

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

December 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Once again, a very special thank you to the Rapid River Lions Club for the terrific job they did hosting our annual fundraising dinner. The money that is raised is used to directly support the student organizations in their activities and projects throughout the year.

We need your help! The Rapid River Board of Education is looking for two dedicated individuals who are willing to serve as Board members. Please submit a letter of interest (mail or email) to let us know about your background. If you have questions, please call me at 474-6411, ext. 511.

It is that time of year and you are all invited! Please plan to join us for the Elementary Christmas Program on December 17th at 1:00 p.m. Our kids will be singing seasonal favorites.

Enjoy the Holidays!
Dr. Jay Kulbertis,
Superintendent

ELEMENTARY NEWS

The Rapid River Elementary teachers would like to thank all the parents and students who came to Parent/Teacher conferences. We had a wonderful turn out.

We are excited to be choosing this year's Christmas songs and practicing for our December 17th Christmas program. This year Karen Pratt is helping students learn the music. We are very happy to have her!

The elementary staff would like to remind parents and students to double check the winter wear each day. With an early start of snow, it may take some extra reminding to be sure to have warm jackets, hats, boots and mittens each day. Students are expected to go outside in all kinds of weather.

Fifth grade has been working hard on their explorer reports and will be presenting them to their classes in December. They also went on a field trip for Agriculture Day and learned about soil management, water treatment, sport fishing, and dairy and potato farming at the VanDrese Farm.

Thanks to all the people who explained the many interesting jobs! Thanks to our parent chaperones too!

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be held Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Parents are more than welcome to pick up their child in their classroom after the program. The public is also welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 22nd. Classes resume on January 5th, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1 – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. elementary teacher's lounge.

December 1 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

December 3 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

December 22 – January 2 - No School – Christmas Break

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

January 7 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 in the library.

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

January 29 – Teacher In-Service, noon dismissal.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Girls' JV & Varsity

Basketball

December

2	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
5	N. Central	Away	*5:15
8	Engadine	Away	6:00
12	Sup Central	Away	6:00
19	Bark River	Away	6:00

January

9	Sup Central	Home	6:00
16	Big Bay	Away	6:00
20	Carney	Home	6:00
23	Munising	Away	6:00
26	Bark River	Home	6:00
29	Gladstone	Away	5:45

Boys' JV & Varsity

Basketball

December

8	Carney	Away	*5:15
11	N. Central	Away	*5:15
15	Bark River	Home	6:00
18	CFFP	Home	5:30
30	Mid Pen	Away	6:00

January

8	Engadine	Home	6:00
13	Gladstone	Home	6:00
15	Munising	Away	6:00
19	N. Central	Home	6:00
22	Bark River	Away	6:00
26	Stephenson	Away	*5:15
30	Sup Central	Home	6:00

Boys' Junior High

Basketball

December

1	Manistique	Home	6:00
2	Sup Central	Away	6:00
4	Big Bay	Home	6:00
9	Munising	Away	6:00
*Central Time			

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE

ACADEMIC AWARDS

FIRST QUARTER

4th grade – All A's – Monica Thibault

A-B's – Austin Rafuse and Shaun Nelson

Perfect Attendance – Austin Rafuse, Mykel Roberts, Karmyn Schwartz, Monica Thibault and Lexie VanOss

5th grade – All A's – Addie Christoff, Gabrielle Moss, Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance and Corey Novak
A-B's – Rease Dawley, Bryce Buchbinder, Jersie Segerstrom, Gunner Wicklund, Gracie Stemick, Brady Proehl, Jace Holmio and Logan Lancour

Perfect Attendance – Addie Christoff, Mason Lippold, Paige Christianson, Soren Gustafson, Brooke Kelly and Jaiden McCarty

LIONS FUNDRAISER DINNER

The students and staff of Rapid River Public Schools wish to thank all the people who contributed to the October 18th dinner and fundraiser.

Many donations of cash and food were received that helped make this event a huge success. Thank you to the Rapid River Lions Club for hosting the event. 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.

SCHOOL BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting,

October 13, 2014

Motion made and approved:

- to change the December 8 board meeting to December 1.
- to approve Budget Amendment 1
- to approve the hire of Jay Jurkovich as 8th grade boys basketball coach.
- to approve Best Practices Incentive resolution.
- to approve payment of bond construction bills.
- to accept a \$50 donation for back to school supplies from American Legion Post Unit 301, a \$100 donation for school supplies from American Legion Auxiliary and a \$25 library donation from Kathleen Paul in memory of Catherine Johnson.

Regular Meeting,

November 10, 2014

Motion made and approved:

- to accept letter of retirement from Ruth Schwartz.
- to accept letter of resignation from Kayla Verbeek as Title I Instructional Aide.
- to approve payment of bond construction bills.

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