

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

May is finally here. We've all survived the long winter, and now are looking forward to enjoying the spring. Speaking of long winter... Due to school closings, we have to extend our school calendar by two days. As a result, our last day will be on Friday, June 6, dismissing at 11:30 a.m.

We have some special events scheduled for our Seniors, and we invite friends, family, and community members to attend. Our Senior Awards night is Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym. The Graduation Ceremony is on Saturday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. We certainly hope to see you there!

For those still searching for pre-school options, we are continuing partnership with Grace Church out of Gladstone to house their pre-school program on our site. If interested, please contact Little Light of Mine Preschool directly at 428-9482.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis
Superintendent

ELEMENTARY NEWS

The elementary staff would like to thank everyone who helped make March Reading month a success! We had so many interesting activities to go along with our theme, "Let Loose, Read Dr. Seuss".

Thank you to the kitchen staff who helped put on our kick-off breakfast for the students and their families.

Michelle Czygan put on enthusiastic Zumba classes. U.S. Senator Carl Levin read to the second grade class. Representative Ed McBroom came to our school to read to all of the classes.

We had interesting programs from the "Electricity Guyz", Raptor Rehab Center, Peninsula Federal Credit Union, and Flo Cutter and the Native American presentation.

The teachers, students, and staff decorated the hallways and classrooms in the Dr. Seuss theme. We had special days where students and staff could express themselves with Crazy Pajama, Hat, Socks, Hair, and Sunglasses Days.

Our screen-free challenge was also this month and students and families were wonderful about participating. Many of our students won prizes and awards this month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 – Rapid River Talent Show, 2:00 p.m. in the elementary gym.

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

May 7 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the library

May 7 – Sports Physicals, Gladstone

May 12 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

May 26 – No School – Memorial Day

June 2 – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

June 6 – Last Day of School; 11:30 dismissal; Breakfast will be served; No Lunch

SENIOR EVENTS

May 16 – Last day of classes for seniors; any fines and lunch accounts need to be paid by this day. Textbooks and library books must be turned in.

May 19 – Senior Awards Program, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym.

May 20 & 21 – Senior Class Trip

May 23 – Senior breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal and decorating to follow.

May 24 – Graduation, 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

INDIAN ED NEWS

May 2 there will be an assembly for grades 6-12 with presenter Audrey Geyer, "Our Fires Still Burn". The public is invited to see this as well. The presentation will be in the high school gym from 1:00 – 2:15. Following that will be our last cultural activity of the year for the 5th 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 due to the Sault Tribe's grant from its Kewadin Casino monies.

Chi-Mii-Gwetch to Mr. Mike Pilon, Mrs. Flo Cutter, and Mr. Dave Keller for making our tutorial and cultural programs so successful. Mr. Keller has been our special presenter at the 5th grade Sacred Fire since its inception, and he has been wonderful!

Congratulations to our Indian Education graduates: Hayden Hardwick, Alisha Hirn, Steven Lippold, Joellen Roberts, and Jared Schwartz.

LIBRARY NEWS

With the year close to an end, we are asking that students make every effort to return books before school is done. K-3 parents, please help your youngsters look for their books. They often tell us they know the book is at home but can't find it. If you receive an overdue/bill notice but are sure the book has been returned, please CALL us so we are able to take care of it. We've often found "overdue" books on the shelves, but it helps if you let us know, 474-3512.

Hopefully with our new Destiny system in place we won't encounter these problems in the future.

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers, Janet Lundin and Karen Lundquist, who make it possible for our library to be open for students and faculty to use!

REPORT CARDS/DIPLOMAS

Report cards for grades 6 thru 12 and senior diplomas will be ready starting June 16. They will not be mailed but may be picked up by either a parent or the student.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Please congratulate the following students who were inducted into the National Honor Society: Sophomores - Daniel Blair, Reina Blair and Dominique Pavlat; Juniors - Lucas Bero, Halie Hardwick, Ben Rubick, Valerie Viau and Alexandra Williams; Seniors - Jake Pearson.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Avery Closs, Lucas Gendron, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Azariah Hernandez, Mya Paulin, Noah Sefcik; 3.29 to 3.00 – Hailey Oldenburg, Payton Siirila

7th grade - Riley Christianson, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Alyssa Deneau, PJ Monticello, Brittany Schwartz, Jaden Schwartz; 3.29 to 3.00 – Brianna Beauchaine, Noah Gustafson, Gunnar Larson, Leonard Menary, Patsy Parrett, Alexis Trombley, Sherry Vandeville

8th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph J. Pilon; 3.69 to 3.30 – Julia Breault, Luke Gustafson, Rease Hubert, Aleece Paulin; 3.29 to 3.00 – Elizabeth Goodacre, Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Emily Johnson, Shelby LaCosse, Wyatt Schwartz, Kailey Vietzke

9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick; 3.69 to 3.30 – Adrianna Breault, Robert Salka, Hana Vanlerberghe, Austin Wicklund; 3.29 to 3.00 – Conner Bryant, Carolyn Hamill, Madelyn Moss, Alexandria Viau

10th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Daniel Blair, Reina Blair, Shannon Gould, Victoria Hagman, Dominique Pavlat, Erika Schwartz, Brandon Sundstrom; 3.69 to 3.30 – Alec Miller, Brody Schroeder, Tessa Sundling; 3.29 to 3.00 – Megan Evans, George Kanyuh, Hannah Kanyuh, Patrick Malchow, Craig Martin

11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Taylor Hedges, Kendyl Miller; 3.69 to 3.30 – Lucas Bero, Aslynn Brockway, Andrea Gendron, Halie Hardwick, Ben Rubick, Valerie Viau, Paige Vietzke, Laurel Zar; 3.29 to 3.00 – Robert Brodock, Hailie Couillard, Zachery Evans, Emily Hickman, David Hough, Rachel LaCosse, Alexandria Williams

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Michael Boyer, Cassidy Gould, Hayden Hardwick, Rachel Hileman, Steven Lippold, Josephine Miller, Jacob Pearson; 3.69 to 3.30 – Erin Anderson, Hannah Micheau, Savannah Stenlund, Veronica Winling-Schram; 3.29 to 3.00 – Alisha Hirn, Cheyenne Linder, Patrick Pryal, Jared Schwartz

THIRD QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – All A's – Corey Novak; A-B's – Bryce Buchbinder, Rease Dawley, Addie Christoff, Jace Holmio, Maddison Kee, Logan Lancour, Gabrielle Moss, Jersie Segerstrom, Madilynne LaChance; **Bug Award** – Addie Christoff, Jace Holmio, Mason Lippold, Corey Novak; **Perfect Attendance** – Madilynne LaChance, Nick Bruursema, Addie Christoff, Ryder Soderman, Jaiden McCarty, Gabrielle Moss, Trey Sundstrom
5th grade – All A's – Griffin Flath, Allison Gustafson, Ahna Larson, Celilia Pilon, Franklin Thibault; A-B's – Morgan Anderson, Noah Baunach, Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Max Lenaker, Ethan Letourneau, Myah Pearson, Matthew Salka, Calvin Thibault, Taylor VanOss; **Bug Award** – Monica Beauchaine, Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Kathy Hickman, Max Lenaker, Bryce Lundquist; **Perfect Attendance** – Belicia Brown, Kerry Droska, Allison Gustafson, Breanne Johnson, Mason Kudlick, Ahna Larson, Ben Lenaker, Gerald Parrett, Cecilia Pilon, Wyatt Smith

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be May 7 at 5:30 p.m. for girls and 7:15 p.m. for boys at the Gladstone High School.

The bus for the girls will leave the school at 5:00 p.m. and return at approximately 6:45 p.m. The boys will leave at 6:50 p.m. and return at approximately 8:45 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 has not had an office-based physical by his/her physician for the first time must do so in order to participate in future school physical examinations.

Any questions contact Rick Pepin (ext. 514) or Kristie Stenlund (ext. 515) at 474-6411.

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE CHANGE

Wednesday, June 4th: Full Day
Thursday, June 5th: Full Day
Friday, June 6th: Last Day, 11:30 Dismissal

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., March 10, 2014

Motion made and approved:

- to award Security Camera/Wireless Network Wiring RFP to Kobas Electric.
- to approve budget amendment 2.
- to approve the senior class overnight trip to Chicago.
- Karen Lundquist appointed Albert Wickham to the 2014 scholarship committee.

Regular Mtg., April 14, 2014

- to award the Meraki Wireless Network RFP to Teck Solutions.
- to award the Surveillance Camera RFP to Range Communications.
- to approve the Generation E overnight trip request to Battle Creek.

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

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

2	Stephenson Invite	3:00*
8	Rapid River Invite	1:30
9	Gladstone Night Meet	6:30
13	Bark River Invite	1:30
15	Regionals TBA	1:30
21	Bark River Frosh/Soph	1:30
23	N. Dickinson Skyline	1:30
31	UP Finals Kingsford	TBA

Junior High Track

May

5	Mid Pen Invite	1:30
12	Munising Invite	3:30
19	Rapid River CUP	1:30

Girls' Softball

May

1	Escanaba	Away	4:00
5	Marquette	Away	4:00
6	Gladstone	Away	4:00
10	Flint-Kearsley	Away	TBD
12	Munising	Away	4:00
14	Marquette	Home	4:00
17	Escanaba	Away	TBD
19	Manistique	Home	3:00
22	Sup. Central	Away	4:00

*Central Time

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following groups for contributing financially to the Rapid River Reach Out: Indian Education, PTC, Rapid River Sports Boosters and School Improvement.