

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2011

## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

I would like to give a big thanks to the Rapid River Lions Club and everyone who worked with the school on the recent fund raising dinner. We are looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fund raising dinner next fall. The money raised will be used by our student organizations for their activities and projects.

The Rapid River Board of Education is looking for one dedicated individual who is willing to replace a retiring Board member. The individual must be 18 years of age, a resident of the district and a registered voter. If you have any questions please call me at 474-6411 ext. 511.

I would like to invite everyone to the Elementary Christmas program on December 16<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Go Rockets!  
Henry Knoch

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our school's library is in need of responsible adult volunteers. Presently the library is closed on Fridays due to lack of adults to oversee and check books in and out. If you think you might enjoy being around young people and great books, please call the library office at 474-3512 and leave a message. Thank you!

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be Friday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

#### December

5	Carney	Home	6:00
8	N. Central	Home	6:00
12	Bark River	Away	6:00
15	CFFP	Away	*5:30
19	Engadine	Away	6:00
30	Mid Pen	Home	6:00

#### January

2	S. Central	Away	6:00
5	N. Central	Away	*5:15
16	Engadine	Home	6:00
19	Bark River	Home	6:00
23	Republic	Home	6:00
24	Big Bay	Home	6:00
31	N. Dickinson	Away	*5:30

#### February

7	S. Central	Home	6:00
10	CFFP	Home	6:00
17	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
20	N. Dickinson	Home	6:00
21	Big Bay	Away	6:00
28	Republic	Away	6:00

#### March

2	Carney	Away	6:00
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### Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

#### December

6	Engadine	Away	6:00
9	S. Central	Home	6:00
16	Bark River	Home	6:00

#### January

3	CFFP	Home	6:00
6	S. Central	Away	6:00
10	Engadine	Home	6:00
13	Big Bay	Home	6:00
17	Carney	Away	*5:15
20	Munising	Home	6:00
23	Bark River	Away	6:00
26	CFFP	Away	*5:30
30	N. Dickinson	Home	6:00

#### February

2	Carney	Home	6:00
6	Big Bay	Away	6:00
13	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
16	N. Central	Away	*5:15
20	N. Dickinson	Away	*5:30
23	Munising	Away	6:00

\*Central Time

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 5** – PTC mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

**December 7** – Sports Boosters mtg., 5:30 p.m. by the concession stand.

**December 16** – Elementary Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

**December 19** – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**December 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, January 2** – No School – Christmas Break

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

**January 4** – Sports Boosters mtg., 5:30 p.m. by the concession stand.

**January 16** – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**January 26** – Noon Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 1** – Sports Boosters mtg., 5:30 p.m. by the concession stand.

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

**February 20** – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**February 24** – No School – Teacher In-Service

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, January 26 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Notes will be sent home with scheduled times for 1-5 students.

Grades 6-12 parents may pick up their student's report card in the high school office. No appointments will be made. If parents are unable to attend, the student will receive his/her report card the following day. Lunch will be served prior to a noon dismissal.

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes resume on January 3, 2012.

## NOON DISMISSAL

School will be dismissed at noon on January 26 for conferences. Lunch will be served prior to dismissal.

## INDIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Our tutorial program is up and running. If you feel your child could use some extra help, call our office or talk to your child's teacher. Our program works with all students, both Native and non-Native. Please call our office at 474-3572 if you have any questions.

In November our program did an "Anishnabeg Living: Then and Now" presentation with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Mii-gwetch to our cultural advisor, Mrs. Flo Cutter, and teachers Mrs. Sauve and Mrs. Larson for all their work and help. The students were very receptive and hopefully came away with a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Anishnabeg people.

## LIBRARY NEEDS

Please check your child's room or book bag for any overdue books from our library.

We are in need of many items. We are looking for **magazines** such as Motocross, ATV, bow and rifle hunting, horse magazines, Time, Newsweek, National Geographic, and TPA (Timber Producers Association). We also need **headphones, blank VHS tapes and cds** for recording DVDs. Additionally, if anyone has a **camcorder** that they are no longer using we'd appreciate it if you could donate it to the library. Presently we only have one newer camera, and several "dinosaurs". Many teachers use these cameras as part of class projects. Any donations of the above items are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in either office or the library itself. **Thank you!** If you have any questions, please call the library office at 474-3512.

## FUNDRAISER

The students and staff of Rapid River Public Schools wish to thank all the people who contributed to the

October 22<sup>nd</sup> dinner and fund raiser. Many donations of raffle prizes, cash and food were received that helped to make this event a huge success. Nearly 200 people were served dinner and there was great participation in the raffles and auction. A very big thank you to the Rapid River Lions' Club for hosting and working the event. Thanks also to Ralph and Karen Lundquist for spearheading and overseeing the fundraiser. As there are too many people to mention individually we would like to once again thank everyone who played a role in achieving such a successful evening. Our student groups will definitely benefit from your efforts. School organizations interested in applying for funds can find an application on the school's website or one can be picked up in the elementary office.

## FIRST QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

**4<sup>th</sup> grade – A-B's** – Lucas Gendron, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak, Noah Sefcik, Payton Siirila; **Perfect Attendance** – Braydon Moss, Payton Siirila, Vincent Micheau, Brooke Landis, Ellie Kudlick, Daniel Helman, Josh Wegner  
**5<sup>th</sup> grade – All A's** – Jenna Rubick, Gunnar Larson; **A-B's** – Alexis Mayers, P.J. Monticello, Nathan Olson, Erica Proehl, Brittany Schwartz, Jaden Schwartz, Alexis Trombley, Sherry Vandeville; **Perfect Attendance** – Riley Christianson, Taylor Guinn, Nathan Olson, Jenna Rubick, Brittany Schwartz, Nate Schwartz

## SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Regular Mtg., Oct 17, 2011

Superintendent Knoch updated board members on the following:

-61% of Michigan voters oppose a proposal to totally eliminate the personal property taxes on businesses. If this happens the debt retirement tax revenue Rapid River Schools receives will be reduced by \$18,834.00.

Auditor Carl Sorensen reviewed with board members the 2010/11 Financial Audit Report.

## Motion made and approved:

- to change the regular meeting start time from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. until the board reorganizes in January.
- to approve the licensing agreement with Specialized Data Systems for financial/human resources software.
- to hire Martha Beaver and Amy Lundberg as part time Title I aides; Linda Erickson and Roxann Hebert as food services aides.
- to table the agenda item regarding the Resolution to Declare Policyholder Status for Healthcare Services Benefits until a later time.
- to accept the donation from the Rapid River Hardware of a case of LED flashlight keychains for students to use while waiting for the bus in the morning when it's still dark.

For complete minutes go to our website at [www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us](http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us).

## SPORTS BOOSTER NEWS

The basketball season is upon us and we will be looking for help in the concession stand. Please volunteer your time! All help is greatly appreciated!

We would like to thank:

- Rapid River Memorial Day Committee for their donation of \$400.00.
- Paul Shope and Rich Headington for donating their time installing the screen door on our outside concession stand.
- Rapid River Students who helped clean up by the bleachers/football field.
- everyone who has helped out in the concession stand.

Congratulations to our Football and Volleyball Teams! Fantastic Season! We are extremely proud of you! You represent our school with pride!

If you have any questions concerning the Sports Boosters, please contact Michelle Anderson, Martha Beaver, Dodie Micheau, or Jenny Ware. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. near the concession stand! Everyone is encouraged to attend!

## THANK YOU

The Class of 2014 would like to thank everyone that purchased a Christmas Wreath. Your support is greatly appreciated!

