teachers or teachers with experience. Joy McKnight stated teachers move from one school district to another for many reasons which doesn't mean they are not good teachers.

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

