

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2012

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

First, I would like to share my appreciation for the support the community demonstrated in renewing the non-homestead millage to support our schools. This was a very important ballot question, and we can now move forward with the security and stability this revenue represents. Along the same lines, we are very grateful to the Rapid River Lions' Club and everyone who worked with the school to make the recent fund-raising dinner a success. Our student clubs and organizations are directly supported by these funds for their projects and activities.

The Rapid River Board of Education is looking for a dedicated individual willing to serve in a leadership role as a member of the School Board. To qualify, one must be at least 18 years of age, reside in the district, and be a registered voter. Please call my office with questions, at 474-6411 ext. 511.

Finally, it is my honor to invite all of you to the Elementary Christmas program on December 19th, at 1:00 p.m. We certainly hope you can attend.

Enjoy the Holidays!
Dr. Jay Kulbertis
Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., October 8, 2012

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members on the following:
-the new elementary class assignments are working well with

the help of new teachers Amanda Spreitzer and Karen Wolf, fine additions to the elementary teaching staff.

-very pleased that the February 2012 bond proposal will not extend the debt repayment period and the millage levied will be slightly decreased.

Auditor Carl Sorensen reviewed with board members the 2011/2012 Financial Audit Report.

Motion made and approved:

-to hire Amanda Spreitzer and Karen Wolf as part time elementary teachers.

Special Mtg., October 22, 2012

Superintendent Kulbertis and Director of Non-Instructional Personnel Kevin Beaver reviewed everything on the list of proposed projects/purchases for the upcoming February 26, 2013 bond election. It was noted by Superintendent Kulbertis that projects will be completed in the next three years and that the list includes anticipated upgrades scheduled for the next six to eight years.

There were several questions from board members including which items on the list are critical, the football field fencing, the athletic storage building, the well and water system to name a few. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the list of projects/purchases for the February 2013 bond election as presented.

Regular Mtg., November 12, 2012

Superintendent Kulbertis updated board members on the following:
-thanked the community for the support shown by renewing the 18.00 non-homestead mills.
-thanked the Lions' Club and those involved in putting on the recent Lions' Club fundraiser.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the Application for the Preliminary Qualification of the Bonds.
-to approve the 2012/2013 General Fund and Debt Retirement Fund revisions.
-to accept the resignation of Kayla Verbeek as instructional aide.

President Lundquist informed those present a \$50 donation was made to the library by James and Grace Denkins in memory of Robert Maloney, Michelle Denkins grandfather.

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

DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of new or gently used clothing are needed for the Rocket Rack. The Rocket Rack is located in the middle school hall, room 412 (mini computer lab) next to the nurse's office and is open to students on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 1:00. All items are free of charge.

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.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 24th. Classes resume on January 3, 2013.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be Wednesday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

NOON DISMISSAL

School will be dismissed at noon on January 24 for conferences. Lunch will be served prior to dismissal.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

4	Engadine	Home	6:00
7	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
14	Bark River	Away	6:00
20	CFFP	Away	*5:30

January

4	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
11	Big Bay	Away	6:00
15	Carney	Home	6:00
18	Munising	Away	6:00
21	Bark River	Home	6:00
24	CFFP	Home	6:00
28	N. Dickinson	Away	*6:00
31	Carney	Away	*5:30

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

3	Carney	Away	*5:15
6	N. Central	Away	*5:15
10	Bark River	Home	6:00
13	CFFP	Home	6:00
17	Munising	Away	6:00
28	Mid Pen	Away	6:00

January

3	N. Central	Home	6:00
17	Bark River	Away	6:00
21	Republic	Away	6:00
25	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
29	N. Dickinson	Home	5:30

Boys' Junior High Basketball

December

3	Munising	Away	6:00
6	Escanaba	Home	4:00

*Central Time

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, January 24 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. Lunch will be served prior to a noon dismissal.

LIBRARY

There are many students with overdue books. We don't want to deny children from checking out books, but some have two or more out that need to be returned. **PLEASE** make sure your child returns books each week so other children can check them out. Younger children need adults to help them with this. Please put the books in their backpack so they get to school. Teachers are very good at helping the kids go through their backpacks in search of items. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3 - PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

December 5 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

December 10 - School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

December 19 – Elementary Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m. in the H.S. gym.

December 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31,

January 1 & 2 - No School – Christmas Break

January 2 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

January 7 – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

January 14 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

January 24 – Noon Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE

ACADEMIC AWARDS

FIRST QUARTER

4th grade – All A's – Allison

Gustafson, Cecilia Pilon; **A-B's** – Natalie Belanger, Hannah Casey, Riley Edwardsen, Emma Lambert, Ahna Larson, Ethan Letourneau, Myah Pearson, Matthew Salka, Wyatt Smith; **Perfect Attendance** – Belicia Brown, Breanne Johnson, Ahna Larson, Bryce Lundquist, Cecilia Pilon, Kylee Trombley; **5th grade** – All A's – Avery Closs, Lucas Gendron, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak; **A-B's** – Azariah Hernandez,

Hailey Oldenburg, Noah Sefcik; **Perfect Attendance** – Cierra Carignan, Avery Closs, Kristin Goodacre, Daisy Johnson, Hayden LaCasse, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Vincent Micheau, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak, Mya Paulin, Paige Raspor

ACADEMIC AWARDS

These outstanding scholars have earned an award in recognition of their academic accomplishments. The students have met the criteria below.

-3.7 or above Semester GPA for 3 consecutive semesters.

-3.3 or above Semester GPA for 5 consecutive semesters or 6 non-consecutive semesters.

The following students have met the above criteria and were awarded their academic letter:

Class of 2012 – Zachary Anderson, Zachery Pavlat; **Class of 2013** – Heather Keenan

The following student has met the above criteria for the second time and was awarded their academic pin:

Class of 2013 – Emma Hagman

Way to go kids! We are proud of your accomplishments!

School Improvement Team

THANK YOU

The elementary staff wishes to thank the TOPS program for donating school supplies at the beginning of the school year for our students and teachers. Many of the items have come in handy, especially for our new teachers, setting up new classrooms.

INDIAN ED NEWS

Now that report cards have been out, please don't hesitate to encourage your son/daughter to seek out some extra help from our program if their grades so indicate. You can also ask the teachers to have Mr. Pilon work with your student or call our office directly at 474-3572. Our program is here to help students do their best and if it takes a nudge, we're very good at nudging!