

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

March/April 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

We promise....spring is on the way! Along with the exciting change in the weather, we are also excited about the changes in the school activities that come with spring.

Our 5th graders are preparing for their overnight trip to Clear Lake, Key Club is planning for the District Convention, and our Senior Class is busy with the details of the class trip. Of course, each of the outings involves fundraising, so if you are willing and able to offer some financial support, these groups will be very thankful and appreciative.

There is still time to enjoy the entertainment and competition of our remaining basketball games. Stop by the gym and let our Rockets hear you cheer. Of course, the snow will eventually melt, and spring also means track meets and softball games. Our student-athletes work just as hard on the field as they do in the classroom, so please try to attend a contest and show your support.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3 – PTC mtg. – 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

March 5 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the library.

March 10 – School Board mtg. – 6:30 p.m. in the library.

March 31 – April 4 – No School – Spring Break

April 2 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg. 5:30 p.m. in the library.

April 7 - PTC mtg. - 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

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

April 18 – No School – Good Friday

April 21 – No School – Easter Monday

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for children who will be five by October 1, 2014 will be held on Friday, April 11th from 8:00 – 3:00. Children who will be five by December 1, 2014 can also register with a signed waiver.

New Young 5's should also register. The screening process will take approximately one hour.

Parents need to bring their child, legal birth certificate, and shot record. To make an appointment, call 474-6411, ext. 507.

LIBRARY

Our library is very excited to announce it will be upgrading to Follett's Destiny software. It will offer our students many more options that they currently don't have including but not limited to Destiny-Quest-Myquest Book Club, One Search, Title Peak, and Alliance Plus which is 24/7 access to over 9 million MARC records for printed

materials. This new system will be in place before the school year is over!

We also want to extend our sympathy to the family of Ms. Mary Myllyla who passed away in December. Ms. Myllyla was our former librarian and an excellent teacher. Money has been donated by many people in order to purchase books in her memory. Thank you to all.

We are still in need of more recent magazines in the area of dirt bike racing, horses, hunting, and sports as these are the subjects most of the students are interested in. If you have any you can donate, the library would greatly appreciate it. Please drop them off in our high school or elementary office, the library, or your child's classroom. Thank you very much!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Head Start and Little Light of Mine Preschool are two preschool options for Rapid River families. Both programs are located at the school. Please contact Cyndi Lundquist at 474-3538 if you have questions about either program or are interested in completing an application for enrollment.



SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

6th Grade - 4.0 to 3.70 – Avery Closs, Lucas Gendron, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Mya Paulin, Noah Sefcik; 3.29 to 3.00 – Cierra Carignan, Azariah Hernandez, Payton Siirila;

7th Grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Riley Christianson, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Alyssa Deneau, Patsy Parrett, Brittany Schwartz, Alexis Trombley, Sherry Vandeville; 3.29 to 3.00 – Brianna Beauchaine, Taylor Guinn, Noah Gustafson, Christopher Hardwick, Gunnar Larson, Leonard Menary, Philip Monticello, Zachery Narkooli, Christina Olson, Nathan Olson, Sam Orth, Jaden Schwartz, Nathan Sundling

8th Grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Luke Gustafson, Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph J. Pilon; 3.69 to 3.30 – Julia Breault, Elizabeth Goodacre, Weston Hedges, Kailey Vietzke; 3.29 to 3.00 – Logan Hardwick, Rease Hubert, Emily Johnson, Shelby LaCosse, Aleece Paulin
9th Grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick; 3.69 to 3.30 – Adrianna Breault, Hana Vanlerberghe, Alexandria Viau; 3.29 to 3.00 – Conner Bryant, Robert Salka, Austin Wicklund

10th Grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Dan Blair, Reinna Blair, Shannon Gould, Dominique Pavlat, Erika Schwartz, Brandon Sundstrom; 3.69 to 3.30 – Victoria Hagman, Hannah Kanyuh, Alec Miller, Brody Schroeder; 3.29 to 3.00 - Riley Gustafson, George Kanyuh, Craig Martin

11th Grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Taylor Hedges, Kendyl Miller, Paige Vietzke; 3.69 to 3.30 – Aslynn Brockway, Robert Brodock, Andrea Gendron, Halie Hardwick, Valerie Viau, Alexandria Williams; 3.29 to 3.00 – Lucas Bero, Michael Casey, Hailie Couillard, David Hough, Rachel LaCosse, Ben Rubick

12th Grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Cassidy Gould, Hayden Hardwick, Rachel Hileman, Steve Lippold, Josie Miller; 3.69 to 3.30 – Michael Boyer, Savannah Stenlund, Veronica Winling-Schram; 3.29 to 3.00 – Jordan Green, Alisha Hirn, Hannah Micheau, Jacob Pearson

SECOND QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – A-B's - Bryce Buchbinder, Addie Christoff, Jace Holmio, Maddison Kee, Jersie Segerstrom, Madilynne LaChance, Logan Lancour, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak; **Bug Award** – Gracie Stemick, Trey Sundstrom, Stephen Vandeville, Gunner Wicklund, Paige Christianson, Addie Christoff, Rease Dawley, Karson Hardwick, Cole Redburn, Ryder Soderman, Mason Hardwick, Brooke Kelly, Mason Lippold, Gabrielle Moss, Jersie Segerstrom, Sarah Simmons; **Perfect Attendance** – Paige Christianson, Addie Christoff, Rease Dawley, Soren Gustafson, Andrew Potier, Ryder Soderman, Logan Lancour, Jaiden McCarty, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Trey Sundstrom

5th grade – All A's – Griffin Flath, Allison Gustafson, Ahna Larson, Cecilia Pilon, Franklin Thibault; **A-B's** – Morgan Anderson, Noah Baunach, Hannah Casey, Riley Edwardsen, Emma Lambert, Max Lenaker, Ethan Letourneau, Myah Pearson, McKenzi Schram, Wyatt

Smith, Calvin Thibault, Taylor VanOss; **Bug Award** - Noah Baunach, Griffin Flath, Ahna Larson, McKenzi Schram, Calvin Thibault, Franklin Thibault; **Perfect Attendance** – Belicia Brown, Emma Lambert, Gerald Parrett, Cecilia Pilon, Franklin Thibault, Taylor VanOss

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

The Rapid River Education Association along with the Education Support Personnel and MEA hosted a community outreach project on December 11th, 2013 at the Rapid River High School. A donation drive/pizza party was held with over 55 people attributed to the event. Many donations, including library books, school supplies, indoor/outdoor recess equipment, and cash donations were received to benefit students and our school. Thank you to all who donated to the night's success.

EXXON MOBIL GRANT

For the second year, Rapid River Public Schools received a \$500 grant from ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil became a founding sponsor of the National Math and Science Initiative in 2007 which focuses on dramatically improving math and science education in the U.S.

We would like to thank Shannon Edwardsen and Kelly Dittrich of the Rapid River Mini Mart for nominating our school to receive the grant.

TALENT SHOW

The Rapid River Talent Show will be Sunday, April 13th at 2 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. Performers need to contact Ms. Larson at 474-3542 with performer name, contact number, and type of performance. Last year's show featured vocal acts, dance performances and guitar performances.

INDIAN ED

We had our 24th Annual Family Tubing party at the Sports Park on February 26th. As always, it was very well-attended and everyone had a great time!

Mrs. Cutter will be doing her annual 4th grade presentation on Anishnabeg Living: Then and Now, in March. May 2nd there will be an assembly for grades 6-12 with presenter Audrey Geyer, "Our Fires Still Burn". Public is invited as well. The presentation will be in the H.S. gym from 1-2:15 p.m. Following that will be our last cultural activity of the year for the fifth grade at our school's Outdoor Classroom, "Teaching Circle, Sacred Fire" with its Native plant walk, foods, and giveaway. We are able to do these cultural presentations because of the Sault Tribe's 2% grant from its Kewadin Casino monies.

It's also great to see so many students taking advantage of our tutorial program and bringing their grades up in the process. Mr. Pilon is truly an asset to our program!

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., Jan. 14, 2014

Motion made and approved:

- to carry over Board Member positions currently held.
- to accept the Legal Reference Note for the organization of the 2014 School Board of Education.
- to designate the Executive Secretary or designee as the school district election coordinator.
- to designate the Business Manager or designee to assume specified responsibilities of treasurer and electronic transfer officer.
- to designate Executive Secretary or designee as recording secretary of

the board.

-to designate Baybank, Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund as depositories for the general fund, general fund payroll account, food service fund, athletic fund, and activities funds; Northern Michigan Bank as depository for the energy bond fund; and Baybank as depository for the 2007, 2012 and 2013 debt retirement accounts.

-to authorize Jay Kulbertis or William Warning and Mike MacFarlane or Linda Erickson as signatories on all central office accounts with the district other than the general checking account and payroll account that are with Baybank and require the facsimile signatures of the board president and treasurer and to authorize William Warning or Jay Kulbertis and Mary Anderson or Linda Erickson as signatories on the high school activities and athletic fund account.

-to authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign contracts and agreements that do not require board action.

-to authorize William Warning, Kevin Beaver, Mike MacFarlane and Jay Kulbertis to sign purchase orders.

-to hold regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tri-Township School Library.

-to retain Thrun Law Firm as legal counsel at a cost of \$1,600 for 2014.

-to carry over current Board Committee appointments for 2014.

-to accept retirement notification from Mary Anderson.

-to accept a donation of \$50 from Larry and Chris Lundin for library needs and a \$500 grant from US Venture/ExxonMobil for science and math needs.

Reading books were presented to the school board on behalf of the RREA to be donated to the library as

a thank you for serving on the school board.

Regular Mtg., Feb. 10, 2014

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members as follows:
-Security Camera and Wireless Network Wiring RFP was published for bids on the Michigan website January 26, 2014. Two companies attended the building walk through on February 4, 2014. Bids due by noon on February 11, 2014.

Mrs. Larson and 5th graders Natalie Belanger, Hannah Casey, Allison Gustafson and Myah Pearson explained their reasons for the board to approve an overnight trip to Clear Lake Science Camp.

Senior class President Michelle Anderson explained the proposed itinerary for the senior class trip to Chicago, Illinois scheduled for the end of May.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the Key Club District convention overnight trip request to Green Bay.
- to approve the 5th grade Clear Lake Science Camp overnight trip request with a contingent that all money must be on hand prior to trip departure.
- to accept donations in memory of Mary Myllyla for the school library.

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

SPRING BREAK

There will be no school beginning Monday, March 31st for Spring Break. School will resume Monday, April 7th.

REPORT CARDS

Third quarter report cards for grades 6-12 will be given out on Thursday, March 27.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who made our December Food Drive a success. All food went to St. Vincent de Paul along with a check for \$100. Another check for \$100 went to the Delta Animal Shelter. The money came from popcorn sales during Friday lunches in December. There was 100% participation from the students.

WELLNESS POLICY

As required by law, the Board of Education established a wellness policy for the Rapid River Public Schools. Goals are set to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits.

To review this policy, please go to our website www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us. Click on Board of Education Bylaws & Policies & you will find it under Operations in the Table of Contents.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Ms. Larson is heading up the tutoring program after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4th and 5th graders who may be struggling with their homework. We have some great high school volunteers who work with the students individually or in small groups. If you wish to have your child join, please call the school for information.

The **fifth grade** is learning about the Revolutionary War and recently finished Biome pamphlets for Science. They turned out wonderful! Recently, our fourth and fifth grades received awards for bringing up their grades, perfect attendance, and terrific report cards. Way to go!

The **fourth grade** would like to thank the parents who helped with the snack sale and the rocket bar sale this past month. All of the donated items were greatly appreciated and made our sale a success. The money will be used for our lumberjack breakfast this spring.

The **first grade** class has started a unit on Dental Health and Nutrition. The class is very excited to learn about taking care of their bodies and keeping them healthy.

All the classes are learning healthy eating habits from Tracie Abrams each week.

We are all looking forward to the busy month of March and the many reading activities throughout. Be on the look-out in the month of March, as more volunteers will be needed for Reading Month activities.

Our staff would like to thank the wonderful, hard working members of our PTC! Besides always coming through each year with extra supplies, money for field trips, and other items our teachers and students need, they raise money for big items like this year's new laminating machine, die-cut machine, paper shredder, and much needed books for our Accelerated Reading Program. There are only a few volunteers doing so much for our school. We really appreciate everything you do!

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

The School Improvement Team is announcing this quarter's "Student of the Quarter" for 9-12 graders. Each quarter, teachers from each department (Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education and Fine Arts) select a student to be their "Student of the Quarter". The teachers use the following criteria to make their selections: grades, attitude,

participation, and improvement.

The students that were selected for the 2013-2014 2nd Quarter were: Laurel Zar (Science), Andrea Gendron (English), Cheyenne Linder (Fine Arts), Steve Lippold (Physical Education), Hannah Kanyuh (Math), Ashlynn Pryal (Social Studies), Mr. Spreitzer (Teacher of the Quarter) Congratulations!

FUZZBUSTER GAME

Rapid River Senior class will take on local law enforcement for the annual Fuzzbuster game, Tuesday, March 18th. The doors will open at 5:30. Game is at 7:00. There will be raffles, contests and activities for all ages. We encourage everyone to attend!

PROM 2014

The 2014 Prom will be Saturday, April 12th from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Stonington Hall. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action."

